

Town of Land O' Lakes

Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2026, 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM

Town Hall, 4331 County Rd B, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540, USA

I. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Balog called the Town Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, 4331 CTH B, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Dan Balog, Supervisor Sam Otterpohl, Supervisor Kevin Konnow, Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Jolin

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Approve or Revise Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as posted was made by Supervisor Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Balog. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026 meeting was made by S. Otterpohl and seconded by K. Konnow. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Review and Approve Treasurer Report and Check Vouchers

Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Jolin presented the Treasurer's Report. Key balances were as follows:

- General Fund: \$132,458.53
- Tax Collection Account: \$375,617.43
- BMO Money Market: \$47,655.61
- BMO Checking: \$3,597.53
- Local Government Investment Pool: \$459,255.99

Jolin noted that the profit and loss statement, budget summary, and payroll summary would be distributed to board members the following day. Jolin also provided an update on an ongoing investigation into a financial discrepancy, noting the matter had been referred to a Vilas County Sheriff's Department and that a report had been filed with the post office and bank.

Motion to approve recorded checks #21772 through #21815 in the amount of \$241,483.61 was made by S. Otterpohl and seconded by K. Konnow. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve check #1664 to Headwater State Bank for the fire tanker loan in the amount of \$26,634.04 was made by S. Otterpohl and seconded by K. Konnow. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve check #1041 to Headwater State Bank for the road work loan in the amount of \$68,364.60, and an EFT transfer to BMO checking in the amount of \$2,000.00, was made by S. Otterpohl and seconded by K. Konnow. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Open Issues

a) Recycling Information – Kathy Linville, Republic Service

Kathy Linville of Republic Services was not present. This item was tabled pending her availability.

b) Collection Site and Recycling Center

The Board discussed options for managing increasing usage of the town's collection site and recycling center, particularly by non-residents. Options discussed included a resident sticker program with differential pricing and a flat-rate increase for all users. Concerns were raised about the practicality of policing a sticker program and the administrative burden it would create for the site attendant. The Board acknowledged that service rates had recently increased and agreed that some form of rate adjustment is warranted. No formal action was taken; the item was tabled for further review and additional information.

c) Library Programs & Activities

Shelly Knacck, Library Director provided updates on upcoming events, including a book sale, silent auction, and raffle on the Saturday following the meeting (9 AM–noon), Fire Truck Story Time on July 29th, and a kids' movie on July 30th. The representative also noted that the maintenance committee had completed several cost-saving repairs, including fixing an elevator button that avoided an \$850 service call. A new front security camera is being installed. Library attendance has increased due to hot weather and air quality concerns.

d) Alcohol Beverage License Application 8-1-26 to 6-30-27

The Board reviewed a license application from Gateway Express, doing business as Stateline Restaurant and Bar, for the period of August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. It was noted the establishment had been closed due to a pipe burst but is actively undergoing remediation and intends to reopen. The Board discussed the local ordinance requiring a minimum of 30 days of operation per year and confirmed it has discretion over license renewal. The Board approved the application.

Motion to approve the alcohol beverage license for Gateway Express d/b/a Stateline Restaurant and Bar for the period of August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 was made by K. Konnow and seconded by S. Otterpohl. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Operator's License Applications

The Board considered a renewal application for an operator's license for Jacob Jablonski.

Motion to approve the operator's license renewal for Jacob Jablonski was made by K. Konnow and seconded by S. Otterpohl. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a) Fireworks Committee

The Board discussed the formation of a volunteer Fireworks Committee to assist with organizing and managing the annual fireworks event, citing increasing costs, insurance, and product availability challenges. It was clarified that committee members would not be compensated and would not hold decision-making authority. The Board expressed support for the concept and requested that an outline of the proposed committee structure and interested participants be presented at the next meeting.

b) Resolution 2026-04 To Make Final Improvements to Jute Lake Rd

Clerk/Treasurer Jolin reported that final improvements to Jute Lake Road — including grading, sloping, fertilizing, and seeding of shoulders — were completed in the spring at a cost of \$9,100. A resolution was presented to submit a reimbursement request to the DNR, consistent with the funding process used for the earlier phase of the project.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the final improvement reimbursement request to the DNR for Jute Lake Road was made by K. Konnow and second by S. Otterpohl. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Road Work Old B and Indian Lake Rd

The Board discussed a request from a property owner on the back side of the Old B corridor regarding road improvements to Old B and Indian Lake Road. It was noted that the road receives significant use, including by logging trucks, which causes recurring damage. The Board discussed the possibility of DNR land involvement and whether logging operators could be subject to road restoration requirements through the county permitting process. Additionally, a representative reported that permission had recently been obtained from a property owner on the south side of the corridor to establish a snowmobile trail, with a grant application planned to fund the work — estimated as a two-year process. No formal action was taken on road improvements; the matter remains under review.

d) Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items for the Town Board – Wed. August 19, 2026 at 6pm

The next regular Town Board Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

IX. Public Input – Limited to Items on the Agenda

A member of the public requested clarification on the date range of the alcohol beverage license. Clerk/Treasurer Jolin explained that all licenses run from July 1 through June 30, and that the August start date reflected the applicant's delayed submission. Jolin further noted that the Board has discretion to renew the license given the circumstances of the closure.

Regarding fireworks funding, it was noted that the Town contributes \$10,000 through room tax as a deposit, with total fireworks costs running approximately \$43,000, the remainder covered by business and individual donations totaling approximately \$33,000.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Balog and seconded by S. Otterpohl. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Jolin, Clerk/Treasurer