

Town of Land O' Lakes
Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026

Call to order

Chairman Dan Balog called the Town Board Meeting to order.

Roll call

Present: Chairman Dan Balog, Supervisors Sam Otterpohl and Kevin Konnow, Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Jolin.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve or Revise Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025 was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approve Treasurer Report and Check Vouchers

The Treasurer provided a detailed financial report, highlighting the following balances:

- General Fund: \$394,668.34
- Tax Collection Account: \$749,508.74
- BMO Money Market: \$305,043.69
- BMO Checking: \$204,293.61
- Local Government Investment Pool: \$450,980.74

The board discussed seasonal workers who help with snow plowing. It was clarified that as seasonal employees, they are not subject to the same hour restrictions and can exceed 40 hours when needed for emergency road clearing and safety purposes.

Motion to approve checks 21503-21544 in the amount of \$116,976.25 from the general fund was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Chairman Balog. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve checks 1649-1659 in the amount of \$1,619,409.73 from the tax collection account was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the transfer to BMO checking in the amount of \$200,000 was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve EFT to BMO credit card in the amount of \$2,806.74 was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the transfer and deposit of interest of \$101,136.48 to the Local Government Investment Pool was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Open issues

Temporary Class B Beer & Wine License on February 7th & 8th, 2026 for Chamber

The board discussed the Chamber's request for a Temporary Class B Beer & Wine License for the 2026 Dog Sled Races on February 7th and 8th. Aaron Houdini will be the agent, and insurance will be provided through the Chamber.

Motion to grant the temporary Class B Beer & Wine License on February 7th and 8th to the Chamber for the 2026 Dog Sled Races was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Operator's License Applications

Mark and Valerie Hogan applied for operator's licenses. It was noted that Valerie and Mark have held a license for years and this was not attached to any specific business but would allow them to volunteer when needed.

Motion to approve operator's licenses for Mark and Valerie Hogan was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Programs & Activities

A library representative presented upcoming events:

- A puzzle competition on January 29th with 500-piece puzzles and a \$100 restaurant gift card prize
- Friends of the Library mini book sale on February 7th, coinciding with the Dog Sled Races, including a 50/50 raffle with tickets at \$5 each or 5 for \$20
- February 11th: Afternoon movie "Valentine's Day" at 1 PM
- February 13th: Chocolate Bingo for adults at 1 PM
- February 19th: Evening movie "The Roses" at 6:30 PM
- February 26th: Annual Soup and Bread event at 4:30 PM, with a call for more soup makers

New business

Road Construction Projects for 2026

The board reviewed proposed road construction projects for 2026 including Anderson Lake Road, West Black Oak Lake Road, and Boygan Lake Road. These projects were already included in the budget. There was discussion that the Boygan Lake Road portion might cost more than initially budgeted, but the board agreed it would be better to complete the work now while equipment is mobilized rather than delay, as costs would likely increase in the future.

The board reviewed the bid request notice and discussed who should be listed as the town representative for contractors to contact with questions. While John was suggested as the expert on roads, it was determined that requests would flow through the Town Foreman first, with John Barnekow providing expertise when needed.

Motion to publish the Town of Land O'Lakes proposed road works for 2026 and place them out for bid with a deadline of February 18, 2026 at 3pm was made by Supervisor Konnow, seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

DNR Funding for Tower Lake Road Project

The board discussed the Tower Lake Road project, which involves widening the road to 24 feet and regravelling it with 8 inches of aggregate across 4,600 feet from Indian Lake to the town line. The area is mostly sand and has been maintained throughout the fall while logging operations were taking place. The project questionnaire needs to be submitted to the DNR for approval before bidding.

Motion to submit the Tower Lake Road project to the DNR for approval was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Chairman Balog. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date for the Town Board is Wed. February 18, 2026 at 6pm

The next board meeting was confirmed for February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Public Input- Limited to Items on the Agenda

A resident raised concerns about how town crew members clean leaves from drains. They described instances where workers would shovel leaves only 3 inches away from the drain, resulting in leaves washing back into the drain during the next rain. The resident suggested that leaves should be placed in the truck rather than left beside the drain. Chairman Balog stated he would convey the message to the town crew.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm was made by Supervisor Otterpohl, seconded by Supervisor Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Jolin, Clerk/Treasurer