

Town of Land O' Lakes

Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2026, 6:00 PM - 6:54 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, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM at 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 printed was made by S. Otterpoh and seconded by K. Konnow. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting as presented was made by K. Konnow and seconded by S. Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Review and Approve Treasurer Report and Check Vouchers

Clerk/Treasurer Jolin presented the Treasurer's Report. Key balances reported were as follows: the General Fund balance stood at \$77,660.66; the Tax Collection Account at \$385,240.90; the Money Market at \$47,688.84; the BMO Checking at \$973.83; and the Local Government Investment Pool at \$310,689.84. A \$150,000 transfer from the investment pool to the tax collection account was noted, as was a significant disbursement for road work (Pitlik & Wick Inc) from the tax collection account.

Motion to approve payment of General Fund checks #21816–#21865 in the amount of \$193,686.54 was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve payment of Tax Collection Account checks #1665–#1671 in the amount of \$484,468.35 was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve payment of the BMO Harris credit card EFT in the amount of \$2,623.66 was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Local Government Investment Pool to the Tax Collection Account was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Open Issues

a) Introduction Dr. Jamie Koepp, Lakeland Union High School District Administrator

Dr. Jamie Koepp, District Administrator for Lakeland Union High School, introduced himself to the Board as part of an ongoing effort to visit all townships within the district. He highlighted the district's fourth consecutive year of enrollment growth, noted the introduction of an individualized student planning program called the "Flight Plan," and discussed the challenges students face related to social media. No action was taken.

b) Collection Site and Recycling Center Fees

Clerk/Treasurer Jolin presented a comparison of the Town's current collection site fees against those charged by Republic Services and rates used by neighboring towns. It was noted that the Town's fees are insufficient to cover

disposal costs, and that recycling pickup and fuel recovery fees are significant ongoing expenses. The Board discussed potential residency-verification measures, such as a punch card system, to restrict access to Town residents. The Board agreed to table the matter until the October budget meeting to allow for a more thorough review.

Motion to table the Collection Site and Recycling Center Fees discussion until the October budget meeting was made by Supervisor Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Balog. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Library Programs & Activities

Shelly Knaack, Library Director reported that Story Time drew 43 attendees and that animal programs such as Wings of Wisconsin and Birds of Prey were well-attended. In July, the library recorded 3,406 visitors and 1,740 item checkouts, along with nearly 1,000 digital checkouts. Upcoming September programming was noted, including a presentation on growing apples on September 9th and a screening of The Devil Wears Prada 2 on September 17th. Completed electrical upgrades, including LED lighting conversion and new exit and motion-sensor lights, were also reported. No action was taken.

d) Big Portage Boat Landing Project

Supervisor Konnow reported that concrete pads have been ordered through the contractor and that pouring is expected within the coming weeks, with a 30-to-45-day curing period thereafter. Full blacktop work from the boat landing to the road is scheduled for the following year under the LRIP program, at an approximate cost of \$27,000 each for the town and state.

e) Fireworks Committee

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Town Attorney advising that the Town should not formally sponsor or administer the fireworks event. It was determined that a volunteer committee, independent of the Town Board, is the appropriate structure. The Town may continue to contribute funds as a donor, consistent with past practice. It was noted that no more than one Board member should participate on such a committee, and that the committee would not be subject to Town posting or reporting requirements.

f) Operator's License Applications (August 19th, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Motion to grant an Operator's License to Angel Herbert for the period of August 19, 2026 through June 30, 2027 was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

g) Temporary Class B Beer and Wine License – Chamber of Commerce – Sept. 12, 2026

The license was identified as being for the Chamber of Commerce's Oktoberfest event at Snowflake, which also includes a car show and radar run. The event hours were confirmed as 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Motion to grant a Temporary Class B Beer and Wine License to the Chamber of Commerce for September 12, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM was made by Supervisor Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried unanimously.

h) Offer to Purchase Town Parcels 12-2504 & 12-2508

The Board reviewed an offer to purchase two small town-owned parcels, totaling approximately 0.13 acres and 0.05 acres, from Supervisor Konnow for \$1,000. The Board noted that the parcels have been tax-exempt since coming into Town ownership and that the purchase agreement requires the buyer to cover all closing and title costs, with no expense to the Town.

Karen Weaver, a neighboring property owner addressed the Board with concerns about the land sale process. Supervisor Konnow confirmed his offer to sell her the adjacent section for one dollar upon completion of a survey, which is to be conducted and paid for by the purchaser.

Motion to approve the sale of Town Parcels 12-2504 and 12-2508 to the offering purchaser was made by Chairman Balog and seconded by Supervisor Otterpohl. Motion carried 2-0. Supervisor Konnow abstained from the vote.

VIII. New Business

a) Ratify Disaster Declaration from the July 27th, 2026 Storm

Clerk/Treasurer Jolin explained that, given the Board's inability to convene in time following the storm, Chairman Balog issued a disaster declaration as the chief elected officer. The Board's ratification formally affirms that declaration.

Motion to ratify the Disaster Declaration issued in connection with the July 27, 2026 storm was made by Supervisor Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Balog. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items for the Town Board – Wed. September 16th, 2026 at 6pm

The next regular Town Board Meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

IX. Public Input – Limited to Items on the Agenda

George Mort, a community member expressed appreciation for the Board's and staff's rapid response to storm cleanup following the July 27th storm, noting that several Board members and volunteers were on-site with equipment the following day. Additional discussion touched on the status of FEMA funding pursuit for storm cleanup.

Rick Kurt raised concerns regarding the pace of the Big Portage boat landing project and the absence of a formal contract with the contractor. It was clarified that the pad work is being worked on and that the larger installation scope would require a formal bid process when the time comes.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:54pm by Chairman Balog and seconded by Supervisor Konnow . Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/Lynn Jolin,
Town Clerk/Treasurer