

Annual Meeting of the Electors Minutes from April 16, 2024

Chairperson Monica Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 48 electors were in attendance.

Clerk Linda Ziegler stated that the Annual Meeting Notice was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, The Townsend post office, Laona State Bank, Townsend location and www.Townsendwisconsin.org on April 2, 2024 and the agenda was posted at the same locations on April 12, 2024.

Terri Heyrman made the motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2023, electors meeting, 2nd by Anita Szyzkiewicz.

1. Treasurer Beth Hartman gave a finance report for F2023. The Town levy was \$644,690.00 which we collected. MFL, Trans Aid and PILT was up and by the end of F2023 the town had \$356,000 more than budgeted. This money is allocated into depreciation funds. The Town used the remaining ARPA funds from 2021 on a copier, Dry hydrants, fixed the FD apron, replaced some truck tires, added our own gas tank and bought new plow and blades. We were also able to pay off the tractor loan of \$139,000.00. Zeller stated that the efforts to control the expenses at the recycle center shows much progress.
2. NOCCO – report on file. Andy Dryja sent a report stating that he was involved in 1166 calls last year and logged 1386.5 hours of recreation reinforcement and submitted them to the WI DNR for patrol reimbursement funds. Dryja and the Oconto County Sheriff's department are stressing the importance of Mental Health Awareness. Many of their calls are related to depression, anxiety, ect. Contact the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988 for help.
3. Lakewood/Townsend Community Ambulance Service – report on file. Steve Harkema said in 2023 they handled 242 calls, which is down 5% from 2022. 60 of those calls were no transport calls. They continue to recruit staff since the current employees are getting older. An addition to the building will be completed this summer. The total cost is covered by donations and fund raising. The new chasis is expected 2025.
4. Townsend Fire Department – report on file. Chief Dawn Herlache said there are currently 18 members and always looking for more. 2023 saw 40 calls, up 30% from 2022. They continue to work with the Nicolet Fire District as well as Wabeno, the DNR and the Forestry service. This year's risk reduction project will be on Maple Acres, Chipmunk and Deer Track Ln. Two more hydrants will be added, one on Sunset Bay Ln and the other at N. Surprise Lake In. The Ladder truck 2911 will be sold to make room

for the new engine. Old engine 2911 is being converted to a rescue truck. The new truck should be delivered by July.

5. Townsend Festival Committee – report on file. Cindy Bronold said there will be T-ball this year. A league from Antigo will be at the ballpark on Monday's. A Kickball tournament is being planned for June. July 4th will bring crafters and the parade at noon. The ball park concession stand will open at 6pm and kids' games start at 7pm with fireworks at dusk. Mardi Gras overflow ball teams will be mid-July and the committee is looking at getting new playground equipment.
6. Planning & Zoning – no report
7. Archibald Lake – no report
8. Mary Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District– report on file. The P&R district is waiting to heard regarding the Citizen's Resolution to reduce the panfish limit to better manage certain fish populations in the lake. They are dealing with a beaver problem on Mary Creek and working with Native Range Ecologists.
9. Townsend Flowage Protection District – report on file. Chairperson John Zimdars said there will be no herbicide treatment in 2024. The DNR and UW Stevens Point will be doing the point to point survey to determine what type of aquatic plants are in the Flowage
10. Inland Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 – report on file. John Mitchell said there will be no herbicide treatment in 2024. The reasoning is so the plant does not become immune to the chemical. Because of the light snow cover, the weeds are going to be really bade this year. They may drop the cutters early to get ahead of the growth. The Horn Lake dock repair could not get done because of the ice conditions. They will try another way this summer. There is a beaver problem on the upper McCaslin and they're working with the DNR and the town.
11. Pickerel Chain Lake Association – report on file. President Drew Zelle said there are 80 members in the association. Their lake management plan was updated in June 2023. An aerator was installed on Smoke Lake. Their community picnic fund raiser is July 20th. The boat landing at Oughton park needs to be addressed with the town and the water levels may be a concern at the dam.
12. Red Arrow Snowmobile – ATV Club – report on file. President Rick VanAsten said the club reached it's 56th year and has 425 members. The club continually works with the local businesses and town and government officials for the safety and economic impact of both sports. The Wildwood trail east of hwy 32 has been completed. Plans for the lower loop trail improvements will be completed this summer. Red Arrow is a sponsor of ATV /snowmobile safety classes for youth and older students. The SnowFest in February and Corn Roast in September are always very well attended and a lot of fun.
13. Lakes Country Public Library – report on file. Townsend representative Kathleen Marsh thanked Jim Adamczyk for his two terms on the board and introduced Sue Christensen as the new rep for Townsend. The library expansion is almost complete. The dedication will be July 27, 2024. This project has been done with no taxpayer money.

