

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
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 Orłowski, Treasurer Cortney Carlson, Clerk Daisy Rose. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean and Bob Fox.

Guests:

MOTION to approve the May 6, 2026 town board meeting minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Felde-Finke; Willie and Felde-Finke voted yes, Orłowski abstained, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers 19585-19601 and electronic payments PERA26MAY and BANK26APR for the total amount of \$13,145.22 was made by Willie and seconded by Orłowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Carlson presented the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Roadside Mowing: The Board discussed the estimates received from Carlton County and John Korienek for roadside mowing services. The county estimate is the following with totals equating to an estimated time of 30 hours; Tractor Model: 5090e \$35.30/hour (\$1,060.00), 2024 Case MD73 Disc Mower \$82.50/hour (\$2,475.00) and Maintenance Worker \$60.00/hour (\$1,800.00). The estimate from Korienek was \$135/hour for 8 hours a day for approximately 8 days which is a total of \$8,640.00. **MOTION to approve Carlton County to mow township ditches for 2026 was made by Willie and seconded by Orłowski; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Black Bear Lift Station: Felde-Finke and Rose discussed the matter with township attorney Troy Gilchrist via phone. They reviewed the updated agreement received from FDL and discussed possible revisions. Gilchrist will continue reviewing the agreement and will add more detailed language as needed.

- Short Course: Felde-Finke shared key takeaways from the short course. One presenter discussed road maintenance and noted that gravel roads with traffic volumes exceeding 200–300 vehicles per day should be considered for paving. Crack sealing was identified as one of the best methods for extending roadway longevity. An attorney also spoke regarding Minnesota township liability laws, emphasizing that decisions regarding whether to pave roads ultimately rest with the township, particularly when evaluating costs and available funding. Additionally, it was strongly recommended that licensed engineers be involved in road design projects and that townships rely on professional engineering plans and recommendations. The board felt they were in compliance with all of this.

- Town Hall: No update on drop box. Concerns were raised about the amount of rocks in the lawn from winter plowing. Olean will be placing stakes that will be used as a stopping point when plowing.

- Data Centers in Carlton County: Willie attended the meeting held at Silver Brook Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6. This was a listening session where people could speak while county staff and commissioners listened, there was no discussion or formal presentation. Felde-Finke shared that there is another meeting about data centers that is happening on May 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cloquet Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

- Road Review: Road review was held on May 13. Olean will look at various issues noted.

- Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District: Bob Fox shared that the SWCD is celebrating its 65th anniversary with a celebration at Chub Lake Park on August 18, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Driveway Permit: During road review, the board noticed that dirt work was being completed at 1320 Jay West Road. There is no driveway permit processed for this location, Olean will look into it and report back to the board.

- West Chub Lake Road: The broken guardrail is completed and in compliance.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton Area Public Library, thank you note.

- Carlton County Historical Society, retirement party invitation for Carol Klitzke.

- Starlink, upcoming price adjustment.

- U.S. Dept. of the Interior, BIA, Notice of Decision; Trust Land Intent.

MEETINGS

- Pre-Con Meeting, Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 1 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Orlowski; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy J. Rose, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair