

April 13, 2026 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Tony Wolff called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of Cedar Lake to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Cedar Lake Town Hall in Mikana. Present: Chairman, Tony Wolff, Supervisor Kory Weiss and Jim Ludwig, Treasurer, Gladys Roux, Clerk, Maryhelen Drew. There were 28 members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the previous monthly meeting were read. Tony made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jim seconded this motion and all approved. The minutes from a special meeting held on Monday, March 23, 2026 were read. A motion to approve the special meeting minutes was made by Tony, seconded by Kory and approved by all.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tony wanted to especially thank Jeff Krueger and Ken George for their response to the last snow storm. Scott was absent and they both came forward.

Kathy Mintari, 2545 27 ½ St., Rice Lake, spoke about what she thought was an unacceptable situation in our community. She feels that there was interference with the process to replace the clerk who resigned. She feels that it should have been offered to the other person who had appeared on the ballot in April 2025. There was discussion after this letter where Tony stated that it was widely known around the township that the position was open and asked everyone interested to appear at this meeting to express their interest.

Kelly Weiss thanked the board for finally after 3 years getting the street lights placed by the bridge and other places. Tony said that Kory was very instrumental in pursuing this.

Cathy Hatfield asked about the construction of the bridge in Mikana. Kory replied that it appears that it will be done in 2029. It will be a total rebuild. It is still in the planning phase.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Gladys presented the monthly financial report. All accounts were reported as balanced. Reconciliation was confirmed. Kory asked what kind of account Buckthorn and Fireworks are in as the fireworks get interest.

Gladys let him know that Buckthorn was in a checking account while the fireworks are in a money market.

ROAD REPORT

Kory thanked Jeff for helping out with the last snowstorm. It was handled very well. Road bans are still on at this time. Hwy. V to the southwest corner of the town is open now. Tony will put this on the website as they open.

BIRCHWOOD FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY SERVICES

Don Brunclik gave the report of 11 ambulance calls for March with one transport. There were 6 fire calls. That makes a total of 22 this year. The Friends of the BFCESD have been very helpful in helping to make the fundraiser, Jon Sleik, Annual Golf Tournament set up for May 17, 2026.

There are 22 teams signed up to play at this time. An anonymous family has again donated \$50,000 this year for the ambulance. So that leaves \$16108 to raise for the new ambulance. There will be a bake sale\ root beer floats for July 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tony explained that the current clerk, Suzie Boumeester, has resigned from that position. The Board held a special meeting to discuss this situation. Maryhelen Drew was then sworn in as Clerk for whatever time it takes to find a new person. Anyone can apply for this position. This is an appointed position which is determined by a vote of the Town Board members. If a clerk is appointed, she/he would fill out the term until April 2027. Some discussion followed. Presenting herself for the position is Cindy Zuleger. Cindy read her resume, stating that she is a resident of the township. She stated her qualifications of election chief inspector for her former township for 15 years, a member of the EMT's and a Captain for 6 years. She worked with four townships at the fire department. She was secretary at church. She is currently administrative assistant for the Loch Lomond Beach Club and creator of their website. She is also a notary public. Tony mentioned that he had talked with WTA regarding the relationship between Cindy and Jim Ludwig, Supervisor as her brother-in-law. The only time it is an issue is if they are immediate family. Jim spoke up to say that when training for the Board of Review this topic was

discussed. He found out that he does not have to legally recuse himself but chooses not to participate in the voting. Tony made the motion to appoint Cindy Zuleger as town clerk for the remainder of the term. Kory seconded. Roll call vote, Tony, yea,; Kory, yea; Jim, abstained. Motion carried. Cindy will be sworn in at the end of the meeting.

The discussion regarding a new surveillance system will be tabled for now.

Tony then read the Budget Resolution of 2026-4-13 for 2025. Tony made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Roll call vote: Tony, aye: Kory, aye: Jim, aye. Motion carried. Kory explained that this resolution is prepared by the accountant who is doing the annual report for 2025. It appears that there is \$30,000 over budget for 2025.

Discussion was held regarding the deputy clerk. It is up to Cindy to appoint that person.

Next is setting the date for the white goods pickup. Kory had spoken with Al Dirkes, Chairman for Doyle, regarding piggybacking with us on this pickup. Their meeting is coming up and it will be discussed. Kory feels that this provides a service to the community to dispose of properly. Doyle has the same issue. The date was set for June 20, 2026 at the town shop from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Next was to set the date for the town Board to ride around the town to inspect roads, culverts. It was set for AM on Tuesday, April 21 at the town shop. This is a public meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kory has heard from Brad Kvanbek. There was no attachment from the building inspector for him to proceed with building. Also an email from Xcel Energy not needing a permit to replace poles within the town.

An apology went out to the Hesslings for the delay in addressing the application which has been received for an above quota liquor license. This will be on the May agenda.

The clerk received an application for a change of agents for Irons. Informed that Ben Shakman would be appearing at the Board of Review as he was unhappy with his interaction with Randy Prochnow. A request for a wedding to be held in the Town Hall on July 11th. Also a discussion of the cleaning in the town hall. This will be on the May agenda.

Following the correspondence, Tony swore Cindy Zuleger in for the remaining term of town clerk. Cindy then swore Maryhelen in as deputy clerk.

Jim made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. Kory seconded and all approved. 7:38 PM

This meeting was posted at the Town Hall, Cedar Grill, Red Cedar Country Store, LLBC and the website.