14. Additional Business – Zeller stated there were two items from the 2023 meeting.

Forming a committee to look at combining the clerk/treasurer position. This had not happened and there will be no further action. The second approved motion was to give the elected officials a raise. Tom Sell made the motion to raise the elected officials pay 10%, 2nd by Judi Fellows – 42 yea, 2 nay, 4 abstain – M/A. Kathleen made the motion to have the topic of elected official's' salaries reviewed at the electors meeting every odd year, 2nd by Dawn Herlache – 44 yea, 0 nay, 4 abstain.

Rick Van Asten & Mike Malueg from Red Arrow presented \$500.00 to the Townsend Fire Department.

Kathleen Marsh said the Lakes/Country Beacon is done publishing this week. She suggested subscribing to the Oconto County Times Herald. Ziegler mentioned that the Oconto County Reporter is the official newspaper for locals for the town.

Tom Derrickson asked by the cost of the road asphalt went down. DeMoulin stated that Northeast Asphalt will be using the pit in Townsend this year and so the cost of trucking is greatly reduced.

Jef Schraeder asked if there are any plans to repave Hwy T. Dave Christensen, Oconto County Supervisor, said County T is on the 20-year plan and they're only ½ way there. The bids for asphalt were lower to the county, also.

Dale Szyzkiewicz asked what roads will be done this year? Zeller said there is a work meeting on Monday, April 22 to determine.

Bridgit Jones asked if the recycle stickers are working. Zeller said that costs are down and out container loads are reduced.

15. Next Annual meeting will be April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm

Dawn Herlache made the motion to adjourn at 7:27pm, 2nd by Tom Derrickson – M/A

Profit & Loss Budget Performance

January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
100 - Revenues - Taxes	650,463.40	649,390.82	1,072.58
103-Intergovernmental Revenues	349,006.82	338,336.79	10,670.03
105 - Licenses & Permits	4,404.80	4,000.00	404.80
109 - Public Charges for Services	21,836.31	14,700.00	7,136.31
113 - Miscellaneous Services	35,814.60	5,300.00	30,514.60
115 - Other Financing Sources	307,000.00	0.00	307,000.00
Total Income	1,368,525.93	1,011,727.61	356,798.32
Expense			
118 - General Government	142,525.95	122,774.16	19,751.79
120 - Public Safety	259,015.46	240,739.30	18,276.16
122 - Public Works	617,674.53	561,520.00	56,154.53
124 - Health & Human Services	4,444.62	4,100.00	344.62
126 - Culture, Recreation & Educal	74,190.61	70,259.78	3,930.83
128 - Conservation and Developm	335.00	315.00	20.00
130 - Capital Outlay	483,955.30	0.00	483,955.30
76150 - Social Security & Medicare	14,472.75	12,000.00	2,472.75
Total Expense	1,596,614.22	1,011,708.24	584,905.98
Net Ordinary Income	-228,088.29	19.37	-228,107.66
Net Income	-228,088.29	19.37	-228,107.66

; were used from Accumulated savings 86651.91
 ctor loan was paid with Cash Reserves 130,953.00
 Actual net loss for 2023 -10,483.38

For in MFL than expected
 PILT +4100, Fire Dues +1200, Boat Landing +5100
 Gravel +3000, Recycle Inc +4100
 Ins claim +18,200, Interest +7700, Other +4600
 Loan
 Grant Search +1400, Legal +1900, Clerk+4300, Hall +4000, Insurance +8100
 FD Wage, FD Repairs pd w/ ARPA, Amb pd w/ allocated funds
 Gas Tank, Plow & blades, Fuel
 Boat Landing covered by grant.
 Tractor 131, grader 307, fire truck 40, Hall 6

