

Town of Lakeside, Douglas County, Wisconsin

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

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

2. Roll Call: Present: Gary Peterson (Chairperson), Mary Peterson (Supervisor), Gerald Tutor (Supervisor), Jon Winter (Clerk), Joanne O'Hara (Treasurer).

3. County Supervisor Report (moved up in order on the agenda)

County Supervisor Scott Luostari presented his monthly report, including:

Organization of the new County Board and committee assignments following the recent election.

Standing committee and board appointments. Douglas County Towns Association updates.

Highway Department projects, including the County Highway B bridge replacement and other infrastructure work. ATV and snowmobile trail maintenance projects and bridge replacement costs. Tax deed property sales and surplus property updates. Capital improvement requests approved by the County Board. Land Development and Zoning Committee activities. Upcoming zoning matters. Discussion followed regarding recycling services, contamination charges assessed to towns, Waste Management, and administration of the county recycling program. Supervisor Luostari agreed to inquire further regarding the recycling assessment process.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Town Board Meeting, the June 1, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting, and the 2026 Board of Review.

Motion by Supervisor Gerald Tutor, seconded by Supervisor Mary Peterson, to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Joanne O'Hara presented the monthly financial report.

Checking: \$48,699.96, Savings: \$117,232.72, Total Checking/Savings: \$165,932.68, Other Money Market Accounts: \$308,401.09

Motion by Supervisor Gerald Tutor, seconded by Supervisor Mary Peterson, to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried.

6. Confirmation of Previous Month's Bills: Checks 25383 through 25392 totaling \$63,803.92 were presented for confirmation.

Motion by Supervisor Gerald Tutor, seconded by Supervisor Mary Peterson, to confirm payment of the previous month's bills. Motion carried.

7. Current Bills for Payment: Current bills were reviewed. Checks 25393 to 25419 totaling \$48,768.43

Motion by Chairperson Gary Peterson, seconded by Gerald Tutor, to approve payment of the current bills. Motion carried.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence received included: Camper permit information, Land use permit information.

Douglas County Sheriff's Office activity report.

No Board action was required.

Brief Public Comment: No public comments.

9. Town Board Report

Chairperson Peterson discussed the annual county recycling information that had recently been distributed. Additional discussion continued regarding recycling contamination charges and concerns that individuals from outside the Town may be improperly using the Town recycling collection site.

Possible future improvements to collection site signage and enforcement options were discussed.

10. Fire Department and First Responders - Fire Chief Nova Nordrum reported:

The department received its new SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment, including new air packs and cylinders. Existing SCBA cylinders had reached the end of their 15-year service life, and older equipment had become obsolete. Routine maintenance had been completed on department equipment, including repairs to the tender air system. Residents requesting pool water fills on a donation basis to cover department costs should contact the fire department. Residents were reminded to obtain DNR burn permits and to comply with state burning regulations. New emergency radios remain a significant future expense while grant opportunities continue to be explored. The department recently hosted a peer support meeting. Discussion was held regarding the State-required Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available through the Town's insurance coverage. Additional information will be obtained from the insurance carrier. Questions and discussion followed regarding future radio funding and insurance requirements.

11. Town Employees and Roads: Mark Saari reported on recent road maintenance activities, including:

Grading and shoulder work on several Town roads. Put a large culvert in on Amnicon River Road. Ongoing maintenance at the Town collection site. Continued monitoring of unauthorized dumping at the collection site using the recently installed trail camera. Discussion followed regarding improved signage, possible security cameras, enforcement options for non-resident dumping, and future maintenance of the collection site building.

12. Building Permits and Zoning Issues: The Board discussed an inquiry regarding property on DeVries Road.

The prospective purchaser had questions regarding wetlands, driveway access, septic and well placement, and property boundaries. The individual was referred to Douglas County Zoning and advised to conduct appropriate due diligence, including consulting a surveyor regarding property boundaries and right-of-way requirements.

No Board action was taken.

Old Business

13. Town Audit: Treasurer Joanne O'Hara reported that the audit remains in progress. Because the review includes potential fraud-related matters in addition to a standard financial audit, it requires additional time. Requested information continues to be provided to the auditing firm as needed.

14. Building Roof, Signs, and Paint: Signs have been ordered, and paint has been purchased. Scott will paint and may need more paint. Joanne will order a "No Camping" sign for Middle River Road. Chairperson Peterson reported that installation of the new Town Hall roof is substantially complete. Discussion included: Replacement of roof vent components. Remaining punch-list items. The exhaust on the air exchangers still needs to be installed. Joanne will hold the last check for the roof project. Board members also discussed the amount of assistance provided by Town personnel during the roofing project and whether any credit should be requested from the contractor.

15. Town Roads

Road conditions were discussed. Topics included: Improvements completed on 22 Road. Continued need for ditch cleaning and drainage improvements throughout the Town. Prioritization of future ditching projects. Future rental of excavation equipment as needed.

16. Beaver Control Program Update. Discussion continued regarding nuisance beaver activity affecting Town roads. Locations requiring attention are being identified, and written permission will be obtained from affected property owners before USDA Wildlife Services begins work.

New Business

17. Chair and Table Rental

The Board discussed whether Town-owned tables and chairs should be made available for rental by residents. Following discussion regarding liability, inventory control, damage, staff time, and the availability of commercial rental businesses, the Board determined the Town should discontinue any rental of Town-owned tables and chairs. Motion by Supervisor Mary Peterson, seconded by Chairperson Gary Peterson, that the Town will not rent Town-owned tables or chairs. Motion carried.

Future Additional Business for Next Meeting
Douglas County Zoning for Cellular Tower

Adjournment at 7:26 pm
Motion by Supervisor Gerald Tutor, seconded by Chairperson Gary Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, July 7th, 2026
Jon Winter, Clerk

Public Attendance

Jerry Moe	Susan Abrahamzon	Nathan Shaw
Elena Shaw	Scott Meteraud	Vicki Karas
Tom Karas	Michelle Mattson	Nick Mattson
Dan Learn	Nova Nordrum	Alex Larson
Dan Saari	Mark Saari	