

THE MINUTES ARE A DRAFT UNTIL THEY ARE APPROVED AT THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

Regular Town Board Meeting
June 9, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Mike Musil at 7:00 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 June 5, 2025.

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

Twenty 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, Crystal Cook, Tim Barthel, Tim Aerts 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.

Chad V.: Read a letter on the history of the last couple of years with the Chain Lake Access, the Town board, the association, access use, weed prevention and planting of trees on the access.

Phil O.: Has never seen a boat launched at access. In favor of planting trees.

Jerry K.: The trees won't block access to the lake, is in favor of them.

Jeff S. Access is not good for a bigger boat, trees will look better, is in favor of them.

Mike M: The board will re-address the landings further on in the agenda.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from May 12, 2025. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike M.

- He has started addressing public access issues on area lakes, learning all the different access points and boat access points, their purpose and laws. DNR has a forever law in the entire State that lakes must provide access every half a mile, a town can't sell, give away any part of the access. Joanne mentioned at one point the Town tried to give access back to Chain Lake Association and the DNR denied. It must remain an access forever; the sole purpose of these accesses is for everyone to gain access to the water. He would like to re-establish and maintain all lake access. Hoping to work the Chain Lake Association to identify which trees to remove, provide parking, and re-store, to make access identifiable. A comment was made that they are not looking to block access, Mike stated as long as no trees are planted on the access, the goal is to clear and remove any obstruction, which includes the two buildings and landscape material that was placed down so it is easily identifiable to the public so they know where they can park and walk down to the water. Cari V. stated they put the rock and Hosta's down to prevent wash out, they have taken care of storm damage in the past. Chad V. asked for clarification where the trees could be planted, Mike M. responded on your property, if branches extend the Town has the right to trim them, Chad asked what he does with the approval he already has from the board, the board approved the trees and cost sharing, The Clerk pointed that it was never voted on, it was put on hold while you got a survey. Mike M. stated it is public access, not anyone's private property, nobody can do anything to that property without Town approval and no blocking in any manner is allowed.
- Green space management and tree trimming. The Town is required to maintain safety in the right of way, the shop doesn't have adequate equipment to trim the trees. We had a complaint from Ski Hill that we tore up and damaged the trees. Linda O. said she lives on the County Rd. F and the Town wrecked her trees two years ago, Joanne R. pointed out the Town doesn't cut County Rd F., that is Oconto County. Trees 33' of the center line, the Town is required to maintain and clear hazards. Tim A. stated that they had some problems with low lying trees from storm damage that are wrecking Town equipment, tearing off lights, horns and antennas. Mike M. finished

by saying there is a hundred and three miles of right away in one direction, it is an endeavor, but they are not going to shred anymore trees unless they are a low growing brush.

- Town is aware the recent down pours has caused some issues and is repairing these issues.
- Shawn Kelly was at the Plan Commission meeting, hoping to get on the agenda, he wishes to request the discontinuation of Joyce Lane. He has purchased 100 percent on Joyce Lane; there is one property on Riverside whose side is Joyce Lane. The clerk stated that it would have to go through the attorney to complete the paperwork, Mr. Kelly would be responsible for all costs associated with the discontinuation, including filing fees, Mr. Kelly agreed. Joanne R. stated that the Town blacked topped the road and would need compensation for the black top since it is so expensive, Mr. Kelly also agreed to this, the Town will get a quote from NE Asphalt. Adriane B. thinks the property owner on the corner must have 100 feet of access on a public road, they only have 63 feet to Riverside, have to ask the County to make sure. It was also pointed out the Town would also need someplace to turn around for snowplowing. Checking with the County on the 100' feet is the next step then attorney with public meeting to follow, not a short process. Mr. Kelly stated he has been plowing the road for the last two years, he is the only one on that road and sometimes he has sixty cars coming down the road and, on his driveway, to look at this house, enough is enough. Joanne said it's a pretty view from the road.

Joanne R.

- Forgot to go to the meeting for Munger/Bear Lake Memorial Day Weekend, composed a letter to send the docks owners on Town property on Munger Lake.
- Working with Michelle on a couple of things.

Jamie B.

- Would like to Thank everyone for understanding the May 26, 2025, incident at the Recycle Center and for embracing the new fee schedule, most people are abiding, still a few trying to sneak things in.
- Received a complaint on 15291 County Rd F, has had several complaints already that is such an eye sore, the house that is next door was also mentioned. The house has to be dilapidated enough to condemn before the Town can do something about it, which must be seen from the road, you can't just go on someone's property. A letter should be sent to the property owners regarding the complaints.
- Should put something around the electrical at the Recycle Center so it doesn't get hit again, concrete pylons, barriers or big rocks were suggested. Town guys will get big rocks and call diggers hotline.

