

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

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021
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 19, 2022, 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 12-31-21.
4. Department and committee reports
 - a. Fire Department/ First Responder
 - b. Town Employees
5. Business
 - a. Other business
6. Adjournment

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**REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR
January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021**

**TOWN OF LAKESIDE
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

TOWN OFFICERS

Scott Luostari, Chairman	218-390-2969	Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk	715-364-2379
Gerald Tutor, Supervisor	218-348-3964	Vicki Luostari, Treasurer	218-391-3482
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**

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NOTICES POSTED

Notices of meetings are posted in the following locations: Lakeside Town Hall, Collection site and on the Town's 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

April 5, 2022, County Board, School Board, and Court of Appeals Judge.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

April Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The next annual meeting to be held on April 18th, 2023.

ASSESSORS OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open Book May 19th, 2022, 3-5 pm, Board of Review May 25th, 2022 5-7 pm. Both at Town Hall

BUDGET MEETING

October 18th, 2022, 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 2023 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: Vicki Luostari, 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 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 Vicki Luostari 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

- 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. 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** of the residents.

SNOW PLOWING

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

A \$150.00 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, 2022**, for the 2023 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

Mark and Tom worked hard to get all the roads in shape throughout the year. The new grader arrived in November, and they made a significant effort getting the roads in shape before the snow flew. It is running great and uses less fuel than the old one did. We did have to put carbide blades on both the dump truck and the grader, as we were going through the regular blades too fast. Still waiting on the new town truck that was ordered in June of 2021, COVID has things running behind. Current truck has been slowly dying for quite sometime now. We also got new tires for the loader, as well as needing to have repairs done on the dump truck. The heater died in the shop and had to be replaced, it was over 20 years old.

Budgets			
	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 budget
REVENUES			
Shared Revenue	50,887.00	50,804.00	50,716.00
Highway Aides & Snow	143,743.00	142,985.00	148,270.00
Forest Crop	4,614.00	4,650.00	4,550.00
Other/Sanitation	85,404.00	71,393.00	71,384.00
Totals	284,648.00	269,832.00	\$274,920.00
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	88,137.00	60,722.00	58,591.00
Highways	266,650.00	267,149.00	276,768.00
Waste/Disposal	40,500.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
Debt Retirement	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00
Totals	447,287.00	434,871.00	\$442,359.00
TOWN LEVY	162,639.00	165,039.00	\$167,439.00
Total anticipated revenues			\$274,920.00
Total anticipated expenditures			\$442,359.00
State allowable increase of \$2400.00 for 2022			
2020 TOWN LEVY			\$167,439.00

Balance on hand December 31 2021

Checking account balance	18,452.42	
Savings	132,018.64	
ARPA	37,322.09	
MM Gravel	3,720.09	
MM Collection site	10,304.13	
MM Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge	70,763.64	
MM FD Equipment	42,949.35	
MM Improve	57,333.10	
MM Town Equipment	18,920.87	
Total		391,784.33

Fire Department/First Responder Report

Did you know when you call 911 it is your town's volunteer fire department that gets called out? Our current roster has us at 8 members. For structure fires, in Douglas County the town department and next 2 closest fire departments are paged. For all other calls, the town department is paged. If the call is for anything with an injury or medical event, Mayo Ambulance is also called, however, their response time is based on availability and where they are coming from which can be as far away as Duluth. Your local volunteer departments are first on scene to provide care, lifesaving measures, keep scenes safe, provide fire suppression, aid law enforcement in search and rescue/recoveries, and so much more. Our members put in over 1000 hours a year serving our community. We are 100 percent volunteer and respond 24 hours a day, meaning some of us leave our paying jobs, dinner, family gatherings, sleep, our kids' events, etc. to be there for our neighbors. Volunteerism is a great way to give back to your community and helps ensure there is someone available to answer the call.

Do you have a teen that is 14-17? We 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. Being a member of a volunteer fire department looks great on college applications, military enlistment, and resumes.

This past year we responded **to a total of 40 calls. 29 EMS (medical), 6 fires, 2 accidents, and 3 miscellaneous calls, including manning the fire hall when the 911 system was down.**

We applied for and received 2 grants this past year from East Central Energy and the DNR for the purchase of water rescue and wildland gear. We try to get as much as we can with grants to ease the financial burden on the town for our equipment and gear needs.

To our town citizens, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your help and support. The job we do is sometimes very difficult. It requires a great deal of initial training and ongoing training. The commitment our members give is truly a gift and as Chief I cannot thank them enough.

We are in great need of members and auxiliary. We have one member that has moved to Maine and another moving to North Carolina soon. We do not just need firefighters; we need drivers, Emergency Medical Responders, and administrative staff as well. If you have any interest, please feel free to 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 Fire Chief, Nova Nordrum at 218-355-0843.

