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Regular Town Board Meeting
March 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Scott Van Laanen 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 March 6, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Scott Van Laanen, Chairperson, Joanne Roy, Supervisor, Jamie Bostwick, Supervisor, James Beno, Treasurer, Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.

Sixteen citizens attended the meeting.

PLEDGE TO FLAG.

Scott V. announced that the minutes reflect that there was a quorum of the Lakewood Plan Commission present at the meeting. Adriane Bartels, Roger Geiger, Tim Aerts, Crystal Cook are present at the meeting.

Motion by Jamie B. to open the meeting to public comments on agenda items. Seconded by Joanne R.
No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from February 10, 2025. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott V.

- This is his final regular meeting as chair as a reminder some must be on Plan Commission and Munger/Bear Lake District as a liaison.
- Parts are in for the furnace in Administrative Building and Fire Dept. work will be completed this week.
- The list of roads for repair in the summer is complete, will put them out for bids.
- I received a couple of bids for security door at the Administration building. Will move forward with getting installed,

Jamie B.

- The Chamber visitors center was scheduled to be moved, but due to the weather it will be moved when they can schedule, it will be relocated from the gas station to the ATV/UTV trail head.
- The Town is looking for someone to appoint a one-year term on the Short-Term Rental Committee.

Michelle M.

- Spring Election will be held on April 1, 2025. Absentee ballots can be applied for on myvote.wi. In person absentee voting will start by appointment only on March 18, 2025.
- Lakes Country Public Library 2024 Report.
- Notice from the Sanitary District has an open position they are looking to fill; the notice is posted in the reception area.
- Notice from WPS requesting the 2025 road projects.
- Notice from the DNR that a parcel in the Town was added to MFL.
- Notice from Oconto County Safe Kids program advising they have bicycle helmets available if a local club is giving away any bicycles.
- A bid from Ayres for road ratings for the WISLR database in the amount of \$7,710.75. Sharing this information to show how much the Town saves by training the guys and rating our own roads.

REPORTS:

Library: Linda M: The board meet twice in February. February 21 meeting was mainly focused on security. Sheriff Todd Skarban and the County Emergency Coordinator toured the building. They reported security measures included in the new facility are excellent. A representative from Catholic Charities meet to discuss the group's programs and services, the Friends meeting room with equipped with technology supplied by them that provides private and secure access to telemedicine. The Town of Lakewood Clerk and Joanne Roy attended a meeting to discuss financial practices as the

fiscal agent. The annual library report was approved for submission to the DPI. The board meets on the third Friday of each month and open to the public.

Ambulance: Janet O: There were 19 calls and 3 no transport in the month of February. Currently completing mandatory yearly Blood Borne Pathogens training. Escorted the Wabeno Wrestling Team out of and back into Town. Reegan Roy and Ryker Schingeck made it WIAA State Wrestling. Congrats to Reegan Roy winning State Championship. The Polar Plunge Fundraiser went well. Still have the Freeze Your Fanny fundraiser going on, can stop in the station for tickets or a tour. Currently we have approximately 15 people but are always looking for new people to join.

Fire Department: Eric J: Responded to two calls in since the last board meeting, one to Lakewood Assisted Living for a Fire Alarm activation that was called off and mutual aid to Townsend for an outside fire at the Olive Pit. Three personnel are attending the 60-hour Entry Level Fire Fighter at Riverview FD. Weekly training is getting B2511 ready for wildland season, to date there has been 151 wildland fires burning 429 acres and two structures. Twelve lights are needed to replace the ones burned out on R2511 at a cost of \$55.00 each, looking into upgrading to LED lighting. Attended the annual WI. State Firefighters Convention in Madison with two other members where ten classes were attended and learned of a good contact for repairs on vehicles. Evaluating a possible aftermarket tank to replace outdated air tanks for good savings.

Garage: Alan M.: Only needed to plow once so far in March. Tim and Alan attended MSHA training. Posted weight limits on all Town roads. Scott V asked how long roads will be posted for, Alan explained usually not posted until April and go until the frost is out, probably around four weeks or so.

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

- a. Plan Commission. Rezone: John Frieson 16946 Archibald Lake Rd is requesting to put a mobile home older than 15 years on the property. There is a mobile on the property already that is twenty years older, has the correct pitch in the roof and updates will be done to the outside when installed. Plan Commission recommends approving the conditional use.

Motion to approve the mobile home on the property by Jamie B. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried. VanVreedes on Chain Lake survey has been completed. Not notified in time for this month's meeting but will On next months Plan Comm. Agenda.

- b. Replace/Update the "Welcome to Lakewood" Sign Located on Hwy 32 North Bound Lane Next to ATV/UTV Sign. Jamie B. was contacted by Mike from the Chamber they would like to update the sign. The sign has been there for years and after contacting all the local clubs no one is sure who owns the sign. Stretch advised Scott V. that it will cost approximately \$250.00 to \$300.00 for a reflective updated replacement sign. It is located on DNR land. They are ok with the update but said to contact the DOT and the County to clear it with them.

Tabled until DOT and County have been asked.

