

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday May 13, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Luostari at 6:33 pm
2. Roll call all members present. A list of members of the public is provided at the end of the report
3. Nova commented that the board minutes were not provided to the public on the table. Will correct for future meetings. Clerk Winter read the April 8th minutes. The motion was made by Supervisor Tutor and seconded by Chairperson Luostari. Motion carried 3-0 at 6:50 pm. Chairperson Luostari read the road survey minutes from April 16th. The motion was made by Supervisor Tutor and seconded by Chairperson Luostari. Motion carried 3-0 at 7:00 pm.
4. Treasurer's report given by Treasurer O'Hara. Motion was made by Supervisor Peterson and seconded by Supervisor Tutor. Motion carried 3-0 at 7:01 pm.
5. Previous months' bills. Motion by supervisor Tutor seconded by chairperson Luostari. Motion carried 3-0 7:03 pm.
6. Current bills. Supervisors had not yet reviewed bills, and Chairperson Luostari stated we would come back to this. The board did not come back to this item. Will put it on the agenda for June.
7. Correspondence. Copies of the County committee meeting minutes received.

Public comment. Ted Helin asked if anyone called for the Sheriff's department to be at the annual meeting, and if that was going to be the case at every town meeting. It was stated that deputies were in the parking lot. Luostari stated that no one called for them. Carrie Dunbar commented to have the meeting minutes on the tables also willing to help organize files. Clerk Winter and Treasurer O'Hara responded that they are holding off due to an ongoing investigation.

8. County Supervisor report. The highway department is busy with culvert replacement and bridge maintenance, increasing seasonal wages. Bids in on the Nemadji River Bridge on Hwy W. Northland Construction has received a low bid of 3. Department managers retreat on May 19th. Capital projects have been submitted. Not all projects will be funded. Northwest Regional Planning has made changes to discontinue some grant programs. The upcoming board meeting will have a presentation by DOT on the Highbridge replacement.
9. Board reports. Clerk Winter attended the Old Brule Heritage Society board meeting. They have some Davidson Windmill artwork they would be willing to have on loan to the Town for display in the Town Hall.
10. Fire Department/First Responders report. Given by Chief Nordrum. The new hose has been delivered. Need Tires for the engine, will get quotes from Pomp's and Duluth Tire. Thermal imaging camera quotes given to the board for discussion. Motion made to accept the quote of \$5,045 by Supervisor Peterson and seconded by Supervisor Tutor. Motion Carried 3-0 at 7:17 pm. The Fire Department lost one of their members on April 15th, she was 22 years old. Two members passed entry-level Fire Fighter training. Reported that fire danger is high, Lakeside has responded to two calls for mutual aid. Three more trainings are coming up. Chief Nordrum asked why it is a fight for approval of equipment spending for the FD when spending for other items is not questioned as much.
11. Grading roads, a stone was stolen from the cemetery. Cemetery fees should be discussed at the June board meeting. Need information on the length of Hanson Road. Supervisor Tutor is currently volunteering to mow the lawn and help Mark as needed. Discussion on looking for help for Mowing. The suggestion was to ask around for interested high school students.
12. Building permits. Driveway permit on Anderson Road, hold until the June meeting. Permit filled out; however, only \$10 sent in. The new fee is \$50. County permits need no town action, notification only. Building permit for Garage. Motion by Supervisor Tutor and Second by Supervisor Peterson, motion carried 3-0 7:31.

Old Business.

13. Fire engine. Discussion from earlier continues to approve requirements for the Fire Department spending. Motion by Supervisor Tutor for the Fire Department can spend up to \$5,000 without approval from the board. Seconded by Chairperson Luostari. Motion carried 3-0 7:47 pm
14. Dump Truck – no update

- 15. Blank item on agenda
- 16. Security Cameras, still waiting on Northland Fire and Safety to schedule time to come out.
- 17. Town Audit. Treasurer O’Hara reported that we will do a “fraud audit type.” Cost will be as low as \$5,000 per year, audited.

New Business

- 18. Full-Time Employee Compensation. Chairperson Luostari presented information on the details of the new contract with wage increases built in for years 2 and 3. Also, an increase in added compensation, a “bonus” for employees to use to purchase private health insurance. Clerk Winter stated the Town of Lakeside does not provide sponsored health insurance, so this amount is taxable income. Chairperson Luostari will review the contract with Mark Saari.
- 19. Website access. Clerk Winter read an email from the current provider that they wish to give up hosting. Clerk Winter offered to provide hosting for the website and email at no cost to the town while the Town Board explores options. Winter also suggested that maybe a website committee be formed to review options to present to the Town Board. Winter also requested to apply for a .GOV domain name. These are provided by the federal government at no cost for the domain name. A suggestion is to get townoflakesidewi.gov. Motion made by Chairperson Luostari and Seconded by Supervisor Tutor for Winter to host the current website and email temporarily at no cost to the Town, and to apply for a .GOV domain name. Carried 3-0 8:03 pm
- 20. Other Accounting Corrections, Clerk Winter discussed the accounting system updates and corrections. Reported the 2024 Wisconsin Form CT was submitted with corrections from 2023, including the Loan balance, principal, and interest paid in 2023, and correct year-end bank account balances for 2023.
- 21. Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Tutor, seconded by Chairperson Luostari, Motion Carried at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Jon Winter, Clerk 5/19/2025

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, Website

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Members of the public were present and signed in.

Kathy Colby Sandra Thornton Maria Lockwood Mark Saari Brandon Peterson Al Nord Elen Oaks Vicki Karas Tom Karas Barb Helin Ted Helin Carrie Dunbar Dan Saari Kevin O’Hara	Dan Learn Patricia Learn Heather Helget Martin Pflug Nova Nordrum Arlen Erickson Chase Larson Todd Bitner
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