

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
Town Board Meeting at the Twin Lakes Town Hall
5:00 p.m.

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Other board members present: Supervisor Randy Willie, Supervisor Mike Orlowski, Treasurer Cortney Carlson, Clerk Sue Chapin, Deputy Clerk Daisy Rose. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean.

Guests:

Derek Wolf, City of Carlton: There was a lost gasket in the lift station that was repaired. Smoke testing was completed on October 7. There were five broken clean outs discovered. Three water connections were completed on Schmitz Road.

Trent Prigge, NCE: West Chub Lake Road: Prigge, Olean and Willie had a meeting with representatives from the county transportation department to discuss options for the 2026 township paving projects. Four options were looked at for West Chub Lake Road. Due to the current condition of the road, the board agreed to go with full-depth reclamation and paving which will include 3' shoulders. The cost estimate is \$1,356,010. The portion of Hay Lake Road not completed this year will have an overlay done with an estimate of \$239,620. Lakeview Drive will have reclamation and paving completed with an estimate of \$58,030. Lac La Belle Road will have an overlay with an estimate of \$59,310. All of these estimates include a 10% contingency. Prigge will follow up with the county.

John Korienek: Tree cutting and chipping was completed at the town hall to provide a space for a culvert rack. Shoulder work was completed on the end of a few roads and 163 potholes were filled. He moved supplies that were stored at the Carlton County Transportation Building and D&B Trucking to the town hall. His crew provided flagging during guardrail installation on Douglas Road.

MOTION to approve the October 15, 2025 town board meeting minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers 19416-19428 and electronic payments BANK25SEPT and 941NOV25 for the total amount of \$19,179.37 was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Carlson presented the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rate Study: Based on the Ehlers rate study the board agreed to raise utility rates for 2026.

MOTION to approve 2026 rate increases as follows: 30% on water rates, residential sewer flat rate to \$28, and commercial sewer minimum flat rate to \$36 plus a 30% increase of usage rate (for over 7,000 gallons) was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Clerk Retirement: **MOTION to approve, with regret, Susan Chapin's request for retirement as Twin Lakes Township Clerk , with her last day being December 31, 2025 was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- WLSSD: The 2026 budgeted wastewater treatment monthly charge is \$6,171, an increase of \$180 from this year. The 2026 district-wide allocation is \$11,722, which is an increase of \$307 from this year. The 2025 year-end adjustment will be calculated in January.

- Snow plowing: A quote for snow removal was received from D&B Trucking; \$200 per pickup or heavy equipment visit, and current price of \$160 for salt/sand. **MOTION to approve the quote from D&B Trucking for snow removal was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Carlton County 2050 Comprehensive Plan: The county sent out a survey regarding the new comprehensive plan they are working on. The board discussed some of the questions and the clerk will complete the survey.

- Paid Leave: The state has implemented a new Paid Leave program, requiring a new payroll withholding tax. Employers are required to pay at least a 50% portion but can pay more. The board agreed that since the tax is a minimal amount at .66%, the township would cover the entire amount. **MOTION to approve the township paying the full .66% paid leave tax was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Hwy45/210 Corridor Study: The first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be on Monday, December 1 at 11 a.m. at the Carlton Fire Hall. Willie will attend the meeting.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Evergreen Drive: Paving was completed, just waiting on shouldering work to be done. A homeowner was concerned about the drop off from the road onto her driveway. Olean checked it out and Kiminski will add some material to help lessen the drop.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Decision, variance application by Joshua Wekseth was forfeited, due to failure to attend meeting.

- Carlton School District, Giving Tree donation request letter.

MEETINGS-None.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Rose, Deputy Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair