

Regular Town Board Meeting
February 09, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Mike M. at 7:04 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 February 05, 2026.

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

Ten 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 and Dan Muhlenbech were present.

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

No Comments.

Motion by Jaime B. to approve the Agenda and the Minutes from January 12, 2026. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike M.

- Maintenance on County Road F from Country Club Lane to Waubee Lake Lane has been pushed back to 2027, no reason was given why.
- Oconto County Board submitted a form- a means to raise more funds to the governor.
- The snowmobile crossing on Hwy 32 that the State DOT put snow fence to block access has a work around for this year.
- Contacted an architect for the Community Center remodel.
- Need to sit down with everyone that was included in the Emergency Plan that was adopted to go over plan.
- Radon kits information and available on Oconto Counties public health website.

Michelle M.

- Oconto County Sheriff's Office monthly incident report.
- Community Ambulance Service profit and loss report from January 14, 2026.
- Would like to Thank McCaslin Lions Club for \$1000.00 donation toward our Pickleball project.
- Oconto County Planning notice of public hearing for Tyler Hundt that was being held 0209/2026.
- Notice from Oconto County Physical Address Coordinator that 17189 Pelky Road will change to 15727 E. Chain Lake Rd.
- Republic Services-Recycling tonnage for the Town was a total 100.11 tons for 2025.
- Rural Mutual insurance will change the business policy for the Administrative Buildings roof to a actual cash basis since the roof is over a certain age.
- Beth Polacek with Candid Appraisal, the company doing the revaluation stopped and dropped off a door sign that she will hang on the doors of homes with her contact information if no one is home. I have posted the notice of revaluation around Town and on the Towns website. Beth's contract was to start on January 1, 2026, however when we meet with Peter Liptack, the elected assessor, he gave her all the building permits for 2025 and said she is do those also since he did not do any of them, we are having to pay for two assessors now for both 2026 and 2027, since she will have to do both Board of Reviews. Peter is collecting his monthly pay for work Beth is doing, which will take Peter to the end of his term. Comment was added that basically Peter will not do anymore work but be paid each month until the end of his elected term which he ran for.

Jim B.

- He received a response from Oconto County on the information needed for the recreation grant, it must be a capital improvement, no operational funds, needs to improve infrastructure, promote economic development and tourism. Covers 30% of cost with Town paying 70%. Received the \$1000.00 donation for pickleball, they would need another \$1500.00 to finish fence, up to the Board if they want to make other capital improvements, funds are allowed to use on more than one project. Grants were awarded last year to improve boat launches in other Towns with Lake Associations paying the other 70%. Money would need to be spent by December 2027.

REPORTS:

Library: Linda M.: January Board meeting was devoted to routine business. The Annual report is being compiled and should be available to the Towns next month. Solar panels have paid for three billing cycles of electricity, and a credit was applied to a fourth bill. Please check the library for the Community Connections programs offered.

Ambulance: Steve H.: 24 calls last month, 14 in Townsend, 10 in Lakewood. No snowmobile accidents in this district. The addition at engineering before they go to the State. New ambulance will hopefully be here by end of April. Mike asked questions regarding the Board of Directors running operations, finances, how it should be run with public dollars involved and the agreement with the Towns. Steve and the Board of Directors president disagreed in the discussion that followed.

Fire Department: Eric J.: 4 calls since last meeting, one call for a fire alarm, one call for a lift assist, one for vehicle fire and one for carbon monoxide issue. Hose and nozzles for new tender and portable lights for new engine were purchased. He is working on ISO rating for the Town. Will be attending NFPA course and WI Emergency Services Instructor Conference. Members will be attending District training and quarterly training and possibly burn the training house on Saturday March 21, 2026.

Garage: Alan B.: Plowing and scrapping roads, parking lots and Town properties. Christmas ornaments were taken down. They were working on Commercial Ave. and had cones out, a woman came out of pharmacy and came so close she ran right over the cone and Two snowmobiles didn't stop at stop sign on McCabe and were missed by less than a foot by the plow on the dump truck, mentioned by board member that the Sheriff has been giving out a lot of tickets by the garage to snowmobiles. Please look for workers and equipment. Ordering more street signs to replace the ones stolen, most of the ATV signs are in for Hwy 32. Asked when Munger Lake project will begin, Mike will check with County. Stop sign was repaired by the Firelite today. Garage doors at shop were repaired and I assisted the Clerk with posting the home at 14908 Fairview Circle with Raze and Removal of personal property orders.