Future Planning Funds			
	Balance 12/31/22	Balance 12/31/23	Allocation Funds Used
American Rescue Plan	71,145.36	599.24	70,546.12
Assessor	84,028.33	84,028.33	0.00
Ambulance	42,737.07	29,834.51	12,902.56
Hwy	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept.	4,481.01	4,481.01	0.00
2% Dues CarryOver***	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall & Grounds	198,113.65	194,910.42	3,203.23
Emergency Fund	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00
Parks	1,598.59	1,598.59	0.00
DEPRECIATION FUND BA	403,854.01	304,299.54	86,651.91
CAS Over budget	12902.56		
ARPA - Copier	3656.23		
ARPA - FD Apron	22550		
ARPA - Dry Hydrant	1041.5		
ARPA - Dry Hydrant	823.05		
ARPA - Pomp's Tires	2412.56		
ARPA - Gas Tank	9165.78		
ARPA - Plow & Blades	30897		
Building Fund-Recycle shed	1703.23		
Building Fund - Bastian Home	1500		

70546.12

18000

Blower 700 ARPA



townsend wisconsin <townsend54175@gmail.com>

March 2024 NOCCO Report

1 message

Andrew Dryja <Andrew.Dryja@co.oconto.wi.us>

Tue, Apr 16, 2024 at 4:50 PM

To: Rita Krause <rita.krause@co.oconto.wi.us>

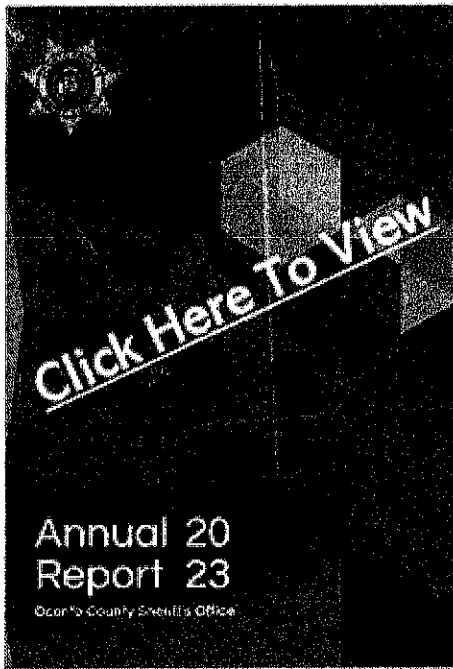
Cc: Todd Skarban <todd.skarban@co.oconto.wi.us>, Darren Laskowski <darren.laskowski@co.oconto.wi.us>, Bradley Paitl <brad.paitl@co.oconto.wi.us>, Andrew VandeBerg <andrew.vandenberg@co.oconto.wi.us>, "Craig Kasten (ckastentownofbrazeau@gmail.com)" <ckastentownofbrazeau@gmail.com>, "David Parmentier (kellyplus1@gmail.com)" <kellyplus1@gmail.com>, "John Fetterly (jfetterly7@icloud.com)" <jfetterly7@icloud.com>, "Randy Nasgovitz (nasgovitzrandy@yahoo.com)" <nasgovitzrandy@yahoo.com>, townofbrazeau <townofbrazeau@centurytel.net>, "wendtdairy@hotmail.com" <wendtdairy@hotmail.com>, "adlanglade@outlook.com" <adlanglade@outlook.com>, Andrew Stemp <andrewstemp@sbcglobal.net>, Cheryl Field <townofdoty@gmail.com>, "siewertrandy@gmail.com" <siewertrandy@gmail.com>, "skipchair@centurytel.net" <skipchair@centurytel.net>, "townofmountain@centurytel.net" <townofmountain@centurytel.net>, "townsupervisorbrenda@gmail.com" <townsupervisorbrenda@gmail.com>, "Wayne OBarski (waynetownsupervisor@gmail.com)" <waynetownsupervisor@gmail.com>, "clerktownofriverview@gmail.com" <clerktownofriverview@gmail.com>, "Dave Szepanski (supervisor2townofriverview@gmai.com)" <supervisor2townofriverview@gmai.com>, "Dave Van Zeeland (supervisortownofriverview@gmail.com)" <supervisortownofriverview@gmail.com>, "Deb Neisen (treasurertownofriverview@gmai.com)" <treasurertownofriverview@gmai.com>, "Jim Zittlow (chairmantownofriverview@gmail.com)" <chairmantownofriverview@gmail.com>, "Dan Urfer (dan.urfer1@gmail.com)" <dan.urfer1@gmail.com>, "Jim Beno (jbno@townoflakewood.com)" <jbno@townoflakewood.com>, "joanne roy (jroylakewoodchair@gmail.com)" <jroylakewoodchair@gmail.com>, "Michelle Moczynski (mmoczynski@townoflakewood.com)" <mmoczynski@townoflakewood.com>, Scott Van Laanen <svanlaanen@townoflakewood.com>, "Chuck DeMoulin (cdemoulin.townsend@gmail.com)" <cdemoulin.townsend@gmail.com>, "Monica Zeller (monicazellertownsend@gmail.com)" <monicazellertownsend@gmail.com>, "townsend54175@gmail.com" <townsend54175@gmail.com>, "Willie Evans (wilevans23@yahoo.com)" <wilevans23@yahoo.com>

