

**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 15, 2025, at 7:00 in the evening at the Lakeside Town Hall.

AGENDA

Roll call – introduction of board.

Approval of minutes of the last annual meeting

Treasurer report – year ending 12-31-24

Department and committee reports
 Fire Department/ First Responder
 Town Employees

Business
 Other business

Adjournment

Submitted: Jon Winter, Clerk
4/9/2025
Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, Website

**REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024**

**TOWN OF LAKESIDE DOUGLAS
COUNTY, WISCONSIN
TOWN OFFICERS**

Scott Luostari, Chairman	218-390-2969	Jon Winter, Clerk	715-394-9629
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 1, 2025

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The next annual meeting to be held on April 14, 2026.

Open Book is May 16th from 4 to 6 pm and Board of Review June 27th from 4 to 6 pm.

ASSESSORS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book May 16^h, 2024, 4 pm-6 pm. Board of Review will be May 27th, 2024, 4 pm-6 pm.

BUDGET MEETING

October 21th, 2025, 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 2026 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 Jon Winter 218-391-3326.

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, 2025, for the 2026 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 Statue 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 Sherriff’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

Busy grading, brushing, and maintaining the roads. Working on pulling the shoulders in on some of the roads. Replacing the culverts as needed. It has been another light snowfall season, unlike the record breaker of 2023. We need help at the collection site, lawn mowing at the Town Hall and Cemetery, and cleaning the Town Hall. We also need to hire a part time person to fill the vacancy, or contact for services to help with mowing along roads, and other projects.

Lakeside Fire Department/First Responder 2025 Annual Report

Lakeside VFD is a 100% volunteer Fire Department. We ended the year with a roster of 11 members. We said goodbye to our Assistant Chief, Kevin Norbie, who officially retired from the department in June. We also had four new members join.

Our members have put in many hours of training and classes this past year. They are required to put in a minimum of 18 hours of in-house training; however, most complete at least 30 hours of in-house training plus additional hours with other classes, such as Fire Fighter Part C, Officer Class, Annual Pipeline Training, DNR Intro to Wildland, and others.

This past year our members responded to 5 structure fires, 3 wildland fires, 20 medical calls, 3 car accidents, 1 CO alarm, and 1 search and recovery.

In 2024 we were able to purchase a Fire blanket, which allows us to extinguish both gas and electric car fires with minimal resources. We were able to purchase battery-powered extrication equipment that is deployable with minimal resources and far lighter, simpler, faster, and safer to operate than gas-powered equipment. Our 2025 goals are to continue 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 researching grants for a Lucas device. The new hose will be purchased this year as well as we are looking at how to outfit 6 new members with gear. We are still hoping to increase our roster as we are made up of members who have families and full-time jobs as well as other commitments. Having a roster of 20 members is our goal to ensure we have enough available responders as often as possible.

The Lakeside Fire Department would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the town board and our town citizens for your continued support.

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
REVENUES			
Shared Revenue	92,091	92,055	94,124
Highway Aides	135,360	135,360	135,360
Forest Crop	3,500	3,500	4,500
Other/Sanitation	47,400	52,739	49,204
Totals	278,351	283,654	283,188
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	62,285	56,323	65,670
Public Safety	29,200	61,675	35,700
Highways	296,948	240,623	320,450
Waste/Disposal	33,500	24,489	33,500
Cemetery	6,000	6,033	10,000
Debt Retirement	55,000	55,043	55,000
Roll Overs		41,700	
Totals	482,933	485,886	520,320
TOWN LEVY	170,954	170,954	172,235

Financial information is unaudited.

Balances on hand	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2024
Checking	25,754.20	\$85,795.64
Savings	147,342.72	\$125,022.96
ARPA	\$36,424.32	\$30,391.41
FD Equipment	\$43,714.58	\$43,800.13
Gravel	\$3,726.39	\$3,733.69
Dump	\$42,536.13	\$42,619.38
SVL	\$5,440.09	\$5,450.74
Town Equip	\$16,182.22	\$16,213.89
Town Imp	\$74,838.53	\$74,985.00
Total MM	\$391,331.90	\$428,012.84

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT

There are a total of 37 sales in the town in 2024, but only 2 useable sales in the town, a useable sale is an arm length sale or a sale that is valid, sales that can not be used are sales of related parties, land contracts, a sale that only a neighbor would purchase etc.

2024 State equalized values place Lakeside is at 93.61% of the state estimated fair market value for all property in the township. The Town is in compliance with the State because it is within 90% to 110% of the States values from the revaluation done in 2023.

The Assessment work is progressing for 2025. Open Book is May 16th from 4 to 6 pm and Board of Review June 27th from 4 to 6 pm.

Best Regards,
Mike Schnautz