

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
3196 S Poplar River Road
Poplar, WI 54864

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ANNUAL REPORT 2017
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 18, 2017, 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 12-31-16
4. Department and committee reports
 - Fire Department/ First Responder
 - Town Employees
5. Old Business
 - Collection Site
 - Snowplowing
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

**TOWN OF LAKESIDE
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

TOWN OFFICERS

Jon Winter, Chairman	715-394-9629	Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk	715-364-2379
Scott Luostari, Supervisor	715-363-2359	Tracy Ruppe, Treasurer	218-590-9157
Mary Peterson, Supervisor	218-340-2672	Michael Schnautz, Assessor	715-762-1510

TOWN HALL: 715-364-2650
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

FAX NUMBER: 715-364-2680

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

NOTICES POSTED

Notices of meetings are posted in the following locations: Lakeside Fire Department, Lakeside Town Hall, Dumpster and on the Website. Please check these locations.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

SPRING ELECTION

April 3, 2017 election-Judicial offices, County Board.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

April Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

ASSESSORS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book and Board of Review will be June 6th, 2017: 5-7 pm & 7-9 pm

BUDGET MEETING

October 17, 2017, 6:00 in the evening, at the Town Hall. To continue, if additional days are necessary, until completed.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board will call a special town meeting to approve the proposed 2018 budget. It is usually scheduled in conjunction, or prior to, the November or December 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. The majority 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 was 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 \$3.00; non-neutered/spayed fee is \$8.00. Your rabies certificate will be returned to you with the license/tag. If your dog(s) vaccine isn't 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: Tracy Ruppe, 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 715-364-2379.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required in the Town of Lakeside. Both the Town permit (received from board member) 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.

GARBAGE REGULATIONS

All residents will be charged equally for use of collection site. Curbside pickup is an option and there must be written proof of service sent to the town **Treasurer by October 1 of every year** in order for the fee to be removed from your tax statement. **The Treasurer must be contacted before October 1, 2017 if you turn 65 during the year to receive the senior rate.**

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

- All recyclable materials must be recycled.
- 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.

If you would be able to help at the collection site – please contact board member.

SNOW PLOWING

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

A \$100.00 (\$75.00 for senior citizens) fee is charged for snow plowing. The Treasurer must be contacted before October 1, 2017 if you turn 65 during the year to receive the senior rate. 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 20 feet wide, clear of all obstructions (Tree branches, stumps, vehicles, power lines, etc.), have a vertical clearance of 16 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.).

Due to the fact that the driveway snowplowing fees no longer come out of the tax rolls, snowplowing fees must be paid to the town by October 15, 2017 for the 2018 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 4 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 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 with the exception of installing culvert pipe at the connection of town road and also burying dead (large) animals.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

The winter/spring of 2016 was a tough year for the roads. Mark and Mark were kept busy. When the roads were too soft to grade, they were steaming culverts, maintaining the equipment and modifying some equipment for additional usage. This year again has been tough on a lot of the town roads, and they currently are too soft to properly grade. But look for them on the roads doing lots of grading, hauling gravel and repairs where needed, once those roads become a little firmer. If there are any concerns about the roads feel free to contact the board members or leave a message at the Town Hall 715-364-2650. The part time helpers who did the mowing, trimming and worked the collection site also did a great job in 2016.

Fire Department/First Responder Report

Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department is in need of members. We have a small roster and a big job. We are a 100 percent volunteer department. We also offer a Cadet program, which is a great way for teens to get involved in their community while picking up life and property saving skills. Teens are eligible at 14 years old. They need to have parental consent and maintain good grades in school. Being a member is a big commitment with the pay and reward being the ability to help your friends and neighbors in a time of need.

Last year the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department responded to 32 calls last year. 20 EMS (medical) calls, 9 Fire calls, 2 car accidents and 1 Search and Rescue on the Amnicon River. We are working on updating our equipment. Last year we replaced our SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), researched turnout gear and ordered 4 new sets along with gloves and hoods. This is critical as per the NFPA requirements gear needs to be 10 years old or newer.

Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department not only responds to 911 calls, we also participate in events like Fire Safety in our Schools and the. We also offer other services such as performing Home Safety Surveys. This is a walk-through of your home, garage and yard to help identify fire risks and preventative measures that can be taken

The state of WI now offers programs for smoke detectors which we will be participating in. Most detectors are only good for 7 to 10 years. They require frequent testing and depending on type at a minimum annual battery replacement. If you are in need of a detector and unable to get one, please let us know. We will even come an install it for you. If you are in need of smoke detectors or interested in a Home Safety Survey, contact us or any of your town board members.

We are in great need of additional members. You can come to a meeting, held the last Tuesday of the Month at the Lakeside Town Hall at 7 pm, or meet us at the hall at 6:30 pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month for training nights, or you can Contact the Lakeside Chief, Nova Nordrum at 218-355-0843. Come out and meet our department members!
218-355-0843.

	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
REVENUES			
Shared Revenue	51,253.00	51,194.00	51,134.00
Highway Aides & Snow	122,631.00	119,281.00	118,906.00
Forest Crop	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,685.00
Other/Sanitation	<u>54,351.00</u>	<u>71,403.00</u>	<u>67,062.00</u>
Totals	229,635.00	243,278.00	238,787.00
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	78,240.00	81,840.00	81,990.00
Highways	215,850.00	222,350.00	221,450.00
Waste/Disposal	24,700.00	29,000.00	32,500.00
Debt Retirement	<u>52,000.00</u>	<u>52,000.00</u>	<u>52,000.00</u>
Totals	370,790.00	385,190.00	387,940.00
TOWN LEVY	141,155.00	141,912.00	149,153.00
Total anticipated revenues			238,787.00
Total anticipated expenditures			387,940.00
2017 TOWN LEVY			149,153.00

Balance on hand December 31
2016

Checking account balance	(25,824.49)
Savings	45,009.31
Tax Collections	95,372.50
MM Gravel	1,924.82
MM Collection site	10,280.45
MM Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge	41,914.55
MM FD Equipment	36,249.02
MM Improve	41,941.04
MM Town Equipment	16,778.73

Total

263,645.93