

Regular Town Board Meeting
August 11, 2025
7:00 p.m.
Lakewood Administrative Building

MEETING called to order by Mike M. 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 August 07, 2025.

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

Twelve 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 was present/no quorum.

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

Adrienne B. Plan recommended not to discontinue Frog Lane. Mr. Seeber's easement needs to be voted on.

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Agenda and the Minutes from July 14, 2025. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike M.

- Thanked everyone who attended Mardi Gras, Weinerfest North and the Lions Craft Show. The Board will hold an after-event review to go over improvements, parade route and safety, etc.
- He attended his first Seven Towns meeting; County Emergency Management will help Lakewood come up with a plan. The Sherriff spoke about flashing speed limits signs and tickets issued; Lakewood had the highest number of ATV/UTV tickets issued. Sue B. said that the clubs do as much education as they can, Adriane B. said that people on a UTV did damage to her lawn and on Smyth Road this last weekend, Alan M. said always damage on the Eastern roads after the weekends, Joanne R. complimented the guys on getting those roads back in shape, they are always nice and graded now.
- He spoke with the family about the property on corner of County Rd F. and Hwy. 32, they are going to rebuild the building on the commercial lot in the same footprint and remodel the house to look more appealing.
- Had a request to name the baseball diamond the "Mike Flynn Baseball Diamond". Joanne mentioned that even though Mike put a lot of time and work into the field, the Thielke Family also put a lot of money into the diamond. Mr. Thielke was present and said the family wouldn't mind.
- Dept. of Agriculture is going to start a forest logging project to thin out areas. Discussion followed on the areas that will be next to cross country ski trails, Mike will contact them to let them know to leave trails clear. Clerk will post notice on website.
- He spoke with the County on the vision problems on corner of Cty F and Hwy 32, where the Green Banana parking lot is, the business building has been there for years, so there is nothing the County can do, Eric L. was present and said he has been working to make it better, it is worse because the curb needs repainting so people don't park on the road where they are not supposed to be. Waldvogel is working on his parking lot, will get a price to repaint the curbs and crosswalks from them.

Joanne R.

- Doubled checked the deeds on Lake John Road in the area that needs to be rip-rapped. Will get back in touch with the County to see what funding we can get.

Jamie B.

- Arts and Craft show had many parking issues. Thanked Alan, Tim and Kessler for setting up the signs and Brian, Lucas and Eric from the Fire Department for helping put signs and ropes back up and the people who parked in wrong areas moved. Lions only rent the pavilion and not the Community Center; that area is for emergency

response but people drove through the grass and moved signs to get in there. Vendors had nothing under the tongues of the trailers to prevent damage to the new parking lot. Not enough Lion Club volunteers to help and support areas where vendors don't belong.

- Thanked Eric from the Green Banana for setting up Disc Golf. He would like to put up some yardage markers for practice and do some training for people. They are set up in the park by Tugs and other one is around the bend by trees.
- E-Recycling is on August 23rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Looking for volunteers to help with traffic flow, enter off County Rd. F on Tugs then go around to parking lot, will work with Alan getting signs up. Discussion on where the box truck should be located so park facilities can still be utilized while program is going on. Fliers are being handed out at the dump with information.
- Would like to schedule a community volunteer day at Memorial Park on September 27, 2025, to get some ideas on improvements and cleaning up the pavilion.
- Compactor one at the recycling/solid waste center is having issues and is down again, please bear with the guys while it is down and being repaired.
- Mike M. mentioned that the metal recycling company would like to install "Texas blocks" to make it easier for them when they pick them up. Short discussion about if the metals pile should be moved.

Michelle M.

- Received a "Thank you" card and donation of \$1270.00 from the Lakewood Pickle Ball Players for the remainder on the new pickle ball fence. Thank you to the pickleball players!
- Oconto County Sheriffs Incident Report.
- Information on the Smyth Bridge Project.
- WPS requesting 2026 Town Road Projects.
- Wisconsin Demographic Services Center: New population for Lakewood is 847.
- Class "B temporary Picnic License review: Alcohol based beverages were served at recent events. As a reminder, holders are not allowed to sell any alcohol, no vodka, rum, gin, whiskey or any other alcohol-based products can be sold under this license, only malt-based products and wine. If the agent is caught it is up to a \$10,000.00 fine and up to 9 months in prison (this is a correction on prison time mentioned in meeting). It does not matter where you get the alcohol from, you can't sell under that license and it also doesn't matter if the product is bottled or canned, no alcohol-based products can be sold under the license.

