

Regular Town Board Meeting
July 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Mike M. at 7:01 p.m.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. Notice of this meeting was posted on the noticeboard at the Administrative Building and the Town of Lakewood Website on July 10, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Mike Musil, Chairperson, Joanne Roy, Supervisor, Jamie Bostwick, Supervisor, James Beno, Treasurer, Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.

Twenty-two citizens attended the meeting.

PLEDGE TO FLAG.

Mike M. announced that the minutes reflect that there was a quorum of the Lakewood Plan Commission present at the meeting. Adrienne Bartels, Tim Barthel, and Roger Gieger were present.

Motion by Joanne R. to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Seconded by Jamie B. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Mike P.: He owns property with a second driveway/access point on Joyce Lane, he is against the Town discontinuing Joyce Lane. He would also like to know where the turn-around went that used to be on Joyce Lane.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Agenda and the Minutes from June 9, 2025. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike M.

- The excessive rain has washed away road shoulders, the Town has miles of road in each direction, they are addressing the issues. The County is going to be sending an erosion person to address any special needs the Town might have and make recommendations. He received notice about the storm drains that are plugged on Hwy. 32 and Cty Rd. F, he needs to educate himself more on these drains, Joanne R. mentioned a couple were cleaned in the past by Marshall's Excavating. Having drains looked at could cost from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Will get quote for the budget. Clean the surface debris for now.
- Town is on the list for a survey for a stop light at the corner of Hwy. 32 and County Rd. F., he would like to see a stop light for safety and EMS support. Steve H. from Ambulance stated they have responded to three accidents there in the last two years. A lot of public comments expressing concern.
- The Compliant received last month concerning the trailer on the Corner of Hwy. 32 and County Rd F is moving forward, the owner has been identified, and Mike is investigating.
- Work continues on lake access, maybe looking at possible amendments to ordinance, looking at grants and identifying what lakes need the most. According to the DNR the Town doesn't have to remove trees or assist with evasive species but must stop any encroachments.
- He is identifying how many public lakes access signs to order, couple at each launch and for parking, discussion on surveying followed. Mike's goal is to clean them all up at the same time and have one rule, one ordinance for all lakes and enforce the ordinance.
- A newsletter was published. It is on the Town's website and hard copies are available at the Lakes Country Library and Laona Bank.
- He asked the Board about hiring one of firefighters, as help at the garage, he feels this would work well since he would be in the area to respond to fire calls. Joanne questioned if the Town needs someone or not, it would be ok as long as we have the work for him, feels it is working well with the three employees we have now, Mike feels would be good since we have fire calls that we don't respond too since no one is around.

Joanne R.

- Has a request; doesn't like seeing dogs or other pets inside the baseball diamond fence, since the pets are not being picked up after, she would like to see a sign "No Pets Inside the Field", the Town does have an ordinance for this but currently no sign.

- She received a plan back on Munger Lake riprapping to prevent more erosion on Lake John Rd, still needs to look at some of deeds.
- Asked if Mike was handling the re-assessment notices, he started the process.

Jamie B.

- The Welcome to Lakewood sign has been replaced with a new reflective sign, which should be finished in the next couple of weeks with stonework, painting, etc.
- E-Recycling is set for Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the park, it will be set up so Town residents can enter off County F onto Tug Road and follow it around to drop off point, exist out on North St.
- He was at the recycle center and a person was told no toilets, and another no T. V's, but both drove around the back and dropped them off when no one was looking. On Friday someone dumped a lot of stuff outside the gate, the vehicle is on camera, and the employees will be looking for that vehicle, he is also looking for the person posted on Facebook "why was the dump not open on a Friday", since he believes this is the same person. Most are embracing the fee schedule, some are still trying to sneak things in.
- He received another complaint about the trailers on Brer Fox, trailers are open again, he was approached by the owner who stated he would just move the trailers to Hwy 32. Mike M. said the County is tracking those trailers and the camper that is not supposed to be there all year

Michelle M.

- Received a phone call from Brenda at Oconto County Zoning, she has received multiple complaints about 14908 Fairway Circle, the septic tank failed in 2018. The owner Georgena Vladik has rented the house out with the failed septic for about the last year. Brenda issued citations and the court has issued fines, but still no septic repairs. Complaints are now about the garbage piling up around the house, general disrepair and trees that fell in the yard. she has done everything she can do, would like the Town's building inspector to condemn the house. After a discussion on whether the building inspector can condemn the house. Steve H. offered if the Town contacts the local DNR officer, they will enforce the failed septic issue.
- Received a complaint about the old pie place on Hwy 32, the place is falling apart, vegetation growing up inside and out, house was hit by truck years ago, no electricity in years. Bob G. said that the owner told him over a year ago the house was scheduled to be torn down, meters and everything had been removed.
- Received a bid right before the meeting tonight on the Ford F450, but since no one had called to look at or ask questions on the truck, the truck was not placed on the agenda, the board can open the bid but can't act on it tonight.