- c. Solid Waste/Recycle Center New Fee Schedule, New Informational Flyer for Residents and Consider Changes to the Amount of Dumpsters to Save on Costs. Jamie B.: The dump is over ten percent of the annual budget. Jamie has been in contact with Republic to clarify a few things on the contract, we are charged by the weight, rental of dumpsters, special handling of bulk items and removal of full dumpsters. We are currently in contract with them until 2028. The fees we are charged went up as of February 3 by 5.2%, they will go up next year by another 6% and by 7.0% the following year. He did a cost comparison on each item we currently charge for bulk disposal and the Town is currently in the hole \$126.00. Since bulk items are a luxury, they are charged as used. The Town needs to raise the prices to cover these costs through the end of the contract. The 30-yard dumpster is currently not used but we are charged rent so if it is removed there will be a yearly savings of \$7500.00. There are several things that are not allowed due to the company not accepting them but still being sneaked into the dumpsters. All construction materials including lumber, toilets, rolled carpets, flooring tile, shower surrounds, etc are not accepted. We need to stop these items and charge for bulk items to avoid special assessments on taxes. If items are found on the side of roads, cameras will be placed to try and catch these people dumping them. Several questions were asked. Scott V. reminded that only property owners can get a sticker for the dump, if a person is renting in Lakewood, they must use the property owner's sticker, or up to property owner to arrange another method.

Motion by Jamie B. to accept the new fee schedule and remove the 30-yard dumpster once it is full. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

- d. Knowles Creek/Potawatomi Road Agreement. Scott V. received a letter from the Potawatomi Tribe saying that they are interested in the road. Sent the letter to our attorney to review, he made some changes, sent those changes back to the Potawatomi Tribe to review. Joanne R. explained that they have access to lots of grants that would help with the road maintenance, the Town would not be giving ownership of the road over.

Tabled until the Potawatomi Tribe responds to attorney's changes.

- e. Provisional Alcohol/Beer Licenses. Michelle M.: I was contacted by the person purchasing Lotters gas station on Thursday before the board meeting, he requested a liquor/beer license to be issued by Monday. I advised that I would not be able to issue a license by Monday, applications have been received they will then need to review, and backgrounds checks completed and published in the paper, then go before the board. He was aware of the process. I asked why he didn't ask for applications sooner; they didn't want the employees to find out, so they didn't want it published. He asked about a provisional license. Upon review of the current Town ordinance, we have nothing on provisional licenses. I contacted the state, they sent a copy of the statutes and recommended we contact our attorney for advice. There was no time to change the Town ordinance or receive and complete backgrounds checks by Monday. The board would need to decide on issuing a provisional license.

Motion to deny since we currently don't have them now and need to update the ordinance by Joanne R. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

- f. Speed Bump: Waubee Drive Road Issue: Scott V: He was contacted by Stretch who has a lot of curves and hills on his road and cars going way too fast, there was just an accident with a Generac Truck that hit a tree. He would like to install speed bumps and signage at his expense. It was noted that this could potentially be a liability for the Town and create a water shed issue on the road. Discussion followed that stated the speed bumps would be screwed into the road and he would install and remove them every spring and fall. Alan M. was asked what he thought and stated that screwing them into the road will damage the road and be a place for water to get into and promote even more and the liability issue if someone gets hurt.

Tabled until the next meeting for more information.

- g. Set the Date for a Special Meeting to open 2025 Road Bids. After a short discussion it was decided to open road bids at the April meeting, which will be the first item on the agenda.
- h. Amend Ordinance 5.27 Municipal Room Tax, Replacing Oconto County Economic Development to Tourism Entity as stated in Wisconsin State Statutes. Jamie B: There are some changes that need to be made, he is waiting for Wisconsin DOR to get back him.

Tabled until next meeting.

FINANCES:

March Treasurers Report Given by James Beno, Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 120,086.19
Tax Account Balance:	\$ 432,605.75
Fire Department Balance:	\$ 500.55
FD/Ambulance Depreciation Balance:	\$ 5,787.37
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$ 101,984.58
Cemetery Balance:	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement CD Balance:	\$ 206,284.90

Motion by Scott V. to accept the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

Motion by Joanne R. to pay vouchers. Seconded by Scott V. All ayes motion carried.

Michelle M: A property owner bought in a piece of Skyview Court. He thought the road was blacktopped and said the plow wrecked the road. It was stated the road was not blacktopped; it was double chip sealed, and it was wrecked by the contractors when they put the house and driveway in right after it was completed. Road is 1.4 miles long, short will need some attention, not black topped. Add gravel after winter season.

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

Greg J: Water level on Wheeler Lake is going to be really low this year, good time to re-evaluate the damage caused by power loading the boats. Inquired about Wake Enhancement Signs. They are in and will be installed in the Spring. Also, no parking signs need to be installed on the boat landing road, people are parking and causing issues. Alan M. will take care of signs.

Greg M. Public access on Chain Lake. The Van Vreede's title work with Oconto County is 60' and not 70'. They gave false representation about the lake association, no one was/is aware of the planting of the trees on the boat launch, and they are not in favor of them. Scott V: Their surveyor called, and this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Jamie B. Informational flyers will be handed out at the dump. Stickers are available at the Clerks office. The employees know most people, but stickers are required. Renters do not have rights to the dump, they need to speak the property owner or landlords to get rid of garbage. Greg M. inquired about tires, and it was explained that tires cost too much to dispose of.

Mike Musil introduced himself, he is running for Town Chairperson in April. He retired three years ago, spent 33 years in the service. Has a lot of experience with boards, management, etc.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jamie B. Seconded by Scott V. All ayes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.