Hello,

Please find the 6 Towns Total Call Reports for our government unit. Call volumes are spot on for this time of year as we are solidly in between seasons, despite winter trying make a small comeback in March. As much as most of us don't want to deal with spring snow storms, it provided the area with much needed ground cover and more importantly moisture to curb a potentially high risk fire season. Green up is right around the corner which will further help with fire danger, not to mention local lake and river water amounts.

In addition to the normal Calls Reports, I have attached my call break down for 2023 as given in person at the last 7 Towns meeting. As you can see, I was involved in 1166 calls last year, which appear in two separate reports in the attachment. I also logged 1386.5 hours of recreation enforcement hours in 2023 and submitted them to the WI DNR for patrol reimbursement funds.

Lastly on that topic, the 2023 Oconto County Sheriff's Office Annual Report has been finalized. You can access it by clicking the following link below.



www.co.oconto.wi.us/776/Annual-Reports

This month I wanted to write about a very important topic, Mental Health. Over the years it seems that we have an uptick with people struggling with mental health issues. Depression, anxiety, restlessness, thoughts of suicide and self harm, etc are all issues that many people struggle with. Some try to cope with substance abuse – abusing drugs and alcohol. Others try to cope with self help groups, counseling, or prescription medication. There are people who, for a number of reasons including embarrassment and guilt, silently struggle alone. Regardless the reasons or coping method, mental health is a very real issue which can cause one to spiral out of control until all hope is seemingly lost. The Sheriff's Office gets called on a regular basis to intervene all too often when these situation hit the crisis stage. We refer to these calls as EM 1's. When the statutory elements of a crisis reach the point where a person becomes a harm to themselves or others, Law Enforcement along with Human Services can step in by taking that person into emergency protective custody. Part of the process involves medical clearance at a regular emergency room prior to being transferred to a mental health facility for evaluation and treatment. This is the first step in intervention with progress made on a case by case basis.

If you or anyone else struggle with mental health issues, there are a number of resources available for you. Say something, reach out, don't struggle alone. The comment made by a loved one in passing referring to hopelessness may have a much deeper meaning than you realize. Be aware of the signs and get that person in touch with medical professionals before its too late.

I have attached the **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** which can be reach at by dialing 988 on your phone.

Highlighted Case –

I assisted other Deputies on my shift with a welfare check of a female in her 30's. Upon arrival, the person was unfortunately found to have taken her own life and beyond medical help. We processed the scene and learned that this individual suffered many back to back difficulties including unhealed childhood trauma, loss of multiple loved ones, divorce, etc. This compounded to the point where she lost all hope and took her own life. The signs were all there, but she did not get the help that she needed. Through this tragedy a family mourns the loss of a mother, sister, and daughter. It is my hope, that we can use this terrible situation to further mental health awareness and healing.

Best Regards,



Oconto County Sheriffs Office

Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 Hangup	1
Assist Other Agency	1
Request for ambulance	1
ATV Complaints	1
Building Check	2
Church Check	1
Citizen Assist	1
Controlled Substance Problem	1
Harassment	1
Traffic Acc Involving Deer	1
Traffic Accident with Damage	2
Suspicious Person, Circumstnce	2
Traffic Violation	3
Traffic Stop	11

Total reported: 29

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 03/01/24` and `00:00:01 04/01/24`, All agencies, All natures, All locations matching `TTS`, All responsible officers, All dispositions, All clearance codes, All observed offenses, All reported offenses, All offense codes, All circumstance codes

LTCAS STATISTICS 2023

FOR LAKEWOOD/TOWNSEND ANNUAL MEETING

LTCAS responded to 242 emergency calls this year 2023. These calls were made up of motor vehicle crashes, traumatic events, medical calls, cardiac events, diabetic crisis, and invalid assists. In 2022 we responded to 254 that is a decrease in calls of approximately 5 percent. Of those calls we responded to 60 no transport calls (mostly lift assists with repeat patients).

Highlights for 2022: Currently the fulltime staff of 5 personnel are covering 2-3 shifts per week. LTCAS is maintaining at a level that meets and or exceeds the national and state standards. A new Operational plan and Standing Medical Orders are being complete and being approved by the medical director and state Ems office currently. This will ensure we stay at the highest levels of training and care for the communities we serve. Drivers continued their training through practical classes and didactic courses. More drivers are needed.

Recruitment has become more difficult over the past few years and our staff is getting older so we will be facing some staff retiring from the service in the years to come. As a department we will continue to recruit new members and provide them the most comprehensive training available. We now have 15 members of which 8-10 are active. We have yearly turnover which is expected but have maintained a very workable number of members.

This year we are moving forward with and addition to the building and funding has been from private donations and other specific funding sources. So far \$116,000 has been raised and designated in a capitol building fund (none of which is tax money) and we will continue to raise funds for this project that has a cost of up to \$200,000. The new ambulance chassis which is due to any day for the new ambulance in 2025. \$40,000 dollars of the chassis was paid for through the state Flex Grant we applied for and were awarded in 2022-2023. Additionally, we will continue to search and apply for outside funding sources to enhance the capabilities of the department and for the benefit of the community's residents and visitors.

This coming year's projects include:

Continued training

New member recruitment

More training opportunities

Building Addition

Public Education

(1239/cas)

Townsend Fire Department

Annual Report for 2023

Personnel:

- Currently 18 members
- Officers – Chief Dawn Herlache

Asst Chief Dacon Franzen

Eng. Curtis Kee

Always looking for new members! Many ways to help.

Fund Raising:

Join the Friends of Townsend Fire to help with fund raising and supporting the fire department. Fund raising included a cash raffle in Feb., Brat fry at Mike's May 18th, Smokey Bear ATV Ride Sat June 15th to benefit the Nicolet Fire District, and our Fourth of July raffle and celebration including music by Lovin Country.

Calls:

- Total of 40 calls in 2023, 38 calls in 2022, 28 in 2021, and 22 in 2020. Call volume continuously increasing over last 7 years.
- 2 structure fires, both were mutual aid
- 5 wildland
- 5 snowmobile/ATV accidents
- 1 car accident
- 14 EMS assist

- 10 misc. calls (false alarm, CO/gas, missing person, etc.)

Mutual Aid:

We continue to support and work with the Nicolet Fire District made up of 6 departments in North end of Oconto Cty. As well as Wabeno, the DNR, and the USFS.

Training:

Chief completed FF II and Instructor certifications, hope to be able to get more NWTC classes in our area vs Green Bay or Rhinelander. Also attended conference, focus on operations w/ limited staffing.

3 members completed wildland firefighter training

2 members completed Entry Level Driver Operator trng

Future:

New truck scheduled for delivery by end of May, all equipment costs coming from fund raising

CWPP DNR risk reduction project in June for Maple Acres, Chipmunk and Deer Track Ln. If you would like TFD to evaluate your property, please let us know!

