

Lake Holcombe Town Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2026

Call To Order: Meeting called to order by Guthman at 7 p.m.

Affirmation of Public Notice

Roll Call and Establish Quorum

Present: Brian Guthman, Jeff Anders, David Staudacher.

Others Present: Jennifer Wright, Brenda Cigan, Joy Dain (Courier Newspaper), Pam Guthman, Troy Bauer and Sean Partridge (GFL) and Gage Daggett

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: *Motion by Anders seconded by Staudacher to approve the minutes from April 15th, 2026, board meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report: Presented by Cigan. *Motion by Staudacher seconded by Anders to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried*

Chairman's Report:

Community concerns — Several calls were received about loose dog issues, indicating ongoing resident concerns about compliance and safety.

Road maintenance — Blade patching has been completed, with an expected bill of approximately \$40,000.

240th Street project — Work will begin soon with graveling, followed by pulverizing and blacktopping. A formal start date will be announced to the town.

Fire Department updates — Discussion included the Fire Department purchasing a culvert and planning an open house with a tentative date of July 25, 2026.

Wager Road turnaround — A turnaround is needed on Wager Road, suggesting future planning or construction.

Blue Zone meeting — The chairman attended a session focused on promoting healthy eating habits and community well-being.

Civic engagement meeting — Discussion centered on strategies to involve the younger generation more actively in town affairs.

Public Comment:

Gage from Benchmark outlined several ways his company differs from GFL. He will provide a full presentation at the June Board Meeting.

Pam Guthman reported on EMS ADHOC Study - data collection is complete and presentations have begun. A presentation is scheduled for June 4, 2026, and will be posted by Chippewa County. 11 EMS agencies have been invited to review the study presentation. A full analysis, including recommendations and suggestions, is expected by August. County decision process — Once the analysis is finalized, it will be forwarded to the county for review and decision-making.

Pam Guthman is also looking for ideas to support Aspirus funding to further their services.

Discussions:

- (1) GFL Representation (Troy or Sean) – Q&A discussion on possible Town Ordinance – A Q&A discussion was held regarding how contract obligations would function if the Town adopted an ordinance allowing only one hauler. Troy explained that residential customers do not have contracts, and he was unsure how commercial agreements would be handled under such a system. The Town will follow up with the Wisconsin Towns Association for clarification. It was also noted that GFL's service currently relies on a single truck operating on Mondays, and the truck weight

- (2) PASS A RESOLUTION. PROTECT LOCAL ROADS
Motion by Anders was seconded by Staudacher to adopt the protect local roads as of May 20th, 2026. Motion Carried

- (3) Discuss and motion if we want two firework stands selling fireworks.
Motion by Anders was seconded by Staudacher to deny any additional firework stands in Lake Holcombe. Currently we have two stands established that need permits which are located at Big Minnow and Roque Ridge. Clerk reached out to Russell @ Bloomfield Fireworks 5/21/2026. Motion Carried.

- (4) Discuss and motion on changes to charges for Town Hall Rental
Motion by Staudacher was seconded by Anders to remove the half day rental option effective 5/20/2026 unless already scheduled. Motion Carried.

- (5) Clerk's Report – Review Building Permits
 - a. Building Permits: 30041 273rd St; 27628 295th Ave; 26362 274th Ave; 27575 263rd Ave; 28370 300th St, 30323 293rd St and 25001 273rd St

Motion by Anders seconded by Staudacher to approve the building permits as presented. Motion Carried.

(6) Approve bills

Motion by Staudacher was seconded by Anders to approve bills as presented.
Motion Carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Anders was seconded by Staudacher to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion Carried.