

Town of Land O' Lakes

Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2026

I.Call to order

Chairman Dan Balog called the meeting to order at 6pm.

II. Roll call

Roll call was conducted with Chairman Dan Balog, Supervisors Sam Otterpohl and Kevin Konnow, Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Jolin present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Approve or Revise Agenda

Motion: Dan Balog made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Sam Otterpohl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting(s)

The March 18th meeting minutes were reviewed by Dan Balog and Kevin Konnow, who were the only attendees present at tonight's meeting who had attended that previous meeting.

Motion: Dan Balog made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sam Otterpohl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Review and Approve Treasurer Report and Check Vouchers

Treasurer Lynn Jolin presented the financial report showing General fund balance at \$240,146.17, Tax collection balance at \$387,446.14, BMO money market at \$123,499.59, BMO checking at \$2,731.16, and Local government investment pool at \$455,090.21. The board discussed the efficiency of direct deposit for payroll processing.

Motion: Sam Otterpohl made a motion to pay checks 21637 through 21684 in the amount of \$123,633.19. Dan Balog seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Sam Otterpohl made a motion to pay checks 1039 and 1040 and the EFT in the amount of \$112,000. Kevin Konnow seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Sam Otterpohl made a motion to pay the EFT credit card payment in the amount of \$1,118.26. Dan Balog seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Open issues

a) Public Art Presentation on Rotating Sculpture Program

Lynn Richie, Jan Turner and Julie Anixter from the public art committee presented their rotating sculpture program proposal, explaining it's based on a successful 12-year program in Eau Claire that has brought \$25-100 million in tourism revenue to their community. Land O' Lakes would be the seventh city/town to partner with this program. The sculptures are nationally juried and rotate every three years. Base installation costs \$1,000 (one time cost) plus \$3,000 annual leasing fees. The program includes liability insurance and maintenance coverage. Three businesses have committed, with a fourth likely, targeting installation on June 9th or 10th. The presenters emphasized community partnership opportunities and the economic development potential for tourism.

b) Library Programs & Activities

Library Director Shelly Knaack announced a free refurbished laptop giveaway with 125 laptops available on April 29th from 2-6 PM (30 reserved for Michigan residents). The library will be closed April 27-28 for mandatory inventory. She presented the May calendar featuring programs including trumpeter swan presentation, ADRC memory checks, Ken Burns documentary discussion, spring bingo, and movie showings.

c) Big Portage Boat Landing Project

The board received an update on the boat landing reconstruction project. A amended permit was obtained and measurements taken, determining 14-15 concrete slabs needed extending 32 feet from water's edge to 36 inches water depth. The project will be put out for bid with potential for town crew assistance on dry land portions to reduce costs.

d) Appoint Plan Commission Members

Linda Jesse submitted a letter expressing interest in joining the Planning Commission.

Motion: Sam Otterpohl made a motion to appoint Linda Jesse to the Planning Commission. Kevin Konnow seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Sam Otterpohl made a motion to reappoint Barbara Nehring to the Planning Commission. Kevin Konnow seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Shed for Collection Site and Recycling Center

Chairman Balog explained the need for replacement structures at the recycling center - both a carport-style shed for reusable items collection and a maintenance shed for the attendant that meets building code requirements for employee occupancy.

Motion: Dan Balog made a motion to proceed with both shed replacements at the transfer station, ensuring code compliance. Sam Otterpohl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New business

a) Maintenance For All Boat Landings

Supervisor Otterpohl reported on inspections of town boat landings, noting needs for cleaning, painting, tree removal, floor mopping, and various repairs including broken signage and damaged doors. The board discussed maintenance responsibilities and timelines.

b) Camper Permit, 4522 Evergreen Rd

The board discussed a long-standing violation where a camper has been placed on property without proper permits. The situation involves unclear land ownership, sanitation violations, and failure to meet previous conditional agreements. Letters have been sent but compliance has not been achieved.

c) Next Meeting Date for the Town Board is Wed. May 27, 2026 at 6pm

The next meeting date was confirmed as Wednesday, May 27th at 6 PM, noting this is one week later than the normal schedule.

IX. Public Input- Limited to Items on the Agenda

Heather Grimes, new program director for Lola Arts, presented information about the planned Northwoods Freedom Week celebration the week before July 4th, involving multiple community organizations and featuring various events including a street dance in front of the LOLA building.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Dan Balog made a motion to adjourn at 6:52pm. Sam Otterpohl seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Lynn Jolin, Clerk/Treasurer