

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Town Council, Vice President, April Hathaway opened the Meeting at 6:00pm.

Reorganizing of the Town Board. April Hathaway and Dean Rouch both vote to keep Town Board the same. Lori Kelly as Town President, April Hathaway as Vice President and Dean Rouch as Board Member.

Clerk presented minutes from Meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. April Hathaway asked for a Motion to approve. Dean Rouch made the Motion with April Hathaway second the Motion. Minutes were approved.

Clerk presented the APV's in the amount of \$33, 009.86. April Hathaway asked for a Motion to approve. Dean Rouch made the Motion with April Hathaway second the Motion. APV's in the amount of \$33,009.86 were approved.

Clerk presented each Board Member with the Nepotism Policy and each was signed.

DLZ application #19 was presented and approved. April Hathaway asked for a Motion to approve DLZ application #19 for \$56,805.00. Dean Rouch made the Motion and April Hathaway second the Motion. DLZ application #19 was approved.

DLZ Invoice was presented. April Hathaway asked for a Motion to approve DLZ Invoice in the amount of \$123,050.00. Dean Rouch made the Motion and April Hathaway second the Motion. DLZ Invoice was approved.

**DLZ:**

All projects for the Town have come in under budget so there is money left over. The leftover money can be used on other projects around Town to help get things fixed or up to date. They have figured out some numbers for the projects in Town which is higher than what they have leftover but not all the projects have to be done. Still have to reapply to SRF wait on approval. This is just information to look over right now. We are not locked in to the projects and don't have to do all of them. We can choose which ones to do and not do.

Right now, the Water Project is fully closed out. The Water Tower Project came in at about \$900,000.00 under budget. Looking at 6 potential projects that the Town could utilize. Total cost for all 6 projects is just a rough estimate. We would not do all 6 at this time.

**UTILITY SUPERVISOR:** Right after Thanksgiving when we got all the snow the Red Dump Truck had went down. Power steering unit went out and took the truck to Selking. They had it fixed quick and was only without for about a couple of hours.

Lakeville Fire Inc. gave a check of \$516.23 to go towards helping fix Town Christmas Lights. That money was put into the Christmas Light Fund.

Christmas lights will be taken down on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Will take the top lights off Christmas tree in Culp Park.

CCMG 2025-We opened the Bids for the Grant. Town of Lakeville did not get awarded the money this time. INDOT reached out to Clerk and wanted us to advertise for Bid but not Award until we hear from INDOT. There will be money coming back from other communities that did receive money so if we have it ready to be awarded, we could possibly get money. It could take up to 4 months. INDOT is aware that if there are funds available, we are ready to Award.

Fire Extinguishers are going to be checked on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> by FoxFire.

BP Lift Station was serviced. No issues.

Tower Progress-Electricians are there. Could be up to 12 weeks yet.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

**Activity for December 2025**

119 calls for service

12 assists to St. Joseph County Police

3 total reports

1 ticket written for the month

Assisted at Newton Park for Christmas in the Park

Assisted Lakeville Lion with Toys for Tots toy distribution

**RDC:**

Carol asked for a year end report for Barn and RDC from Clerk.

Wanting to know how much the Barn has made to see if prices should go up for renting the Barn.

Booked every Saturday and almost every Sunday for 2026.

Request for the pallets outside the Wetland Barn to be removed.

Looking for somewhere to put RDC notes. Either in the Town Hall in a filing cabinet or in the storage barn.

Another request-Carol's neighbor has a camper that is still sitting in their yard and it is getting worse. About 7-8 totes sitting on front porch. Half of them fall over and then everything is our laying in the yard. This has been going on for 2 months now.

**EDC:** Waiting until Spring to see what the hill looks like down by Leo's. Excited about trying to create a little park down across from Leo's for

people to be able to go and eat at a picnic table. Also, would like a year end report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department was present with new Assistant Chief. Last snow storm we had and Fire Department did like 18-19 calls in the 3-4 days with mostly slid-offs and some medical. Had about 300 medical calls for 2025 with most being in the Town Limits. Total calls was 400 altogether.

Denny is looking for a number to call Code Enforcement to ask about house with all the cars in the yard on 31 just outside of Town.

Looking into putting money in an Infrastructure account.

April Hathaway closed the Meeting at 6:52pm.