Jim B.

- He attended a Wisconsin DNR seminar on recycling. There have been revisions to the recycling laws, the Town must provide more educational information, and our ordinance doesn't meet the current standards, we will need to update that and post new information to continue with our recycling grant. Jim ordered the informational materials.

REPORTS:

Library: Joann R.: Community Connections and Speaker Series are very popular. Library program offerings have included children car-seat safety checks, T-shirt tie dying, the history of Lakewood, Health Care, and Butterflies of Northern Oconto County. Northwind Solar finished installing the solar panels in July, the remaining funds from the USDA grant were used to complete this final step in the building renovation and expansion. A ribbon cutting celebration will be held on September 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Ambulance: Steve H.: 20 calls with four no transport, the 16 other calls were across the board. Fundraiser tickets are \$10.00 each. Waiting on state to approve the building addition plans. Looking into things for next year's Weinerfest.

Fire Department: Brian K.: one call last month. Sandwich and Juice sales went well at the Arts and Crafts show. Vehicle maintenance will start next Wednesday and continue until all vehicles have been repaired. New air tanks were delivered. Anderson Meat raffle is this weekend. The tanker that they were considering is a no go, the machinic that looked at it said they should pass on the vehicle.

Garage: Alan M.: Graded the Eastern roads again today and spread another seven yards of gravel. Rug and Forrester waiting to be paved by N.E. Asphalt and Fahrner will be starting on Lake John Road. Joanne R. said the guys have done a very nice job on Eastern roads and getting the gravel put back.

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

- a. Sean Kelly Request to Discontinue Joyce Lane. Mr. Kelly wants to discontinue the road and do a forever easement with all the properties. Discussion followed on the width of the road, the public hearing will need to be held and several concerns that were raised at previous meetings. Mike also spoke to him about removing the signs off the Town right of way and gave him a copy of the noise ordinance.

Tabled until Mr. Kelly has legal document drawn up for the Town attorney to review.

- b. Robert Seeber Request to Discontinue Frog Lane: Easement was created by Harry Smith and needs filing with the County.

Motion by Jaime B. to approve the easement. Seconded by Joanne R. All Ayes Motion Carried.

- c. Driveway Ordinance: Mike M. is working on the draft with the Plan Comm. Several ideas were presented. Tabled to continue to work on.

- d. Use of Commercial Herbicide Weed Killer on Town Right of Ways: Mike M: He has MSDS sheets for Garlin 4 herbicide, it is non cancer causing, it's mixed with seed oil to adhere. Slightly hazardous to Blue Gills, used to treat/ kill brush and any small trees. Stated it doesn't get into water table and passes through animals without changing or being absorbed, then added moderately dangerous to Blue Gill, fresh water and Rainbow Trout, Mallard Ducks and Bob Whites, anyone applying needs to get a license for a fee. Mike or someone at the shop would be the manager of it to avoid water, need three feet of space between edge of water and where it being applied, reducing the cost of cutting down shrubs and trees in the right of way is the goal, feels the right of ways are all over grown, it is sprayed directly on brush, shrubs or tree's under three-inch diameter. Michelle M. asked if he would have an opt out for people who don't want it on their land, he stated would have to have a good reason, she stated that other companies have opt out and owning the land should be good enough, also asked how can it pass thru animals but you have a list of animals so it has to be dangerous to other animals. Mike stated it wouldn't be used in thick areas otherwise it would have a brown out, would be applied by hand a mist sprayed on each item. Joanne committed it may save money but guys walking around to spray here and there and we have a lot of miles of road, to her it would be cheaper to cut the stuff and let it be and a lot of other weed killers were supposed to be non-toxic and now ten years down the road, we now know different also questioned how true are the MSDS sheets when the company produces those are the ones selling product . Several other concerns and comments were on over spraying, lakes, run off, how it can be safe when you need a class and license to use it, must be hazardous in some way. Mike said other companies have been using it for years and saved thousands of dollars, it was then mentioned that we now know these companies pick dollars over health.