Will be adding 2 more hydrants: North end of the Flowage at the boat landing on Sunset Bay Ln, and the boat landing on the end of N Surprise Lake Ln, both on DNR grant (50/50 match)

Updates:

Old Engine 2911 is now Rescue 2911. Carries all rescue and extrication equipment. Ladder 2911 will be sold to make room for new engine.

Extrication equipment to battery operated? AFG Grant applied for in 2023, didn't get. Looking at other grants

Thermal Imaging Cameras to replace obsolete, applied for AFG

Continuing to work on creating and updating our SOG's along with the Nicolet Fire Dist.

Setting up inventory and inspection records in Image Trend Elite (free from the state)

Collaboration with Nicolet Fire Dist for operations, training, equipment

Festival speech 2024

There will be T-ball & old
timer baseball weekly at the
ball park

Kick ball tournament in June
Mardi & a overflow
July 4th

Craft show 9-4 at the town hall
more vendors wanted & all are
welcome.

Parade at noon open to anyone

Concession stand will open 6 p.m.
Family games at 7 p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

Looking to ~~do~~ ^{do} a fund raiser for
new play ground equipment &
up dates

All ways looking for volunteers to
help. you can contact me
at 915-850-0040 or Missy at
920-284-6855

Mary Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

c/o 2710 Dale Street N, #108

Roseville, MN 55113



April 11, 2024

To: Town of Townsend

RE: Mary Lake P&R 2023/24 Activities

Mary Lake P&R District continues to work with Oconto and Langlade Counties, the DNR, and UW-Stevens Point on data gathering and analysis to support a revision of its Lake Management Plan. Some findings have been posted to the Oconto County County-Wide Study website. Final data and reports are due in the winter of 2024, with analysis and decisions on primary objectives to come thereafter.

We are still pending word from this Spring's statewide hearings on the Citizen's Resolution to reduce the panfish limit on Mary Lake to better manage certain fish populations in the lake.

On June 22, 2024, Mary Lake P&R will be hosting Langlade County Conservationist Katheryn Bahr-Bender for a 15-minute presentation on "Healthy Lakes" at the beginning of its Annual Meeting, slated at 9:30 in the Wolf River Town Hall in White Lake. The public is invited to attend. Also, at the behest of Scott VanEgeren of the DNR, Water Regulation/Zoning Specialist Scott Koehnke of the DNR is planning to schedule a 1-hour educational session on "do's and don'ts during low water levels" as soon as a broad-reaching venue can be determined. The DNR is eager for area residents to understand the cyclical nature of water levels in the area, especially with recent years' low rainfall/snowfall conditions and the impact on lake ecology. More to come from partner organization LCWA on this topic.

Along the same lines, Mary Lake P&R is seeking to engage Wisconsin-based Native Range Ecological to perform a site assessment on Mary Creek -- upstream and downstream -- to better understand the impact of beaver and beaver dams on the lake level of Mary Lake itself, and the flow of water into the lake, and also out into the Oconto River System through Mary Creek and the Jones Springs area. Long-term objective is to determine if there is a means to achieve a more stabilized water level and water flow that best serves the health and ecology of the lake and creek, and the various species which inhabit it, ensure recreational opportunities, and also ensure viable, healthy watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Sachs

Secr/Treas Mary Lake P&R District

WPD report

Inbox

Search for all messages with label Inbox

Remove label Inbox from this conversation



John Zimdars

12:27 PM (37
minutes ago)

to Charlie, John, me

The TFPD will not be doing any herbicide treatment in 2024. TFPD will only be running the cutters.

The DNR and UW Stevens Point will be doing the required point to point survey to determine the types of aquatic plants, both native and invasive species that are in the Townsend Flowage. *June 3*

The information from the survey will be used for the new 5 year lake management plan required by the DNR.

We have received a shared grant with ILPRD from the DNR.

The grant will be used for Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds Resource to do the aquatic invasive species management plan.

We hope to do a whole lake herbicide in 2025.

Determined by DNR

INLAND LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1
Town of Townsend Annual Board Meeting 4/16/2024 AGENDA

1. Review of our mission and authority
2. Eurasian Water Milfoil
Review of 2023 treatment plan
Proposed 2024/2025 treatment plan
3. Economic Impact of District #1
\$450,000.00 of equipment
Part time employee's, approximate wages \$20,000.00
Improved quality of lakes equates to higher property values and increased tourism to the area.
4. 2024-2025 EWM Treatment and Future projects
Continued monitoring and treatment of EM
Coordinate with Town leaders regarding improvements, repair and maintenance of boat landings and docks.

