

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

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ANNUAL REPORT 2015
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 21, 2015, 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 12-31-14
4. Department and committee reports
 - a. Fire Department/ First Responder
 - b. Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge Committee
 - c. Town Employees
5. Old Business
 - a. Collection Site (Proposed/Current)
6. New Business
 - a. Snow plowing fees 2016 season
7. Adjournment

**REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
TOWN OF LAKESIDE
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

TOWN OFFICERS

Tom Johnson, Chairman	715-364-2239	Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk	715-364-2379
	218-591-9158	Tracy Ruppe, Treasurer	218-590-9157
Scott Luostari, Supervisor	715-363-2359		
Jon Winter, Supervisor	715-399-0447	Michael Schnautz, Assessor	715-762-1510

Federal I.D. #39-6005965
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 Garage, 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 held at the Town Hall.

SPRING ELECTION

February 16, 2016 primary (if needed), April 5, 2016 election

APRIL BOARD MEETING

April Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

ASSESSORS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book October 2015, due to the fact that 2015 is a re-evaluation year, the dates and times for Open Book and Board or Review have yet to be determined, they will fall in October, watch for postings on the exact dates and times.

ANNUAL PICNIC

August 21, 2015 from noon to 4:00 p.m.

BUDGET MEETING

October 20, 2015, 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 2016 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 treasurer 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. Tom 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.**

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, Tom Johnson for information.

A \$100.00 (\$75.00 for senior citizens) fee is charged for snow plowing. The Treasurer must be contacted before October 1, 2015 to be removed from the plowing list or 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 1, 2015 for the 2016 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 of 2013-2014 was a tough one, the record cold and snowfall took a toll on everything including, heat, fuel, salt/sand and snowplowing. Jamie, Mark and their helpers did a great job keeping everything going, as well the roads and driveways open. Once the

weather turned nice they had to replace numerous culverts and fix various roads. As well as brushing roadways, steaming culverts, mowing grass and keeping the Town's equipment maintained and running efficiently.

Fire Department/First Responder Report

Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department had a year of struggling in 2014. We have a small roster with few active members. We continue to offer our Cadet program, which is a great way for Teens to get involved in their community while picking up life and property saving skills. Currently we have one cadet in our program. Teens are eligible at 14 years old. They need to have parental consent and maintain good grades in school.

Last year the Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department responded to 31 calls. 13 EMS (medical) calls 2 lift assists, 2 Search and Rescues, 12 Fire calls, 2 car accidents as well as 3 Standby's at our hall when the 911 system was down . We have the equipment to respond to Fires, perform extrication from Vehicles, a Gas Sniffer to check for dangerous gas levels for suspected leaks, Medical training to perform care until Gold Cross is on scene as well as a variety of other situations. We are here to help you!!

Lakeside Volunteer Fire Department purchased a Brush Truck from Town of Superior. This is a DNR truck. We also were awarded a DNR grant with which we were able to purchase new wild land gear, a chainsaw and some additional wild land firefighting tools and shelters. We also have a 4 wheeler and a canoe from the County Sheriff. We are now working to get set up with equipment and training for water rescue.

Please remember, Smoke Detectors and CO2 alarms save lives. Make sure you are changing batteries in your detectors at least once a year, twice is preferable. Daylight savings is a great time to do this. Smoke detectors and CO2 alarms do expire. Most are only good for 7-10 years. Ensure your detectors/alarms are within their working dates. If you do not have Smoke Detectors in your house and are unable to purchase, please let us know. We will provide smoke alarms and batteries. Contact us or any of your town board members.

We are in great need of additional members. Currently our roster is at 10 members. During the day we if we have a structure fire we are completely dependent on Mutual Aid to have the numbers to respond. You can come to a meeting, held the last Tuesday of the Month at the Lakeside Town Hall at 7 pm, or you can Contact Nova Nordrum at 218-355-0843.

Sleepy Valley Loop Historical Information

With the impending destruction/replacement of the Sleepy Valley Loop bridge we are looking to create a historical documentation of the bridge. Anyone who has any photos, newspaper clippings or history regarding the bridge that they would like included please contact either Earl Granroth 715-364-2216 or Lila Ronn 715-364-2523 to share their information.

	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
REVENUES			
Shared Revenue	51,372.00	51,314.00	51,253.00
Highway Aides & Snow	124,969.00	104,918.00	122,631.00
Forest Crop	1,485.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Other/Sanitation	<u>70,490.00</u>	<u>100,387.00</u>	<u>54,351.00</u>
Totals	248,316.00	258,019.00	229,635.00
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	78,070.00	79,750.00	78,240.00
Highways	220,200.00	220,350.00	215,850.00
Waste/Disposal	22,600.00	22,700.00	24,700.00
Debt Retirement	<u>36,780.00</u>	<u>44,870.00</u>	<u>52,000.00</u>
Totals	357,650.00	367,670.00	370,790.00
TOWN LEVY	109,334.00	109,651.00	109,651.00
Total anticipated revenues			229,635.00
Total anticipated expenditures			370,790.00
2014 TOWN LEVY			141,155.00

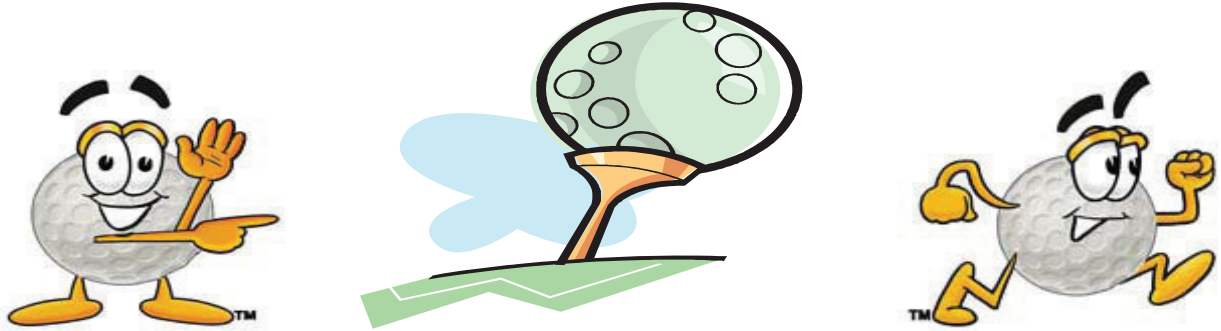
Balance on hand December 31
2014

Checking account balance	20,187.06
Savings	5,822.91
Tax Collections	136,844.62
MM Gravel	26,896.24
MM Collection site	10,267.32
MM Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge	24,377.62
MM FD Equipment	35,426.79
MM Improve	15,917.25
MM Town Equipment	11,561.55

Total

287,301.36

15th Annual
Lakeside Fire Department Auxiliary
Golf Tournament



Saturday, May 16, 2015

4 Person Scramble

Norwood Golf Course

Lake Nebagamon, WI

Tee Times start @ 9:00 AM

\$8,000.00 Hole-in-One

Plus additional Bonus Hole-in-One Prizes

\$30 per Person (Includes Green Fee & Meal)

For Information Contact:

Norwood Golf Course (715) 374-3210

George (218) 393-7103

Nova (218) 355-0843

Many Door & Hole Prizes

**Proceeds help purchase equipment and supplies for the
Fire Department**