

They are responding to the Lakewood calls due to their limited volunteers. During the Long Branch Fire, nine fire departments responded. They decided to let the fire burn itself out to reduce any risk of firefighters being injured in a fall or the cold.

Oconto County I Am Responding system is still not working right and will probably continue like that until the system gets their upgrade.

**Friends of Townsend Fire** – Wanda Laste said there will be a spring cash raffle, drawing on March 8<sup>th</sup>, daylight savings. The members voted to donate the Smart TV to the Town of Townsend. This is located in the new meeting room, and no double will be a big asset to many who use the room. February 15 is the next meeting.

**Lakes Country Library** – Kathleen Marsh said the library stayed open during the cold snap and several people used it as a warming shelter. The doner tree & plaques are in place and look great. April 29 will be the annual banquet at the McCauslin Golf Course.

**NOCCO** – Zeller said that our NOCCO officer, Andy Dryja, has resigned to take a job with the DNR. DeMoulin and Evans attended a 7-towns meeting where Sheriff Skarban said the towns will not have to pay for a NOCCO officer in 2025. He is working with the state to get the same law enforcement services we had with the NOCCO. Nick School is a detective located full time at the Riverview location and an additional officer will be coming up.

**Permits/Licenses:** Short Term Rental application for Trailside Getaway on Mosquito Lake RD, Steven Seitzer. Zeller made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evans – M/A. Picnic License for the Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club for their annual Snowfest, February 15, Evans made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zeller – M/A. Retail Beverage License for Pintsh’s Pit, LLC, DBA The Olive Pit, Katrina Pintsch, agent. Zeller made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeMoulin – M/A

**Business:**

1. ~~Planning & Zoning: Conditional Use Application– Bug Tussel 16612 Pine Tree Rd~~
2. 2025 Wildfire Risk Reduction - The town received the grant from the Forest Service in the amount of \$15995.70. This will be used for roadside chipping, chipping at the brush site and home assessments.
3. Tax Overpayment Parcel #04-232309823G4. The assessor made the town aware that there are two properties that had the same fire number and similar parcel numbers. This resulted in a tax bill that was \$970.62 higher than it should be. The owner will pay the bill as printed and has requested a refund. Zeller made the motion to approve the refund of \$970.62 to parcel #042232309823G4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DeMoulin – M/A

**Public Comment** – Janet Opeila said the Wabeno Art Teacher went to Antarctica and is having a presentation as how she incorporated her trip with the students, on Thursday at the Elementary School. Val Hoffman asked who to discuss issues about the cell tower; contact Gabe Moody, Oconto County Planning & Zoning.

**Correspondence:** Oconto County implemented ordinance 02024-12-01, regulating the speed limit for ATV's on the trail through town, BP station south to Olive Pit, to 10MPH. Robert Hagen sent an email recommending the town create an ordinance to fine those that steal signs and prohibiting people putting their own signs up. The board will discuss at the February meeting.

**Announcements:**

Cribbage Sunday's February 16 – March 30 noon-3pm

Primary Election February 18, 7am – 8pm

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishery at Sunset February 8

Blood Mobile February 17 11-4pm

Town Board Work Session January 29, 10:30am

Zeller motioned to adjourn at 6:52pm, DeMoulin 2<sup>nd</sup> – M/A

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