

AUGUST 10, 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 13 members of the public.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes from the July 13, 2026 monthly board meeting, seconded by Kory, all were in favor, motion passed.

Public Input

- **General Thanks:** Tony thanked Jim for power washing the town hall.
- **Indian Birch Bark Canoe:** Laura Moyle provided an update on the Indian Birch Bark Canoe donated by the Mikana Boy Scouts in 1960. It was built by the Royal Court of the Wow-Wom-Mo-Cee Indians (a lost band of the Chippewa Tribe) and is now displayed in a glass enclosure at the Pioneer Village in the Jerome Building.

Financial Report

- **Monthly Financials:**
 - Beginning of Month Balance (All Accounts): \$513,968.23
 - Deposits: \$72,123.96
 - Interest: \$1,102.14
 - Transfers: \$758.42
 - Withdrawals: \$92,660.05
 - End of Month Bank Balance: \$495,292.70
 - End of Month Available Balance: \$493,189.42
- **Buckthorn Account:**
 - Beginning Balance: \$7,029.72
 - Deposits: \$186.00
 - End Balance: \$7,215.72
- **Fireworks Account:**
 - Beginning Balance: \$9,925.21
 - Deposits: \$4,111.62
 - Interest: \$10.35
 - Withdrawals: \$758.42
 - End Balance: \$13,288.76

Road Report

- **Synergy Fuel Card:** A request was made for a Synergy fuel card for Scott to use. Cindy will handle the application.
- **Asphalt Patching:** The county completed a "greater paving" job on Indian Point for an estimated \$3,800, considered a good value.
- **Reconstruction Projects:** The county is staging to begin a \$43,000 reconstruction on a 525-foot section of the corner of East Lake Shore and Methil. Double culverts on East Lake Shore will also be replaced.
- **Gravel Hauling:** The board agreed to a \$95,000 contract with the county to add a six-inch lift of gravel to the Bayfield area, including hauling, shaping, and spreading.
- **Gravel Pit:** The town's gravel pile is low and of poor quality. The pit will be explored over the winter to assess remaining resources.

Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services

- **Ambulance Report:** The ambulance service had 24 calls in the last period (128 year-to-date). Cedar Lake had three calls. Budget work will begin in August 2026.
- **Fire Department Report:** The next fire department meeting is August 20, 2026.
- **Billing Practices:** A discussion was held on why the fire and ambulance services do not consistently bill for calls, which could be covered by insurance, instead relying on township funds. The excuse that billing is "too much work" was deemed unacceptable.

Old Business

- **Data Center Development:** A discussion was held on information for data centers, which need high-voltage power lines. Cindy will attend a Wisconsin Towns Association meeting on August 17, 2026, for more guidance. The topic will remain on the agenda.
- **Phone System and Website:** The Mosaic phone system extensions are not working well. The board decided to explore canceling the extensions, keeping one main line for the clerk, or using Google accounts for board member contact. The website's "Contact Us" page will be updated with cell numbers and the town shop's contact information added.

New Business

- **Land Division on Red Cedar Lake:** The board approved a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to reconfigure two lots into three. The new lots meet county zoning requirements.

- **New Hall Rental Agreement:** A new agreement was drafted. Residents will not be charged a rental fee but must provide a security deposit, which will be cashed and reimbursed after a clean inspection.
- **Budget:** The budget meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Correspondence

- **Pest Control:** The board agreed to sign a contract with Terminix for three treatments per year at the town hall for \$126.20/per treatment, in addition to the existing town shop service (\$200/per treatment for once in spring & once in fall).
- **Tree Trimming:** A tree with branches on the town hall roof needs to be trimmed to prevent pest entry. Arbor Jack, a town resident, was suggested as a provider.
- **Fuel Pre-Buy:** A pre-buy offer was received for 4,000 gallons of fuel at \$1.44 per gallon, for a total of \$5,147.29 after a credit.
- **Town Valuation:** The equalized value for the Town of Cedar Lake is \$641,468,600, a 10% increase, and remains the highest in Barron County.
- **911 System Complaint:** A resident emailed about an incompetent operator response during a medical emergency. The operator reportedly put them on hold and initially said no one was available. This was acknowledged as a county-level issue.
- **Land and Forestry:** A property owner is re-enrolling in the forestry tax program under an LLC. Separately, members expressed concern over "ugly" and extensive clear-cutting on county forest land near the Sportsman's Club.

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