
Town of Lorain Board Meeting

Call to order

The Town of Lorain Board met on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 at the town hall at 7:31 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Owens. The Town Clerk Kathy Hudson verified that the meeting was properly noticed both at the hall and on the town website.

Roll Call:

Chairman: Roger Owens. Supervisors: Steven Larson & Duane Truehart. Clerk: Kathy Hudson. Treasurer: Sam Tietz.

Attendees:

Dan Beecroft

Minutes:

Steven Larson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Duane Truehart. The motion carried.

Duane Truehart made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous month's meetings with requested amendment. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The motion carried.

Sam Tietz presented the Treasurer's financial report. She stated that the \$5000 heavy equipment fund money for 2025 had been transferred to the Fire Department account. She stated that the interest from the Cemetery Perpetual Care account had been transferred to the Town's General Account. Steven Larson made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Duane Truehart. The motion carried.

Duane Truehart made a motion to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The motion carried.

Public Input:

None

Old Business:

-None

New Business:

-The board reviewed a new Operator's License. Motion was made to approve the new license pending the verification of completion of the Beverage Server training class by Duane Truehart. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The Motion carried.

-The board reviewed samples of a new town hall rental application. The board discussed possible fees for rental as well as the need for any hall renter to have some form of insurance coverage for any damage that might be caused to the town hall or its property. It was determined that no fees would be charged to a town resident that rented the hall but that non-residents would be charged a \$50 fee and that all renters would be responsible for providing some type of insurance that would cover any damage that might occur during the rental. Final approval of the rental form was postponed until February's meeting.

Reports:

Town Supervisor Steve Larson presented the Comprehensive Planning Committee report. He stated that currently there was nothing to report but that the next committee meeting was scheduled for March of 2026.

Town Chairman Roger Owens presented the Roads Report. He stated that the 25th Street project grant had not arrived as of the meeting. He stated that the Polk County 'Bridge Aid' for culverts had arrived. He reported that the Friday after Christmas had been very icy and that due to the fact that Heath's Road Service's truck was broke down he had called both the Towns of McKinley and La Follette for help and that they had graciously agreed to sand the town's roads that day.

No Fire Department report was given. Dan Beecroft did mention that the Fire Department was still looking for a truck for the new tanker that had been purchased.

Chairman Roger Owens presented the Ambulance Service Report. He reported that the Executive Ambulance Committee was scheduled to meet in February.

Chairman Roger Owens presented the Cemetery Report. He stated that there was nothing new to report.

Announcements:

-None

Agenda Items for next meeting:

-Review/Finalize Town Hall Rental Agreement with possible action.

-Discuss/update policy for Records Requests with possible action.

Adjournment

Duane Truehart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Kathy Hudson-Town Clerk