

JULY 13, 2026 - MONTHLY 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, Supervisors, Kory Weiss and Jim Ludwig, Treasurer, Gladys Roux, Clerk, Cindy Zuleger. There were 5 members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2026 monthly board meeting, seconded by Kory, all in favor, motion passed.

Public Input

- A resident inquired about the township's stance on data centers. The board discussed the possibility of adopting a preventative ordinance. There is a town up north that has adopted an ordinance to block a data center that has been built in their neighboring town. Cindy will contact that township to learn about their approach.
- Thanks were given to Scott, Ken, and the parade committee for their efforts with the Fourth of July events. The fireworks show proceeded despite uncertainty, as postponement was not feasible due to crew availability. Almost \$10,000 was raised for fireworks this year, enough to fund next year's show. (actual number raised was \$7,356)

Financial Report

- The total balance across reserve, checking, and savings accounts was \$512,798.94 at month-end.
 - Starting balance: \$509,957.33
 - Deposits: \$23,716.11
 - Interest: \$1,058.69
 - Withdrawals: \$20,763.90
- Buckthorn account had no activity; ending balance: \$7,029.72.
- Fireworks account: beginning \$6,779.39; deposits \$3,145.82; ending \$9,925.21.

Road Report

County Highway Department provided cost estimates for two road projects:

- The corner of East Lakeshore & Lemler Road - repair & paving: \$43,000.
- Blade patch on a 325x21 ft section of Indian Point: \$3,800.

Board members expressed surprise at the low costs, especially the \$3,800 quote, suspecting a possible error. The board will seek clarification. If accurate, both projects could be completed for under \$47,000. The board discussed hauling gravel for Bayfield;

the current gravel pile is low. They considered buying gravel directly from the county, which may be more efficient. A bidding process would be required if costs exceed a threshold. The cost-effectiveness of crushing the town's own gravel was questioned due to quality issues.

"Truck Two" (the International) has an air leak and squeaking under the motor. The "green truck" was sold for \$12,000; suggestion to return proceeds to the equipment fund to build reserves for future needs (e.g., ditch mower replacement). The 2015 ditch mower is aging but expected to finish the season.

Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services

The fire department had 12 calls last month (3 in Cedar Lake). EMS had 23 calls (2 in Cedar Lake). Six CPR classes were conducted, with more scheduled. A bake sale set a record, raising \$2,259. The Sportsman's Club will resume cleaning Swamp Road in the spring. A question was raised about whether Four Corners bills insurance companies for fire calls; homeowners' policies often cover it. This will be investigated.

Old Business

The board discussed options for the property where the recycle container was located. Per Wisconsin statutes, any sale of town property must be decided by town electors, not just the board. The board will research the property's value and potential cleanup responsibilities (e.g., oil contamination) before presenting options to the town. Maintenance costs (e.g., grass cutting) are a reason to consider selling the unused property. Any potential sale would need to consider restrictions on future use. Suggested to gather facts and present them at an information meeting before the annual meeting.

New Business

The board discussed a new ordinance to govern liquor licenses, prompted by a state-issued "above quota" license for The Gathering Place. The previous ordinance could not be found; the new draft is based on state statutes. A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Jim to approve the ordinance as written, all in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence

- The town's Emergency Operations Plan was updated with new board member phone numbers and signed.
- The county approved a special exemption for The Gathering Place to construct an accessory building for events.
- A resident emailed thanks for avoiding milkweed patches while mowing ditches to protect pollinators.

- A resident complained about ditch mowing causing branches to fall; trees were determined to be in the right-of-way.
- The company handling tax mailings changed from a Seattle-based firm to one near Eau Claire.

Tony made a motion, seconded by Kory to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Zuleger, Clerk
Town of Cedar Lake