Town of Lorain Board Meeting

Call to order

The Town of Lorain Board met on Thursday July 9th, 2026 at the town hall at 7:29 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. Road Maintenance: Heath Tietz

Attendees:

Wendy Beecroft, Meg Skemp, Steve Madison, Steve Bailargon.

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 meeting. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The motion carried.

Sam Tietz presented the Treasurer's financial report. Duane Truehart made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The motion carried.

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

Public Input:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- The 2 sealed bids for graveling 50th st. were opened and reviewed. The board received 1 emailed bid and 1 hand delivered bid. Hopkins Sand and Gravel Inc. had a bid of $12.99 per ton with a total of $24,005.52. S.B. Madison Construction had a bid of $11.31 per ton if from Jack's Pit with total of $23,164.05 and $13.90 per ton if from Madison Pit with total of $26,896.50, Duane Truehart made a motion to accept the bid from S.B. Madison coming from Jack's Pit (Total $23,164.05). The motion was seconded by Steven Larson. The Motion carried.

-The board reviewed 3 outdoor box options for parcels from Duane Truehart. Steven Larson made a motion to approve the purchase of the U-line box option priced at $365 (not including tax or shipping). The motion was seconded by Duane Truehart. The motion carried.

-The board reviewed the draft copy of the Loggers and Town Roads Policy. The board discussed the time limit for loggers to complete clean up and determined a 45 day timeline. Steve Larson made a motion to adopt the Town of Lorain Logging and Town Roads Policy with the 45 day timeline addition. The motion was seconded by Duane Truehart. The motion carried.

-The board discussed adding Jessica Owens as an additional cemetery committee member (making the committee member total 8). Duane Truehart made a motion to approve Jessica Owens as a cemetery committee member. The motion was seconded by Steve Truehart. The motion carried.

-The board discussed checking on pricing from other propane delivery services. Board determined that clerk would check on who owned the town hall propane tank and that she would get pricing from Lakes Gas, Northwoods Propane, Burnett Dairy, FerrellGas and Polk Burnett Propane for the board to review at the August meeting.

-The board reviewed the resignation of the town's Road Maintenance contractor Heath Tietz and discussed finding a new contractor for the Town. Steve Madison was asked to put in a quote for the job. The board discussed getting quotes from other road maintenance contractors. The board determined that an ad requesting bids would also be placed on the Town Website. No further action was taken.

Reports:

Chairman Roger Owens presented the Highway Department report. He stated that Heath Tietz was still working on ditch mowing. It was stated that Heath Tietz was also working on removing the beaver dam in a town culvert.

Supervisor Duane Truehart presented the Fire Department Report. He reported that the new tanker chassis was being worked on and that it would be painted the next week.

Chairman Roger Owens presented the Cemetery report. He stated that he was still working on digitizing the cemetery records. It was stated that he had received calls about gravesite purchases but no sales since the last board meeting.

Chairman Roger Owens presented the Ambulance Report. He stated that the new ambulance was still not in use. It was stated that the fundraiser for 1 of the ambulance crew had taken place in June. It was stated that the Ambulance service would again hold an August "A Gun a Day Raffle" Fundraiser.

Supervisor Steven Larson stated that there was nothing new to report for the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Clerk Kathy Hudson presented the second quarter budget summary.

Announcements:

-None

Agenda Items for next meeting:

-Review quotes from road maintenance contractors.

-Review propane prices from propane delivery services.

Adjournment

Steven Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Duane Truehart. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Kathy Hudson-Town Clerk