Tabled.

- e. Hidden Lake Lane intersecting with Knowles Dam: Alan graded the whole length today, the no trespassing signs are still up, discussion continued with where Town and Forest roads start and stop and who is responsible for maintaining the road. Joanne questioned what the maintenance agreement with Forest Service states, Mike had not seen that document yet.

Tabled to review the Forest Maintenance Agreement.

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

- a. Plan Commission: Rezone/CSM: Approval of CSM for Michael and Susan Bessert, 15563 Pickerel Lake Road Mr. and Mrs. Bessert had the survey completed, Plan Comm. Recommends approving.

Motion by Jamie to approve rezoning from Rural Residential to R1. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

- b. Oconto County Evasive Species Request to Install a 4'x4' Education Sign and Boat Cleaning Station at Waubee Lake Boat Launch. Dereck Thorn from Flow AIS: Would provide a bucket, scraper, grabbing and other cleaning supplies for boats and educational sign. They only have funding for four in Oconto County and have worked with other resorts to educate people on evasive species. Several questions were asked by the Board and it was suggested that he speak with the lake association about removing the garbage and keeping an eye on the cleaning supplies.

Motion by Joanne R. to approve the installation of a 4'X4' sign and a cleaning station. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

- c. Bid Received on the Ford F450. Mike M.: Only one bid received, Town failed to put a low bid so the bid that came in is less than half or about half of what the truck is currently valued at, so it is not in the Town's best interest to accept that bid, going to vote to reject that bid and start the process over. Will be put it back up for bid with a closing date before the next board meeting to get all the bids in. The estimated value is about \$20,000.00, that bid was for \$10,000.00 and some change. He asked if the last posting included the items that came with the truck, which they were, those items will be included again with this bid. Bid of no less than \$20,000.00. This will make it fair for everyone across the board to resubmit bids. Discussion followed on selling Town equipment, State Statues and publishing notice. Clerk will contact paper and come up with a closing date before the next meeting.

Motion to deny the bid by Joanne R. Seconded by Jamie B. All ayes motion carried.

- d. Smyth Road Bridge Historical Preservation Plan. Smyth Bridge was deemed historical because it's almost 100 years old, they came up with three options. 1. Was to rehabilitate the current bridge. 2. Is to construct a new bridge right next to it. 3. Redirect the road over and put in a new bridge. The Board is being asked to poll the Town however, it would only be an opinion. Comment was made can't re-direct because of the houses on both sides, cheaper to fix the bridge, just raise it up. Survey in the back for anyone to complete. Will submit with what is completed tonight. No Action by Board Required.

- e. Temporary Class "B Picnic" license to Lakewood Fire Association Corn Roast to be held on August 31, 2025, at the Lakewood Pavilion, 17258 North Road, Brian Krueger Agent.

Motion by Jaime B. to approve Class B Picnic License for the corn roast. Seconded by Joanne R. All ayes motion carried.

FINANCES:

August Treasurers' Report Given by James Beno, Treasurer:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 109,008.39
Tax Account Balance:	\$ 285,310.63
Fire Department Balance:	\$ 1,500.91
FD/Ambulance Depreciation Balance:	\$ 5,836.05
Capital Improvement Balance:	\$ 2,276.72
Cemetery Balance:	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvement CD Balance:	\$ 310,707.49

Motion by Jamie B. to approve the Treasurers Report and the 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.: He received a request for Emma Lea Lane for the Town to take over the chunk of road with the cul-de-sac on it. A Deed would have to be made up. Kyle wants the Town to take over and maintain the road, it's now his property and responsibility. It was mentioned that current cul-de-sac is torn up from his kids four wheelers. It would have to be black topped with hot asphalt in order for the Town to take over. The Town already paid when it was supposed to be deeded over years ago. Discussion followed on costs to the Town, turn arounds that may need to be installed, taking over and leaving road as it for undetermined amount of time, cost sharing or his responsibility. Mike will work with Kyle.

Jamie S. Tedcor: Potential opportunity of 212 acres plus buildings that the Town or County could possible purchase. DNR is taking out fish hatchery. County may do an educational park, etc.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Moczynski, Clerk.