Town Board Meeting

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

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Balog called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

- Present: Chairman Dan Balog, Supervisor Kevin Konnow, Supervisor Sam Otterpohl &
- Town Clerk/Treasurer Casey Vold
- 19 guests were also present.

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 Supervisor Sam Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Dan Balog. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting(s)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, October 21, 2026, Budget Workshop meeting as presented was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2026, Town Board meeting as presented was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. Review and Approve Treasurer Report and Check Vouchers

Town Clerk/Treasurer Casey Vold presented the cash balance summary for 10/21/2026 through 11/18/2026:

- General Fund: The balance forward was $68,702.76. Receipts were $199,527.15, a voided check was $198.09, and recorded checks #21963–22009 totaled $153,157.34. The balance as of the meeting date was $115,270.66.
- Tax Collection Account: The balance forward was $307,737.49, with $785.18 in interest. A $100,000.00 transfer to the General Fund (check #1674). The balance was $208,522.67.
- BMO Harris Money Market: The balance forward was $41,735.18, with $16.78 in interest. The balance was $41,751.96.
- BMO Harris Checking: A credit card payment of $339.23 was made by electronic transfer. The balance was $2,653.47.
- Local Government Investment Pool: The balance forward was $312,794.25, with $1,048.63 in interest. The balance was $313,842.88.

Motion to void check #21962 ($198.09) and approve recorded checks #21963 through #22009 in the amount of $153,157.34 was made by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl and seconded by Supervisor Kevin Konnow. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve repayment of check #1674, the transfer from the Tax Collection Account to the General Fund in the amount of $100,000.00, was made by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Dan Balog. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the BMO Harris checking credit card payment of $339.23 was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

VII. Open Issues

a. Library Board Member Appointments

The board received a letter from Bob Hughes regarding his continued service on the Library Board.

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Motion to keep Bob Hughes on the Library Board was made by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl and seconded by Supervisor Kevin Konnow. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to re-appoint Greg Wenzel as Vice President of the Library Board was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

b. Library Programs & Activities

Library Director Shelly Knaack, reported on upcoming library programs:

- An ornament workshop is scheduled for November 28, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM.
- A cinnamon roll making class is scheduled for December 4, at 11:00 AM. Registration is required and five spots remain. Participants will take the dough home to bake.
- The movie The Breadwinner will be shown in December at 1:00 PM.
- A free qigong class is scheduled for December 11, at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room.
- The Books and Brews book club will meet December 17, at Brews Pub. It is capped at 20 attendees, and participants should pick up the book at the library and confirm attendance.

She also reported that the library's front doors had been refurbished. The December calendar was made available to attendees. No action was taken.

c. Update on Emergency Management Funding

Town Clerk/Treasurer Casey Vold reported that all FEMA public assistance documentation had been submitted and approved, and funding could arrive within three to four weeks. The remaining items to be turned over are administrative hours, volunteer hours and equipment use. These count toward the 12.5% local share (the town and state split the 25% not covered by FEMA). A volunteer hours sheet is circulating and is available at the town office. FEMA representatives will be available the following day from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for private assistance.

Foley's tree service is actively working on debris removal and mulching. The board discussed the collection site mulch. Concerns included the wood chips becoming a fire hazard if stockpiled inside the fenced area, the chips not being clean enough for garden use, and the possibility of using them as fill at the pit. The matter was left to be worked out with the contractor. No action was taken.

d. Big Portage Lake Boat Landing

A supervisor reported that the pads had been poured. The remaining work, including the road-to-landing portion, was deferred to spring 2027, and coordination of mowing with other work is ongoing. No action was taken.

VIII. New Business

a. Review/Increase Collection Site Fees

Town Clerk/Treasurer Casey Vold reported that collection site fees were not covering hauling and tonnage costs. The site was about $4,500 over budget for the year, with pick up costing roughly $5,000 per month and November and December still to be paid. Highway G disposal costs had risen about $30 per ton in six months, to roughly $85. Rates were last raised about two years ago. Current bag fees are $2 for kitchen size and $3 for 33-gallon.

The board discussed establishing separate resident and non-resident rates, with a possible commercial rate and fees for recycling. The proposed method of verification was a taxpayer card mailed with tax bills, which would not require full-time residency. A punch card was rejected because of past problems with patrons forgetting cards and dumping along roadsides. Members also noted that scrap metal had been hauled away with no payment to the town and asked that future scrap removal be put out for bid or offered with roll-off containers. Specific rates will be set at the December meeting, and Chairman Dan Balog asked for proposed figures by the following evening's budget meeting.

Motion to have resident cards made and mailed out with the 2026 tax bills was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Chairman Dan Balog. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

b. Christmas Tree Lighting

Sandy Garbarek thanked the board for its support of the Christmas tree lighting. She asked Chairman Dan Balog, Supervisor Kevin Konnow and Supervisor Sam Otterpohl to light the tree on Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 PM, and they agreed. The board also discussed old light pole decorations stored at the town garage and suggested auctioning them off rather than discarding them. No action was taken.

c. Health Insurance Updates for Board Approval

Town Clerk/Treasurer Casey Vold reported that the current plan renewal was approximately 14% higher, with deductibles and out-of-pocket costs also rising by about $1,000. This is the same coverage for the four full-time employees (two-single and two-family plans). Comparable alternatives, including a Security Health plan limited to Marshfield Clinic and marketplace options, were equal or higher in cost and more restrictive. The board agreed that remaining with the current carrier was the best option.

> Motion to remain with the current health insurance plan with the approximately 14% increase (tentative) was made by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl and seconded by Chairman Dan Balog. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

d. Wisconsin DNR Proposed Acquisition of Land

The board reviewed a DNR notification of a proposed acquisition of about 40 acres of land surrounded by existing state land, transferring from the state to the DNR. It was explained that the notice was informational and would have no effect on the town.

> Motion to accept the DNR proposal for the land acquisition was made by Chairman Dan Balog and seconded by Kevin Konnow. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

e. Black Oak Lake Preservation Assoc. Camera System

Representatives of the Black Oak Lake Preservation Association requested permission to install a solar-powered camera at the Black Oak Lake landing. The system would cost about $23,000 plus a yearly subscription, with footage held by a monitoring company. The stated purpose was to deter aquatic invasive species, citing two to three incidents of boaters launching with weeds on trailers last summer, and to identify those responsible for damage to piers and the landing. Violators would be reported to the DNR.

Several attendees and board members raised concerns about where the data goes and who has access to it, privacy at the adjacent beach, signage, vandalism, and whether a camera would prevent contamination any better than existing warning signs. Supporters cited the high cost of invasive species, including 10–12% lower property values on infested lakes, and the benefit of identifying those who cause damage.

Chairman Dan Balog stated that the town owns the landing and, per the Wisconsin Towns Association, may grant permission without outside approval. Supervisor Kevin Konnow moved to table the request until more information was obtained on the company, data handling and other installations in the county. The board indicated that it wanted further information before proceeding.

> Motion to table the request until more information is provided was made by Supervisor Kevin Konnow and seconded by Supervisor Sam Otterpohl. Vote 2-1. The motion carried by voice vote.

f. Next Meeting Date for the Town Board

The next Town Board meeting was set for Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

IX. Public Input - Limited to Items on the Agenda

No further public input on agenda items was received.

X. Adjournment

> Motion to adjourn was made by Chair Dan Balog and seconded by Supervisor Dan Balog. Vote 3-0. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Vold
Town Clerk/Treasurer