

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
Ruth Ann Schnepfer-Clerk
3196 S Poplar River Road
Poplar, WI 54864

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Address

ANNUAL REPORT 2023
Important dates/information enclosed.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF LAKESIDE
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Town of Lakeside will hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:00 in the evening at the Lakeside Town Hall.

AGENDA

1. Roll call – introduction of board.
2. Approval of minutes of the last annual meeting
3. Treasurer report – year ending 12-31-23.
4. Department and committee reports
 - a. Fire Department/ First Responder
 - b. Town Employees
5. Business
 - a. Other business
6. Adjournment

**REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023**

**TOWN OF LAKESIDE
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

TOWN OFFICERS

Scott Luostari, Chairman	218-390-2969	Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk	715-718-3572
Gerald Tutor, Supervisor	218-348-3964	Joanne O'Hara, Treasurer	715-398-5374
Mary Peterson, Supervisor	218-340-2672		
		Michael Schnautz, Assessor	715-266-2409

TOWN HALL: 715-364-2359
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**FOR TOWN EMERGENCIES OR IF A DISASTER OCCURS, PLEASE CONTACT A
MEMBER OF THE BOARD**

**ALL DATES AND MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR
POSTPONEMENT**

NOTICES POSTED

Notices of meetings are posted in the following locations: Lakeside Town Hall, Collection site and on the Town's website (www.townoflakeside.us). Please check these locations.

BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 in the evening unless otherwise noted and held at the Town Hall.

SPRING ELECTION

April 2, 2024, County Supervisor, School Board, presidential preference and 2 referendums.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

April Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The next annual meeting to be held on April 8, 2025.

ASSESSORS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book May 29th, 2024, 4 pm-6 pm. Board of Review will be June 5th, 2024, 4 pm-6 pm.

BUDGET MEETING

October 15th, 2024, 6:00 in the evening, at the Town Hall. To continue as needed, if additional days are necessary, until completed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board will call a special town meeting to approve the proposed 2025 budget. It is usually scheduled in conjunction, or prior to, the November Board Meeting. Please watch for postings for the exact time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONDER

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

DOG LICENSE

Did you know that the state of Wisconsin, like many others, requires you to license your dog(s)? The cost varies depending on where you live, but it is an inexpensive annual license. Most of the money collected for the dog licenses in Douglas County is given to the Humane Society of Douglas County to help the homeless animals under their care. It would provide tremendous financial support for the animal shelter if EVERY dog were licensed. In addition, the license can help you be reunited should your dog become lost. Please get your dog(s) licensed and encourage other dog owners to do the same.

Dog license fees are to be paid to the treasurer before April 1, for the current year as per State Statute 174.05. All owners of a dog (s) over 5 months of age are required to have a dog license. Please send your dog(s) certificate of rabies vaccine, along with the license fee to the town treasurer. Neutered/spayed fee is \$5.00; non-neutered/spayed fee is \$10.00. Your rabies certificate will be returned to you with the license/tag. If your dog(s) vaccine is not due until later in the year, you must still apply for a license, as the vaccine is still valid at the time the license is issued. Please send to:

Treasurer: 3196 S Poplar River Rd, Poplar WI 54864.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

The Lakeside Town Hall is available for use for various occasions. Please contact the clerk to check the calendar for available dates and procedures. Call Ruth Ann at 715-718-3572.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required in the Town of Lakeside. Both the Town permit and a Douglas County permit (obtained from Douglas County Zoning) must be completed before building begins. Please be advised that fines may be imposed if permits are not received prior to building. Town permit must be approved at a Board Meeting. Included with Town building permit will be driveway ordinance and uniform dwelling code information. The board members will be able to answer most questions concerning UDC inspections. Permits are required by the County for all storage containers as well.

GARBAGE REGULATIONS

Curbside pickup is an option and there must be written proof of service sent to the town Treasurer by October 1 for the fee to be removed from your tax statement.

COLLECTION SITE HOURS

Summer:	April 1 to October 1	Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Winter	October 2 to March 31	Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please watch for changes in hours (posted at collection site).