Upcoming District Meetings:

- Saturday 6/1/2024-2nd Qtr., Meeting, Town Hall, 9:00 AM
- Saturday 8/10/2024-Annual Meeting & 3rd Qtr. Meeting, Townhall, 9:00AM
- Saturday TBD Dec.2024-4th Qtr., Meeting Town Hall, 9:00 AM

**Discussion Items – Pickerel Chain Lake Association (PCLA)
Town of Townsend Annual Meeting of Electors
April 16, 2024**

2023 Summary

- The PCLA has 80 members in 2023; this included approximately 10 non-lake front members who were eligible to become members with a 2016 by-law change allowing membership for individuals that did not live within 1 mile of the lakes.
- The PCLA Lake Management Plan was updated in June of 2023
- The PCLA continues operating three aeration systems, (one in each lake)
- We continue to monitor the system and the impact on dissolved oxygen levels in the lake.
- The WDNR will be doing a fish study this April and bullhead removal efforts.
- The PCLA has continued with various fund raising efforts to support our studies, aerator, and future programs and plans. The primary fund raising event is the July 20th Annual Meeting.
- The PCLA performed water quality testing in Pickerel, Smoke, and Little Pickerel Lakes under the WisDNR's Citizen Lake Monitoring Program. The PCLA got a start in this program through the lake management study. Testing included water clarity testing; water chemistry sampling; and dissolved oxygen testing.
- PCLA members were involved in efforts to clean the beach area at Oughton Park on several occasions in 2023. This work included tilling and raking the sand and pulling weeds in the beach area.

2024 Plans

- The PCLA plans to continue our fund raisings efforts at the annual PCLA community picnic at Oughton Park, scheduled this year for Saturday, July 20nd. Your all invited to attend.
- In 2024 the PCLA will continue to complete water quality testing in Pickerel, Smoke, and Little Pickerel Lakes through the WisDNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Program.
- The PCLA plans to hold a beach clean-up on one or two occasions again this spring/summer at the Oughton Park location.
- The PCLA will hold their annual meetings on Saturday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend).
- Will continue to provide boat inspection for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program.
-

Potential Town Concerns:

- Due to excessive power landing of boats, there may be an issue at the boat landing with excess stone build up.
- Should we have another dry year, water levels may be a concern at the dam.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to discuss the PCLA's plans and achievements. We appreciate the town board support the PCLA has received in the past and we look forward in continuing to work in partnership with the town in the future.

Drew Zelle, President
Pickerel Chain Lake Association

*Tuesday
April 16, 2024
6:00 PM*

Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club

16712 Hummingbird Hill Lane

P.O.Box 248

Townsend, WI 54175

April 3, 2024

Town of Townsend

The Red Arrow Snowmobile & ATV Club has reached it's 56th year being your local club. Presently we are 425 members strong and do our work to accommodate roughly 223,000 snowmobiles, and 472,000 ATV/UTVs currently registered in the state. The numbers increase with out of state visitors who come to Wisconsin to ride our trail system.

The Red Arrow Club is well known for working with local businesses, town, and government officials for the safety and economic impact of both sports, snowmobiling and the ATV/UTV. We have a sincere group of Officers and Board members who love and promote both sports. We strive to be successful for our club members and the business community.

The Red Arrow Club is financially strong and plan to continue to contribute and promote recreation in the Townsend area.

Trail Improvements:

Red Arrow will always work to improve our trail ride experience on both Town Routes and National Forest trails. The Rehab of the upper Wildwood trail, east of Highway 32 has been completed, with the addition of extra gravel laid on the Mosquito Lake trail along with the trail section between Village View and Grader Road.

Plans for the Lower Loop trail improvements will be completed this summer. Again, Safety for our trail users always comes first with our club and combined efforts of the local Sheriff's department, DNR Wardens, and The U.S. Forestry department.

