

## TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting May 11, 2021

### **Agenda:**

- 1.Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm.
- 2.Roll Call: Present: Tom Schnepfer, Mark Saari, Nova Nordrum, Tracy Ruppe, Chuck Deye, Lila Ronn, Dick Ronn, Marlene Berglund, Arby Humphrey, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Chairman Scott Luostari, Treasurer Vicki Luostari and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
- 3.County Board: Scott-County working to pulverize, Z-Lyman lake road to old creosote plant, E-overlay and UU to Highway 13. Not sure what is going to be happening with work on Highway 13. Lots of maintenance this year. Doing pothole and spray patching, purchased 2 new skid steers and a shoulder machine, their budget is currently on schedule. Admin last Thursday, meeting in June for capital improvements. Tax collections are higher, all doing well. Superior is looking at possibly building a convention center down by the water, will have ice sheets, meeting rooms, banquet abilities, possibly considering the site of the old Globe elevator.
- 4.Town Board Report: SAMS & DUNS numbers need to be updated. American Rescue Plan Act-WTA is going to dig into and highlight areas of importance, possibly how towns can spend the funds, currently it is a 150-page document. Will receive continuing documentation and see where things go at that point.
- 5.Approval of Minutes: Mary motioned to approve the April 13th meeting minutes, Gerald seconded, carried 6:35 pm.
- 6.Treasurer report: Vicki presented, Gerald motioned to approve the treasurer report, Mary seconded, carried 6:37 pm.
- 7.Approval of April Bills: Mary motioned to approve the April checks 23154-23249 + EFTs as presented, Gerald seconded, carried 6:40 pm.
- 8.Approval of May bills for payment: Mary motioned to pay the May bills, checks 23251-23274, Gerald seconded, carried 6:41 pm.
- 9.Correspondence:
  - A) Correspondence from Elite portable toilets
  - B) Sheriff's report

### **Department and Committee reports**

- 10.Fire Department: Nova-read a prepared statement, attached to these minutes.
- 11.Town Employees and roads: Mark- took the plows off the dump truck, grading roads and hauling gravel. Getting lawn mowers all set to go. They moved the 2 tapers from Highway 13, neither can be used where they were designed to be used, cannot be

stored at the hall as kids will play on them. Middle River Road there appears to be some pulling on the guard rail, it was placed at a slight angle to keep people from going over the edge. We need to keep a good turn around there, do to all the public traffic there. Road survey date 5/22, 9 am. There was an incident at the collection site where a resident was yelling at the attendant, do to their not helping people. This brought on a discussion as to how the attendant is not helping people, instead playing at the playground, hiding in the shelter, and not helping where its required. People are just throwing stuff in whatever bins are open as no one is watching the site. Gerald to talk to her. Roof in FD still leaking. Scott has Maria counting the number of people who show up on a given collection day. Eagle Waste got a hold of all the board members and wants to do a presentation, last time they were not any cheaper. Maybe bring them in at budget time. Still need to see what happens when the Superior landfill closes.

12. Building permits:

a) None

**Public Comment**

none

**Old Business**

13. Town truck: ongoing, Links in Minong gave some numbers, passed out to board, nobody else seems to be interested in providing options, MN dealers cannot compete with the fleet pricing. But with the pandemic things are way behind.

14. Grader: ongoing, needs to be looked at soon, prices taking a big jump June 1'. Looking at leasing vs buying, as well as maybe buying a "new" year old one, that is just sitting on a lot.

15. Fire Engine: ongoing-Nova working on specs.

16.SVL:Scott-had to sign a revision from 2012, he was advised the agreement needed to be resigned to get the account straightened out. New computer system at the State level seems to have messed things up, hopefully will have answers by July meeting. Question was asked about the large crack in the bridge Scott looked at the bridge survey and they say its hair line. Will look at during road survey.

17. Other old business: none

**New Business**

18. Town Comprehensive plan: County just updated theirs, ours needs to be paged through. Has not been 10 years. Take a quick look at it, maybe the same people from the last committee can get together and look. Tracy to reach out, post committee meeting when set, maybe middle of June do to timing issues.

19.Burying dead animals: Maple looking at covering the cost of burying animals. We need to look into covering the cost of sending out the backhoe and the guys time. Scott to see what Maple decides. Question on whether we are doing a "locate" before digging, most people want their animals away from any possible utility lines, we do not bury many animals. May have to look at a nominal fee. Question as to why Lakeside needs to do something just because Maple is.

20.Lila/Clean up committee: Would like to get a committee together to work with the board regarding cleaning up some of the derelict properties in the town. Multiple residents expressed their concerns about some of the properties in town that are of concern. (multiple ones on Highway 13, Highway D and near the hall). They feel that these properties are affecting property values, discouraging people from moving into Lakeside, eyesores and well as being health and safety hazards. The County has been taking action and sending letters on some of these properties, but some have had extenuating circumstances. The County is trying to take action, there is not much that can be done on the town level, as they are considered personal property. Residents need to send letters to the County Zoning, DNR and State to see if they can push the process along. It is also understandable that people maybe cannot afford a dumpster to clean up, nor might they have places to dispose of the refuse. It was mentioned that Lakeside Trucking will pay for junk vehicles. Scott to investigate further. Problems may get worse when the Superior landfill closes as an alternate site has not been found at this time. The residents offered to help assist the board with these issues if needed.

21.Other new business: Mark mentioned that several people have expressed concern over the website and that it should be replaced.

Motion to adjourn made by Mary, seconded by Gerald, carried 7:56 pm Next

meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk  
5/25/2021

Location: Town Hall,  
Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**.

Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department has had another busy month. We have 3 members taking classes as well as one taking classes and instructing. We have had 1 new member join the department this past month and another express interest.

I have continued to get contacted regarding the flyer that went out a couple months ago to the residents of Lakeside. The Fire Department members did not receive the flyer, however we were notified by a concerned citizen. We would like the town board to lay everyone's concerns to rest.

This past month our members have put in over 150 hours between meetings, training and calls. We have responded to 3 medical calls in the past month, 2 in Lakeside and 1 mutual aid.

We are hoping to work with the Parkland Fire Department as they are also starting the process of putting together specifications for a new engine.

We are continuing to work on replacing our cascade system and fill station. Currently we are waiting to get 9 of our bottles back from hydrotesting. This means we only have 9 SCBA bottles in service. Hydrotesting is required every 5 years. Bottles have to be replaced every 15 years. We have also been budgeting for that as well. We will have to request to have that money added back into our budget so we are able to continue to begin that process so we do not have to replace all 18 at once.