REPORTS:

Library: Linda M: Discussion held on adding a newsletter to the website and Facebook page. Summer reading program kick-off party had over 100 attendees. Two summer interns have been hired. Friends book sale proceeds over \$1200.00. List of available events/programs on the website. Solar project to be installed in July.

Ambulance: Steve H.: 20 calls in June 11 were in Lakewood. New cash raffle fundraiser, tickets are \$10.00. Steve will be running a class in Townsend "Surveying the Streets" in two sessions, 1st session is for first responders, 2nd session will be for citizens, sessions will cover things you can do to keep yourself safe in a bad environment. He only observed two squad cars in the area over 4th of July, since we longer have NOCC officer, seems to be an issue getting staff in this area, police help is important for safety. Has seen several ATV/UTV rollovers in same spot.

Fire Department: Eric J.: Maiden Lake Association made a \$500.00 donation and sold an old hose for \$1900.00. Fire inspections for local businesses were completed; Eric will follow up with any re-inspections. Submitted for a 50/50 grant with the DNR. Listed several needed repairs on different vehicles at a cost of approximately \$14000.00. Six calls in the last month. Attended training with the district for water movement. A house on hwy 32 has been donated for a controlled burn, the public will be invited to watch. The County is upgrading the emergency towers; all the portable and truck radios will need to be reprogrammed. The Mayers family veggie stand will be donating 150 ears of corn for the corn roast on Labor Day Weekend. Looking at a used replacement water tanker in Arkansas listed for \$60,000.00, the cost for a new one \$440,000.00, after a discussion with the board, he will send a technician to look at the truck.

Garage: Alan M.: Eastern roads have been graded for the fourth time, have put 13 loads of gravel on those roads so far. They are chipping again. The street signs came in and are getting installed. Asked when work will begin on Forrester so they can get preparations completed. Asked if a new house is going up on Muirfield so they can add to the plowing route. Last Thursday they had an issue on Cliff Lane and Binder Lake, guy with gray Ford Ranger extended pick up came at them while they were in the road, which is not the first time this has happened, several people thought they knew who this person was and would speak with him.

Mike said he attended CWPP meeting and asked about keeping track of the loader hours for the grant, Randy J. will keep track of the hours. Mike had questions on Wheeler Lake access way, and if the Sanitary District was part of the Town.

Margaret B. said they have their own meetings every two months with a board of five members, two part-time employees.

They televise one third of their lines every year to keep the cost under control. There are no plans to expand the district, they will be paying for a long time on existing plant and no have no room for more.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS: The following items were discussed, and possible action taken.

- a. Plan Commission. Rezone: None. New Business: None. Old Business: None.
- b. Pickle Ball Fence Quote and A Use Sign at the Park. Jim B. received two quotes for a fence; He recommends American Fence they are \$5,000.00 less and will provide a higher fence. Fence will be paid for by the grant, budget and money raised from several pickle ball tournaments

Motion by Joanne R. to approve Jim's recommendation at a cost of \$8930.00 with American Fence. Seconded by Jamie B. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Jim B. followed up with the pickle ball players will handle painting the lines and gates, etc. Mike asked if they would paint the signs with "Pickleball Court Rules" and no animals courts, rotating, etc. He has had a couple of complaints on these issues.

- c. Sean Kelly Request to Discontinue Joyce Lane. Plan Commission recommends having him establish a turnaround and the Town would still own up to turn around, there has been a lot of push back with him owning the whole road and if he ever sells the properties, the new owners will need to have road access. Mr. Kelly removed the turnaround and put up signs, people still use the road to walk and are not happy. He was supposed to take down the signs, but Jamie B. stated he still has signs on the right of way. Mike M. will go to inspect the signs.

Tabled to investigate.

- d. Robert Seeber Request to Discontinue Frog Lane. Plan Commission recommended not to discontinue, lot eight would be landlocked and another lot needs Frog Lane. They recommend an easement. Robert S. would need to pay for all fees with the easement, part of Frog Lane was just surveyed by Jessie Smith, he will contact him.

Motion by Jamie B. to deny decommission of Frog Lane. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- e. Renew Beer/Liquor Class "B" Combo License for the period of July 15, 2025 (date corrected from Agenda) to June 30, 2026 Bailey's Pour Haus LLC, Brian Bailey Agent, 15297 Hwy 32, Lakewood WI 54138. Mike M. stopped by a couple times at the bar to speak with Brian about an agent. Brian stated the first license was issued under probationary basis and no, he did not get an agent. Brian does not meet all the requirements of a license, did not fill out the application completely or truthfully and honestly. He stated that the charges were four years ago, but this year's background check showed new charges, which are reason not to issue the license. He stated again he had a probationary before and the board could do that again. There was a lot of discussion back and forth on when licensed was first issued and his history at the bar over the past four years, several people attending had comments.

Motion by Jamie B. to renew Class "B" Licenses for Bailey's Pour Haus from July 15, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Seconded by Joanne R. Mike No. Due to crowd noise and to clarify, clerk asked for a Roll Call Vote: Jamie B. Yes.

Joanne R. Yes. Mike M. No. Motion Carried.