Future Riders:

Red Arrow along with other local trail organizations take great pride in holding and teaching our young and older students the aspect of safety when it comes to sports, as in Snowmobile and ATV classes held here in Townsend. Our classes have had a 100% success rate with every student graduating with their Safety Certificate.

Local Area:

Red Arrow has been so fortunate to have outstanding responses from our local businesses, community, and town officials for our club fundraisers. The Labor Day Weekend Corn Roast is our largest fundraiser where last year we went through 2,160 ears of corn served and our February Snowfest had a visit from the 2023-2024 Miss Snowflake Brianna Crotteau of AWSC.

These two fundraisers are greatly needed for club expenses, which include fuel costs, trails, 2 Tucker groomers, tractor, and building maintenance.

Businesses, communities, clubs, and our town win when people are up here enjoying our trails and local hospitality.

Red Arrow Snowmobile & ATV Club would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to working together in the future to keep our Townsend area a great place to be.

Be Safe and have fun on our trail system.

Rick Van Asten, President

Lakes Country Public Library Annual Report: 4-16-2024

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Marsh, Townsend Library Board of Trustees Representative
Co-Chair-Building Expansion Committee; Fundraising Chair

General Information: Lakes Country Public Library is the "beating heart" of the four northernmost Oconto County townships. Commonly known as Lakewood Library, it is governed by Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 43 under supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The Library is owned and operated by the Towns of Doty, Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend as part of a 2020 Joint Library Agreement.

Lakewood Library is run by an eight-member Board of Trustees. Composition as determined by Chapter 43 is based on population. It includes one trustee from Doty, two each from Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend, and one appointed by the Superintendent of Wabeno Area Public School District. Susan Christianson and Kathleen Marsh, appointed to three-year terms in 2024 by the Town Chair, are Townsend's representatives.

Adhering closely to concepts outlined in Trustee Essentials, the Board has a responsibility to make sure that everyone, no matter their home address, ethnicity, economic status, or level of education, is treated with kindness, respect and dignity. Since there is no school in the area, the library provides services and activities that schools normally would. Its importance was underscored during the Covid Pandemic when patrons parked in the lot to access broadband and grateful borrowers took advantage of curbside service.

Lakewood Library serves as a Community Learning and Information Center. The library stocks the usual fare: books, DVDs, periodicals, video games, etc. and a robust OWLS inter-library loan program and beyond offers hundreds of thousands of items to eager borrowers. This collaboration enables Lakewood Library to boast the second largest circulation of any library in Oconto County. But there is so much more available, including that it is the only place to get copies made or send a fax, no small thing in our community.

Expansion/Renovation: A renovation and 3000 sq ft expansion project begun in 2022 will provide desperately needed 21st Century learning and program opportunities. The new library is a model for energy efficiency. It was built with community-wide support and shows what can happen when people step up and work together.

The project includes doubling the size of the children's library, adding a designated teen zone and larger area for public computer use. The addition also has a local history room that welcomes patrons doing genealogy research; small study rooms for telemedicine, test-taking, tutoring, counseling; and a large meeting room for book/garden/club meetings, arts/crafts instruction; special presentations, educational/cultural programs, and workforce development classes. It also has a family restroom with easy access for those with special needs. All areas have updated technology and improved services for disabled and non-ambulatory patrons.

Since the Library is such a critically important part of the community, it is open during construction with limited services. The addition is essentially finished; operations have moved there while the current facility is renovated. The project is due for completion within the next three months. Dedication will be on July 27.

Financial Report: LCPL is in sound financial condition. Our operating budget comes from the Four Towns and Oconto County as defined in State Statute 43 and outlined in a Five-Year Library Plan approved by the County Board. Funding from Oconto County and the Four Towns is determined by a complex DPI formula and paid in lump sum annual payments. LCPL's budget does increase slightly each year, but the Board is always mindful of property taxpayers' ability to pay. As defined in the 2020 Joint Library Agreement, the Town of Lakewood is our fiscal agent and responsible for holding funds that can never be used for any other purpose.

Project Funding: The Building Expansion Committee's fundraising arm has secured \$1.5 million dollars in funding for the project. Not a single dollar of taxpayer money has been requested.

*Working Together
Mental Health - Training*