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

- Plan Commission: **New Business:** Old Business: None
- Consider Diane Stephan Request for Approval of Non-Conforming over 15-year-old Dwelling currently Located 7174 St. Mary's Road. Discussion with the members of Plan Commission in attendance, they recommended to approve, questions were asked why they approved. The Board could not accept the recommendation since the Plan meeting was illegal; the meeting changed meeting places without proper notice or Board approval, the Plan Commission chair said she was not aware of separate notice moving meeting or Board approval was needed. A Board member or building inspector will need to sign off on the approval after inspecting the home, the inspector will charge a large fee so Jamie B. will do the inspection. The vote will be postponed until March 9, 2026 meeting while Jamie looks at the house.
- Resolution 2026-001 – Initial Resolution Regarding the Discontinuance of all of Fern Ave., All of Valley Ave., and That Part of Golf Trail Located South of Valley, Ave., Oconto Resort Association Plant No. 4 Wheeler Lake. All issues have been resolved with survey.

Motion by Jaime B. to sign Resolution 2026-001. Seconded by Jamie B. Joanne R. Abstained. motion carried.

- Review of Plan Commission Meeting, Members and Possible Removal. Mike M. explained there has been friction between the Plan Comm. And Town Board that has been going on for sixty days. Plan Commission is under the Town Board by ordinance and statues. Joanne is not happy with Plan meeting at library at all, needs to a liaison from the Town Board and Mike can't be running from there to here for next meeting, was suggested by Adriane B. that he could attend virtually, no since other people who attend that meeting need to here for next meeting also. The Town Board wants Plan Comm. To be finished by 6:45pm so Regular Town Board can start on time, Adriane then asked if the Regular Board meeting to be moved to 7:30pm, the Board responded no, meetings would go too late. She requested the Town purchase options for their members to attend virtually, only the Town Board members currently have resolution to do that. More options were discussed. Joanne and Mike agreed that Plan meets second Monday at the Administrative building from 6:00 to 6:45 pm.
- Resolution 2026-004 Plan Commission Meeting Coordination and Agenda Management Policy. Mike M. read the policy, Adriane would like a copy before the Board members sign, Joanne agreed it would enhance a good working environment with them, Mike explained that he created the policy based on the Plan Comm. Actions from the last

60 days and cleans up policy and mistakes. After much discussion back and forth Joanne recommended letting them read it, Jamie and Mike agreed. Postponed until March 9, 2026.

- f. Temporary Alcohol Beverage License to Wheeler Lake Association for the Wheeler Lake Association Ice Fishing Jamboree to be held on February 21, 2026 at the McCaulsin Brook Golf Course, 17067 Club House Lane, Lakewood. Lance Wiedenhoeft. Agent. Clerk to remind Association that no alcohol-based drinks are allowed.

Motion by Jaime B. to approve temporary license. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

- g. Purchase of Used 2024 John Deere 6145 and attachments of a 2025 Diamond Boom Mower and a Diamond Mulcher for Boom Mower with the trade in of current used tractors and equipment.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve 2024 John Deere and 2025 Boom attachments with trade ins. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

- h. Recycle/Solid Waste Ordinance that conforms to new regulations following the Northern Oconto County Ordinance: Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance 2026-001. Jim B. explained he circulated to the four Towns, need to be compliant with the new State law, other Towns and asked questions and agreed, he is not sure about Townsend asked a lot of questions. They would need to drop out of grant if they don't agree and approve.

Motion by Joanne R. to sign revised Ordinance Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

FINANCES:

James Beno presented the February Treasurers Report.

Checking Account	\$ 83,202.85
Tax Account	\$1,738,908.35
Fire Dept. Account	\$ 3,002.00
FD/Ambulance Depreciation Account	\$ 5,895.14
Cemetery Account	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement Account	\$ 2,277.20
Capital Improvement CD	\$ 316,627.60

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Treasurers Report and pay vouchers. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

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

Mike M.: Symth Bridge is slated for 2027, been push back by Danny S. and neighbors to leave bridge as is, but County will proceed. Been looking for a place for the required historic plate, has to have a place to pull over and read and can't put it on new bridge, will ask if ATV trailhead, Town Administrative building, or Community Center will work. County is paying for bridge but Town needs to do the plate.

The Board was asked if a bench in remembrance of Sharon Soik could be installed at St. Mary's park by her family, no one thought that would hurt, was recommended that Town have a policy in case other families want to do that.

Kessler F.: Asked if anyone was keeping track of the water that MJ Electric is taking from the lakes? They are to rotate lakes, he said he witnessed three trucks in the morning then six more waiting later in the day, short discussion followed.

Motion by Mike M. to go into closed session under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". (entire motion was read out loud by Mike M.) Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

Motion to back into open meeting by Jamie B. Seconded by Mike M. All ayes motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.