COLLECTION SITE GUIDELINES

-No Plastic bags of any kind allowed in the recycling.

-All cardboard boxes must be broken down so they will lay flat in bin

-All cans, plastic containers, glass containers, must be rinsed out before recycling.

-All caps and lids must be removed and discarded in garbage.

-Newspapers are to be placed in brown paper bags only.

-All cereal type cardboard boxes must be flattened down to save room in the bin.

-All recyclables must be prepared prior to arrival at the drop-off site.

-DO NOT LEAVE garbage before or after scheduled hours. The attendant must be Present. THIS IS THE LAW.

RECYCLE SITE

To recycle newspaper, cans, glass: The location, hours and days will be the same as the Collection Site. There has been an ongoing problem with people throwing inappropriate materials into the recycling bins. Please be sure to only throw what is allowed in the designated bins. Contaminated recycling bins cost the Town more money, which in turn gets passed on to **ALL** the residents. Certain residents are still throwing non-recyclable things in the recycling containers on non-collection site days, the Town is being charged extra fees. The Board is considering the possibility that the recycling dumpsters may be locked, except during collection site hours.

SNOW PLOWING

Driveways (New and existing) must comply with the Town of Lakeside Driveway ordinance. Call Chairman Scott Luostari for information.

A \$175.00 fee is charged for snow plowing. Any additional requests for snow plowing may result in additional charges to be paid to the Town of Lakeside. The driveway must be a minimum of twenty feet wide, clear of all obstructions (Tree branches, stumps, vehicles, power lines, etc.), have a vertical clearance of sixteen feet and an adequate turn-around space provided. The Town of Lakeside, its officials and employees will not be responsible

and/or liable for any items left in driveways and reserves the right to refuse service if these specifications are not met. These specifications also allow for adequate clearances for emergency vehicles (Ambulance, fire trucks, etc.).

Since the driveway snowplowing fees no longer come out of the tax rolls, snowplowing fees must be paid to the town by **October 15, 2024, for the 2025 plowing season. Sign up letters will be sent later this summer.**

MAIN ROADS WILL BE PLOWED BEFORE DRIVEWAYS. Driveways will only be plowed if snowfall accumulation is four inches or more, declared snow emergency or at the discretion of the Town Board. No plowing will be done in the fall or spring if the ground is not frozen unless there is an emergency.

PLEASE BE AWARE that it does take time to plow the miles of roadway in the town – be patient when the flakes are falling – thanks.

Snow Plowing Your Driveway Notification of Illegal Practice

Wisconsin Statute 346.94 (5), (7), applies to miscellaneous prohibited act of Placing Injurious Substance on a roadway. The section reads, “No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a roadway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.”

This Language applies to plowing or blowing snow from driveways onto or across county, state, or town roadways. This practice is illegal and dangerous to passing motorists. In addition, town owned snow removal equipment may be damaged upon impact with the compacted snow or ice ridges left behind.

If this Statute is not followed, an official letter will be sent to stop the current practices being utilized for your snow removal operations. Failure to comply with this request will result in the Douglas County Sheriff's Department or the Wisconsin State Patrol being notified, and a possible citation will be issued for each occurrence.

USE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

Due to several questions these past few years, we need to remind all that on May 11, 1993, the decision was made: to eliminate custom work for town individuals using any/all town equipment except for burying dead (large) animals.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Tom and I were busy grading, brushing, and maintaining the roads. We also worked on pulling the shoulders in on some of the roads. We replaced the culverts as needed. We also had to deal with a large washout in the spring. There has been an ongoing fight with the beavers plugging the culverts on Camp Amnicon Road, we are going to try to have

some trapped. Tom mowed the grass around the hall, and RuthAnn mowed the cemetery. It was a dry summer so mowing could only be done, as to try not to kill the grass. So far it has been a light snowfall season, unlike the record breaker of 2023. Tom and RuthAnn continue to work the collection site, with Tammy occasionally filling in.