- f. Driveway Ordinance. Mike M. sent a driveway ordinance to Oconto County for review; they had recommendations for wetlands and shorelines. Plan Comm also had the same recommendations. If anyone currently has a fire number, they can change the driveway at any time in any way, this will control that, so the driveway still has Fire Department access, correct run-off and no adjustments. He was asked for clarification on what does adjustment mean; he stated culvert removal, adding to or moving.

Tabled for more to follow.

- g. Use of Commercial Herbicide Weed Killer on Town Right of Ways. Mike M.: at a former job he was certified to use Garlin 4 Herbicide which is used to only to treat (kill), trees and shrubs in right of ways. He is proposing that the Town employees use this herbicide to kill trees and shrubs in the town's right of ways. Michelle M. asked what about those who don't use chemicals and don't want it used on their property, they would be sent out information and he would speak with these people, she also asked can people opt out, Mike stated if they maintain the right of way. Sue B. asked what the width of the right of way, it is 33 feet from the center line, which is her whole front yard and hopes if she maintains it herself it won't be used in her yard. Michelle M. asked about protective gear for the employees, Mike M. said they would be provided with rubber gloves, the DNR puts on training, requires certification to use it, Joanne asked if the employee leaves, does the certification, yes. Jamie B. asked Alan M. what he thought about using it, he stated he already has cancer, not touching it, Tim A. said he won't touch it either and Kessler F. has kids he is not going to want to touch it either.

Tabled. Mike M. stated it is not harmful.

- h. Hidden Lake Lane intersecting with Knowles Dam Lane. Mike M.: The Spoerri family owns a large portion of property around Hidden Lake who showed him this portion of road and stated the Town hasn't maintained in years, the road is 2957 feet in length and he is not sure why it was taken off radar, Alan said basically have to build a road for one property, which the same family owns and that it hasn't been maintained because its all

posted with no trespassing signs, Tim B. said he has been on the road, and you know your on a road. Mike was told the family posted the no trespassing signs because two people were on bikes back there and one broke a leg. The signs would have to come down and the road would need to be maintained again. Joanne R. was not aware of the road.

Tabled until everyone has a chance to look at the road.

- i. Frisbee Gold Practice Holes at Lakewood Park. Joanne mentioned that the Town owns two lots on Riley, would that work for this, Jamie B. said they are too small. They are putting in two baskets by Tug Rd, by the trees, they won't be in the way of anything. Eric L., who is working with Jamie on the project, mentioned they are just for practice; he has spoken with the property owner on Glenn Brook and would like to do a course there if he could get funding. It's a growing sport and would bring people to the area. Jamie B. is requesting \$500.00 from the Town, and they will raise the other \$500.00 for the second basket.

Motion by Mike M. to approve \$500.00 to place two frisbee golf baskets at the park. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

FINANCES:

July Treasurers' Report Given by James Beno, Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 65,376.65
Tax Account Balance:	\$ 284,826.81
Fire Department Balance:	\$ 1,000.91
FD/Ambulance Depreciation Balance:	\$ 5,826.15
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$ 2,276.62
Cemetery Balance:	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement CD Balance:	\$ 309,752.77

Mike M. had questions about the budget and purchasing a new computer and Adobe. Jim B. needs a new computer also.

Motion by Mike M. to approve the Treasurers Report and approve the vouchers. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

Motion by Jamie B. to open the meeting to public comments on other matters. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

Dan M.: Could the Fire Dept. flush the drains for training? Discussion followed, Dan thought the FD could help and figure out which ones are blocked and need work.

Amy P. Inquired if the Town has a noise ordinance for construction. They had issues for the last three years with construction on Joyce very early to very late at night, tried to speak with him before, stopped for a while now is back, tried not to get the Town involved but enough is enough.

Kevin B. asked for an update on the property on Brer Fox with camper and trailers. Jamie B.: Tom W. owns property; he told him he would just move the trailers to Hwy 32. Semi-trailers will have to go; Mike M. will follow up with the County.

Lynn M. Asked if the Town has a recreation committee that was in the newsletter? Mike M. Town Board assumes the role of recreation committee, covering all the parks. Jamie B. would like a volunteer community day at the park to paint the dugout, the pavilion needs work, staples pulled, and a fresh coat of paint just to update and make everything look good.

Margaret B. Would like Thank Lisa and Mark L. for taking out all the weeds around the playground equipment and at the ATV Trailhead and doing a terrific job as volunteers.

Linda M. thinks the children's playground needs some updating, thinks Jamie community day is a good idea. He would like to do it two times a year. A complaint mentioned that a neighbor close to the park has been yelling at people playing pickleball and using the park, Board members said the people have every right to use the park and be there.

Bid was opened for Ford F450 old truck at the shop. The Board not able to act since not on agenda, will be on next month's agenda.

Another person mentioned that Elexco, that is installing the fiber optics cable is damaging the sides of the roads with their equipment, you can see the damage, discussion continued about the size of the project and all the water they have used so far from the Fire Department.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mike M. Seconded by Jamie B. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.