Michelle M.

- Email from Oconto County Sheriff's Department regarding the NOCC Officer. The officer will not be paid for by the Towns anymore, officers will be available at the new Riverside building and instructions on who and how to get ahold of the department if needed.
- Two Re-zone approvals from Ocounto County.

REPORTS:

Library: Linda M: Busy time of the year, June 14th starting at 11:00 am will be the kickoff for the summer programs, kids of all ages welcome, there will be games, prizes and pizza for all. June 16 to August 30 is the summer reading program, website has all the programming and posters are up at the library with information also. Story time was well attended today with lots of grandparents attending also. Personnel policies and templates have been presented and approved.

Ambulance: Janet O. Twenty-four runs for April with thirteen no transports and one mutual aid with Townsend. The winner of the fundraiser donated back half the winnings. Mardi Gras will be July 19 and 20th and Wienerfest will be on July 26, they are accepting baskets for donations. Twenty-six runs for May. Fundraisers will go towards new defibrillators, theirs are currently 12 to 15 years old. They have had some issues with rigs, those are being repaired, trying to keep costs low since the new rig is coming next year. Mike M. asked several questions about the contract with the Town.

Fire Department: Brian K.: One call for service for a structure fire in Mountain. Seven members attended District training in Riverview for pumping and water relay techniques. Tim Schmidt retired with 32 years of service. One new member. Continue with weekly in-house training and maintenance every Tuesday. In the process of re-structuring the Lakewood Firefighters Association into "Friends of the Lakewood Fire" waiting the finalization of new By-Laws and adoption. A Meat raffle will be at Anderson's Supper Club on August 16, 2025. The Town and Fire Department would like to thank Tim Schmidt for his dedication to the Department for his 32 years of service.

Garage: Alan M.: Thirty-two signs that were damaged or stolen were ordered. Chipper is repaired and up and running, cold patching is done and shouldering the roads is also completed. They are back to working on the Eastern roads that get torn up each weekend from ATV/UTV's. Ford 450 is ready to be sold. Mike M. asked Brian K. if the fire tender was also ready to be sold. Ford 450 will go on website for sealed bids due at next meeting, if not sold, both vehicles will be listed on Wisconsin Surplus for sale.

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

- a. Plan Commission. Rezone: None. New Business: None. Old Business: None.
- b. Re-Appointment of Adriane Bartels to the Plan Commission for a Three-Year Period.

Motion by Jaime B. to approve re-appointment. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- c. Renew Beer/Liquor Class "A" Combo and Tobacco License's for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. For the following: Lakewood Liquor, Jesse Lindstrom Agent, 15337 State Hwy 32: DIP LLC, dba: Lakewood BP, Deependra Adhikari Agent, 15236 Hwy 32: Family Dollar Stores of WI, dba: Family Dollar Store #27187, Debra Raymond Agent, 17280 Hwy 32: Hometown Grocers Inc., dba: Lakewood Supervalu, Nicole Milach, Agent, 17186 Twin Pines Road: True North Energy LLC., dba: True North #832, Michelle Knox, Agent, 17215 Emma Lea Lane: DolgenCorp, LLC., dba: Dollar General Store # 23863, Jessica Allen, Agent 17210 Emma Lea Lane. All passed background checks. The clerk asked that a contingent to be placed on Dollar General until confirmation the agent has met 90-day resident requirement and local operator licenses.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the with stipulation that Dollar General Agent requirement. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- d. Renew Beer/Liquor Class "A" Combo License's for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 20, 2026, for the following: Nicolet Pharmacy, dba: Amy's Cellar, Amy J. Donaldson, Agent, 15481 Commercial Rd: Heavens Up North Campground, Wendy Heil Agent, 18344 Lake John Road.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the licenses. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- e. Renew Beer/Liquor Class "B" Combo Licenses for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for the following: Firelite Lounge, Jenafir Donovan, Agent, 15329 Hwy 32: Sandtrap Bar & Grill, Lori Schaefer, Agent, 14804 County Rd. F: Sportman's Enterprise Inc., dba: Waubee Lake Lodge, Russell Kralovetz, Agent, 18348 Waubee Park Lane; Little Wing Production Inc., dba: Ski Hill Bar, Anton S. Kerscher, Agent, 15360 Chalet Lane, Bill Goats LLC, dba: Billy's Bar and Grill, William Stephan, Agent, 18207 County Rd F: McClauslin Brook G.C., Inc., Donald D. Bartels, Agent, 17067 Club House Lane; Anderson's Super Club, LLC., Christine Anderson, Agent, 15695 Hwy 32; Braise North LLC., Dave Swanson, Agent, 15398 Hwy 32.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve Class "B" Licenses for those listed. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes Motion Carried.

