

TOWN BOARD MEETING (TBM) Town of Spider Lake

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6pm
10896 W Town Hall Road (and by zoom)

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Johnson at 6 pm. In attendance were Supervisors Delaney, Johns and Amery with Clerk Cleary and Treasurer Pagenkopf.
2. Community Participation: None.
3. **Motion** to approve the agenda for Wednesday, May 14, 2025 made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. **Motion** to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025, Town Board Meeting made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Board Actions (Chairman)
 - Motion** to appoint Dave Thearin to complete Quentin Johnson's remaining term through April 2026 made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Mark Johns. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried.
 - Motion** to appoint positions for the Health and Safety Committee [Chair – Quentin Johnson, new Committee members Bill Amery, Dave Thearin, Mike Lawton, Dave Mickleson and Michelle Conroy] made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - Motion** to appoint positions for the PR&C [Vice Chair – Quentin Johnson and Commissioners Jeff Tumbleson & Bob Capes] made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Pagenkopf.
 - Year to date cash balance is \$660,192.75.
8. **Motion** to approve vouchers in the amount of \$54,830.23 and any late coming regular bills made by Bill Amery, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Clerk's Report presented by Clerk Cleary.
 - The CT report was submitted for the Town. A huge thank you to Kathy Overman for all her help in getting it completed!
 - The phone system is currently locked, trying to rectify, can't get messages. Please email the clerk if there is something urgent.
 - Clerk's hours are Sunday 10-2 but this weekend, they are cancelled.
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Plan & Review Commission presented by Sarah Delaney.
 - **Motion** to approve CSM for Spider Lake Properties, LLC made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - **Motion** to approve preliminary Town Subdivision for Spider Lake Properties, LLC made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Quentin Johnson. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - b. Roads Committee presented by Quentin Johnson.
 - **Motion** to approve renewing road cooperation base agreement with US Forest Service made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried.

c. Health & Safety

- **Motion** to table auto aid agreement with Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. until June Board Meeting in order to talk with the Fire Dept. made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to table wake enhancement ordinance package for the DNR until after the Health, Safety & Review meeting made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried. Letter included in last page of minutes.
- Fire Dept. report presented by Chief Schmidt. 12 calls year to date, 4 of them being EMS related.

d. Facilities presented by Mark Johns.

- Accident damaged the garage doors on Fire Station #1. Insurance claim has been submitted. There is a \$2,500 deductible the Town will have to pay but the rest will be covered. Additionally, a second door on Fire Station #1 needs a new opener and repair which is in process.
- At the Town Hall new deadbolt was installed in the Clerk's office as the old one stopped working, the batteries in the men's bathroom were changed so the sink will work again and thank you to our wonderful custodian Judy DeTray for cleaning the carpets after our last meeting.
- The spring brush drive will be held on May 31st & June 7th, 10-4. Information will be posted at the transfer station and on the clerk's door for those needing a map to get to the Trapp Road location.
- Transfer Station Report: the annual DNR recycling grant for \$2,691.18 was awarded to the Town. Summer Transfer Station hours take effect May 15th. It will be open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10-4. Please make sure all recycling dropped off is clean!! Thank you to everyone who donates their aluminum cans, \$98.60 was collected from the recycling center.

11. **Motion** to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of litigation discussion was made by Quentin Johnson, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried. Board entered closed session at 19:52.
12. **Motion** to reconvene in Open Session made by Sarah Delaney, seconded by Mark Johns. All ayes. Motion carried. Board reconvened in open session at 20:31.
13. New business: Town picnic will be held on July 6th. Details will be on the Town website...
14. **Motion** to adjourn made by Mark Johns, seconded by Sarah Delaney. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Bianca Cleary
6/8/2025
Clerk, Town of Spider Lake

April 25, 2025
Town of Spider Lake
Quentin Johnson, Chairperson

Dear Mr. Johnson and TOSL Board of Supervisors:

We want to thank the Board of Supervisors for their interest in exploring the impact of “enhanced wake” and its damaging effects on our lakes. We appreciate the care you have given our community by establishing a Boating Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee (BOAHC) to review our current ordinances, study the impact of “enhanced wake”, and make recommendations.

We want to stress that the BOAHC stated in its presentation that “enhanced wake” poses the single greatest threat to the health of our lakes.” We want to restate why.

- Enhanced wakes carry 4-9 times the power of a normal wake into our shorelines, destroying shoreline plants, loon nests, and spawning beds.
- Prop wash scours the lake bottom releasing sediment/phosphorus causing algae blooms and creating underwater deserts where aquatic plants previously provided fish habitat.
- Their massive waves drive kayaks, fishing boats, paddleboards, and sail boats off the lake. These waves are a public safety hazard that have caused numerous injuries.
- Ballast water from wake boats can transfer Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from lake to lake, potentially infesting our lakes with Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

Each of us has a responsibility to protect our natural resources. The TOSL is fortunate to have 2 of only 97 lakes, named by the State of Wisconsin, as an Outstanding Resource Water.

There is a great amount of preparation and work for the TOSL to establish an ordinance on “enhanced wake,” including studying the BOAHC data and recommendations, holding informational meetings, drafting an effective ordinance, WDNR review, implementation, and public notices. This will take many months to accomplish.

Given this, we believe it is essential to begin this process soon and be completed by the end of 2025, well in advance of the 2026 boating season. We recommend the TOSL develop a goal-oriented timeline outlining the steps needed to implement an “enhanced wake” ordinance.

A critical component for success will be to engage the services of the Last Wilderness Alliance (LWA). This organization has successfully assisted over 40 Wisconsin Towns in implementing an ordinance to prohibit “enhanced wake” activities. LWA has an ordinance template that each of these Towns has successfully used.

Sincerely,

Dave Mickelson and Ray Langer
Members of the Subcommittee on “Enhanced Wake”