Budgets			
	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 budget
REVENUES			
Shared Revenue	50,716.00	50,701.00	92,091.00
Highway Aides & Snow	148,270.00	148,997.00	148,660.00
Forest Crop	4,550.00	4,500.00	3,500.00
Other/Sanitation	71,384.00	74,053.00	67,728.00
Totals	274,920.00	\$278,251.00	\$311,979.00
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	58,591.00	59,635.00	62,285.00
Highways	276,768.00	280,044.00	332,148.00
Waste/Disposal	55,000.00	55,000.00	33,500.00
Debt Retirement	52,000.00	52,000.00	55,000.00
Totals	442,359.00	\$446,679.00	\$482,933.00
TOWN LEVY	167,439.00	\$168,428.00	\$170,954.00
Total anticipated revenues			\$311,979.00
Total anticipated expenditures			\$482,933.00
State allowable increase of \$2,526.00 for 2023			
2023 TOWN LEVY			\$170,954

**Balances on hand
December 31, 2023**

Checking	\$21,049.46
Savings	\$147,400.18
ARPA	\$36,424.32
FD Equipment	\$43,714.58
Gravel	\$3,726.39
Dump	\$42,536.13
SVL	\$5,440.09
Town Equip	\$16,182.22
Town Imp	\$74,838.53

Total MM \$391,331.90

Lakeside Fire Department/First Responder 2024 Annual Report

Lakeside VFD is a 100% volunteer Fire Department. We have a very small roster of 8 members. The last year has been one of the most trying for our department after losing one of our own to illness. We are a family and it has been a long road to recovery. We were able to provide Honor Guard at her funeral along with a significant response from both city and county to escort her to her final resting place. Our members are currently working on a memorial for her which we hope to display at the annual meeting. We also had the honor to attend and provide an escort for one our former Chiefs, George Johnson.

When you call 911 for anything from a vehicle accident, to a medical emergency. Fire, missing person, CO alarm along with a myriad of other possibilities, it is your volunteer department that shows up. We are in dire need of membership. It takes at least 2 EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders) to respond to a Medical emergency. For a car accident, along with 2 medical responders you need at least 3 firefighters. For a structure fire, a minimum of 10 Firefighters are needed. Across Douglas county we are dependent on Mutual Aid. Many week day medical calls go to a 3rd department to get a response. Structure fires during week days may go 6 departments deep to get enough people and resources on scene.

This past year our members responded to 8 structure fires, 28 medical calls, 2 car accidents, 1 car fire, 1 electric pole fire and set up one landing zone. Along with that our members have completed a number of different training sessions.. Our 3 newest completed Fire Fighter A, B and C along with Emergency First Responder Training. Our other members completed a variety of trainings including Fire Officer, First 10 minutes, Suicide awareness, Building Construction, Landing Zone, DNR annual Training along with monthly trainings. We are grateful for the time given as this in total is over 1000 hours combined.

In 2023 we were able to get our 3 new members outfitted with Fire Gear, purchase additional pagers, lights, nozzles and traffic signs and batons. Our 2024 goals are to work on new SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) as our current SCBA is no longer compatible with currently available masks and packs. We are also in the process of purchasing a fire blanket for putting out car fires as well as working on grants for a Lucas device and new battery powered extrication equipment. With limited membership these are tools that allow us to be more effective with limited responders.

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Items that cannot be accepted at the Lakeside collection site.

- 1) Tires
- 2) Batteries
- 3) Auto Parts-doors, fenders, bumpers etc.
- 4) Bikes
- 5) Sinks
- 6) Toilets
- 7) Furniture
- 8) Beds, bed springs, mattresses etc.
- 9) Appliances
- 10) Computers etc.
- 11) Barbecue grills
- 12) Lawnmowers
- 13) Windows or doors
- 14) Construction materials
- 15) Lumber
- 16) Scrap iron
- 17) Paint
- 18) Solvents

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All cereal type boxes must have the inner plastic removed and be flattened

No plastic bags of any can in the recycling bins