

Town of Lakeside, Douglas County, Wisconsin

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Lakeside Town Hall

1. Call to Order Chairperson Gary Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call Present: Chairperson Gary Peterson, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Clerk Jon Winter, Treasurer Joanne O'Hara. Members of the public were also present (list at the end of the minutes)

3. Approval of Prior Month's Minutes motion by Supervisor Gerald Tutor to approve all prior meeting minutes. Second by Supervisor Mary Peterson. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report Treasurer O'Hara reported the following balances:

Checking: \$62,549.96, Savings: \$198,254.01, Total Checking + Savings: \$260,803.97, Other Money Market Accounts: \$209,447.48. Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Supervisor Tutor. Motion carried.

5. Confirmation of Previous Month's Bills checks 25103 to 25117 totaling \$12,861.44 Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson to confirm the previous month's bills. Second by Supervisor Tutor. Motion carried.

6. Current Bills for Payment checks 25118 to 25139 totaling \$9,182.82. Discussion occurred regarding the unusually high telephone bill. The Board will investigate, but the bill will be paid. Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson to approve the current bills for payment. Second by Supervisor Tutor. Motion carried.

7. Correspondence included the Douglas County Sheriff's Office report, a public zoning notice, and the Douglas County 911 Joint Powers Agreement to be signed by Chairperson Gary Peterson.

8. County Supervisor Report Scott Luostari County Supervisor Luostari provided updates on county board activity, upcoming meetings for Superior Days, county board had presentations by Sheriff Matt Izzard on the department's website, State Rep Angela Stroud on biofuel projects, cuts to Medicare and SNAP, and the state budget and school funding. The county board approved the 2026 budget. Land and Development voted to continue working with the current two groups out at the fairgrounds, and moved that item to the full county board for approval. Road projects in discussion are the Hwy U slide area and the need for a little more property to extend the right-of-way. Work is continuing on Hwys W and Z. Hwy H engineering is about 35% complete. Fairgrounds management, road projects, broadband progress, tax deed sales, and highway staffing.

Public Comments/Questions

Nova had questions on improvements at the fairgrounds and the surcharges. Ted Helin also had a question about high-speed internet. County property sales were also brought up. Scott responded that he would follow up with more information from the county committee headed by Sue Hendrickson, and any property up for bid will be listed in the Superior Telegram.

9. Town Board

Clerk Winter reported that election inspector appointments will occur in December. Residents may contact the clerk if interested.

Supervisor Tutor has a resident inquiry about the Town land near Engdahl/Colby Road; the land remains open to the public.

10. Fire Department and First Responders

Fire Chief Nordrum reported four calls for the month, reviewed ISO rating requirements, and noted the need for a recognized water source to improve ISO scores. Did walk-throughs of Poplar Auto and Northland Foods.

Received new gear—November 17th meeting with other departments here in the evening. A new inverter is needed for Engine 1. Electrical upgrades for truck shoreline circuits were recommended; all are currently on the same 20-amp breaker. The department continues reviewing computer and printer requirements and reminds residents that burn permit rules require permits to be less than 6x6 and to check the DNR site for restrictions on the day of burning. Ted Helin asked about grant writing. Nova stated the need for budget reports, and Clerk Winter responded that he will provide.

11. Town Employees and Roads

Mark Saari reported significant cleanup of the old shop, road grading, and equipment repairs. Tire disposal pricing was reviewed. Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson to have a 20-yard dumpster cost of \$850 delivered for immediate tire disposal. Second by Supervisor Mary Peterson. Motion carried.

12. Building Permits and Zoning Issues

The discussion on the driveway permit for DeVries Road included information about the 100-foot easement. Requires a wetlands compliance review—no approval issued at this time.

Old Business

13. Fire Engine – Deferred

Brief discussion, no actions taken.

14. Security Cameras

Discussion regarding illegal dumping. Clerk Winter will obtain pricing for exterior-use compliant cameras.

15. Town Audit

Treasurer O'Hara is awaiting return calls from the audit firm regarding any additional documents that may be required.

16. Website and Accounting System Updates

No new updates at this time.

17. Cemetery Fees and Maintenance

Town Chairperson will review information from other cemeteries previously obtained.

18. Flooring Bids

Discussion on two bids. One from Lake Effect for \$10,678 and one from Garage Force for \$11,350. Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson to accept the Lake Effect bid, seconded by Mary Peterson. Motion Carried. Noted the time frame between November 19th and December 8th to complete before next month's meeting.

19. Roof Bids

Awaiting updates from insurance.

20. Walsh Road

Resolution to close road signed by Town Board, Clerk Winter will file with Register of Deeds and forward information to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

21. Town Files and Storage

Discussion on file cabinets, a used shredder is available, a chair, and a table dolly. Motion made by Chairperson Gary Peterson to get dolly's second by Supervisor Gerald Tutor. Motion Carried.

22. Old Town Equipment

Special Town Board Meeting set for 9 am on Saturday, November 15th, to gather information and take photos of equipment.

New Business

23. Snow Plowing

Clerk Winter is putting together the list as in previous years. Also provided Mark with copies of the snowplowing contracts.

Other items mentioned at the end of the meeting include hall cleaning and mouse traps, so the hall is in good order when rented. Ted Helin also asked that the Town Comprehensive Plan be posted on the website. Mark Saari was presented with a Turkey and Ham.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Tutor to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Mary Peterson. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

Next Meetings

Special Town Board Meeting, November 15, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors: November 18, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Town Board Meeting: December 9, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Lakeside Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Winter, Clerk

November 23, 2025

Members of the public in attendance and signed in

Susan Abrahamzon	Mark Saari	Nathan Shaw
Dan Learn	Kathy Colby	Heather Helget
Alex Larson	Tom Karas	Scott Luostari
Carrie Dunbar	Dan Saari	Nova Nordrum
Martin Pflug	Ted Helin	Barb Helin