- f. Knowles Creek Potawatomi Agreement. The agreement would provide future monies to the Town from Potawatomi Tribe but not relinquish any rights to the road, upkeep for tribe members living on the road.

Motion by Joanne R. to sign agreement. Seconded by Jaime B. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- g. COM2 Recycling Solutions LLC Electronic Recycling Contract and Date of Service. Free drop off for electronics at the recycle center. Return signed contract and look Saturdays in August to see what they have available. Clerk will post on Town sign and website when we get date.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- h. Chain Lake Boat Launch. Mike M.: Town is going to join in the process to re-establish access. Tabled until Town has as standardized policy since it is Town owned property. Garage will order a new sign. Greg J. volunteered to help Mike M. with the policy.
- i. Wheeler Lake Boat Launch. Mike M.: Previous chair gave verbal to repair from power loading. Mike looked at all the other boat launches in Town, Chain Lake has four extensions which extend 16', Waubee Lake has two that extend 8', Munger Lake has none and Wheeler Lake has eight extensions that extend 32'. Discussion followed on what has been done in the past, there are signs posted with no power loading, but people just ignore them. Joanne would like to repair the hole made by power loading. DNR Grant partially covered the current concrete extensions, Greg J. will look to see if grant money is available. Tabled to investigate grants.
- j. Appointment of Robert Gatzke to the Short-Term Rental Committee. Mike M. attended the last Tedcor meeting and spoke with them, they also want a board member to on the committee. Tedcor has been going in a different direction than the Town wants to go with the funds, the Town didn't sign contract with them. Bob is a local seasonal business owner and stated he knows what his getting into and willing to serve.

Motion to appoint Rober Gatzke to Short Term Rental Committee for a one-year period effective June 1st to May 31st by Jamie B. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Joanne R. to appoint Jamie Bostwick to Short Term Rental Committee for one year. Seconded by Jaime B. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- k. Frisbe Golf Practice Holes at Lakewood Park. Jamie B. has been approached by Eric at Green Banna and several other people interested in putting in the practice holes. Jamie and Eric will work out the funding and placement. Joanne would worry about them and functions in the park, taking up parking spots for Lions, etc., they will be able to be taken down. Tabled for a plan to be drawn up.

FINANCES:

June Treasurers' Report Given by James Beno, Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance: \$ 96,217.97

Tax Account Balance:	\$ 334,334.75
Fire Department Balance:	\$ 1,000.67
FD/Ambulance Depreciation Balance:	\$ 5,816.59
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$ 2,276.53
Cemetery Balance:	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement CD Balance:	\$ 308,769.36

Motion by Joanne R. on accounts payable, approve the vouchers and treasurers report. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

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

Jerry Z: Asked what the term Tabled means? -no action taken until the next meeting, put on another agenda.

Greg D: Still power lines overheard on Wheeler Lake, can someone from the Town reach out and see when they will be buried, there a lot of dead Elms on private property that can take out the lines. Mike M. had heard that on several roads the lines can't be buried because of boulders; a lot of other roads are not buried also. Jeff S. W. Chain Lake was buried a few years ago; he was told the costs are too much for the little arterial roads.

Kyle G. Emma Lea Lane : The road is in bad shape, when will the Town take care of it. He agreed that plowing was much better this year after the two previous years. Joanne R. pointed out that Kyle owns from his first driveway to the cul de sac, so that would be up to him to take care of it, she drove the rest of the road today and didn't think it was too bad. The edges are broken up just seal coated to begin with and deteriorating. Kyle stated he pays a lot in taxes, and the road is bad, Joanne committed you are the only one back there. Mike M is in the process of learning the WISLR program for rating roads, we have a lot of miles of roads for a small town, current costs are hard on counties and towns.

Tim B. Would like to know if they can drag and clean up the infield for the softball tournament, Harry is willing to do it for free, spread out the sand that was bought in last fall more evenly. The Board said go ahead and do it.

Kari V. Would like to bring attention to the March 10, 2025, minutes. Her name is mentioned in those minutes, she has done a lot in the area to promote togetherness and not tearing people apart, the minutes do tear some of them apart, she read from the minutes and said it was false information; however, she did not read the person's name and that he made the statement. The Clerk pointed out that it said at a meeting so that's why it's in the minutes, Kari feels it doesn't represent her in a good light, clerk again pointed out again that's what was said, its minutes. She wanted to clarify it is not true, wants to promote people working together. Dan M. said he remembered it being said at the meeting and Clerk only recorded the notes, Jamie B. and Clerk both said the minutes reflect a name, Greg and he stated what Kari read.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jamie B. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.