

Town of Plum Lake
Town Board Meeting Minutes
12/9/2025

Open Meeting Verification: The meeting was duly called by Chair Postuchow at 5:30pm with the notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, and notice was given to the *Vilas County News-Review*, *The Lakeland Times*, WRJO, WERL, as well as posted on the Town of Plum Lake website.

Roll Call: Chair Postuchow, Supervisor 1- Rasmussen, Supervisor 2- Eliason, Treasurer Klager, Clerk Arnold, Gary Erington, Will Maines, Barb Maines, Lauri Gerlach, Joan Kazda, Shane Zaruba, Laurie Zaruba were in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

Citizen Comments: Gary Erington and Will Maines would like to speak regarding the Razorback Ridges Ski/Bike Trails

Motion made by Supervisor Eliason to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order. **Seconded by** Supervisor Rasmussen. **Vote: Unanimous/Carried**

Motion to: approve all items on the Consent Agenda **made by Supervisor Rasmussen. Seconded by: Supervisor Eliason. Vote: Unanimous/Carried**

Discussion and Possible Action on the following:

Monthly Vouchers: The chair discussed the need for an audit under federal law due to the town's receipt of federal funds. Supervisor Rasmussen suggests discussing the audit in a future meeting of the town board and Community Center FFP Committee and potentially scheduling an emergency meeting if necessary. The chair announced the current vouchers for approval. Motion by: Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the monthly vouchers. Seconded by: Supervisor Eliason. Vote: Unanimous/ Motion passed

Razor Back Ridges Ski/Bike Trails: Discussion of the history and current status of Razorback Ridges Chalet & Ski/Bike Trails with concerns raised about the need for maintenance to the Chalet and lack of volunteers to groom the trails. The Town Board expressed interest in continuing the discussion between the Town board and the Sayner/Star Lake Lions Club regarding the town taking responsibility for care and maintenance of the ski/bike trails. The following items need to be done or discussed:

- A letter of intent from the Lions Club to the Town of Plum Lake
- Information gathering concerning costs for maintenance and management of the chalet and trails with a detailed plan to be developed
- Review of the Land Use Agreement with the DNR
- Gather community input. The question of the town's management of the property would need to be presented to the electors.

Cemetery: Chair Postuchow discussed concerns about the cemetery operations which include issues fee schedule set by the town board which include digging fees. It has been brought to the Town Chair's attention that Funeral homes do not want to pay grave diggers as they should be paid by the town. An over charge of \$100 was paid to the grave digger which should be refunded to the funeral home. The Chair mentions the need for a contract to be drafted between the grave digger and the Town to ensure proper procedures are followed. Postuchow suggests looking into the possibility of a cemetery association that would manage the cemetery. **Motion made by Supervisor Eliason** to table the discussion until more information can be gathered. **Seconded by** Supervisor Rasmussen. **Vote: Unanimous/Carried**

Resolution 2025-008 Appointment of Election Inspectors and Voting Deputies: **Motion made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2025-008** which appoints election inspectors and voting deputies for the term of January 2026 through December 2027. **Seconded by: Supervisor Eliason. Vote: Unanimous/Carried**

Chamber of Commerce Room Tax Budget Report: Jessica Drallmeier presented the Chamber of Commerce Room Tax Budget to the board. The budget includes salary for an Executive Director. Budget will be posted to the town website and sent to the Dept. of Revenue and Dept of Administration.

Change Order #1: Explanation of the request for change order to contract dated November 19, 2025 by Supervisor Rasmussen. The change will allow for backfeeding 2 existing electric service meters which will bring 3 power meters down to 1. **Motion made by** Chair Postuchow to approve the change order pending making sure

the 15% change order fee is already included in the price adjustment. **Seconded by Supervisor Eliason. Vote: Unanimous/Carried**

REC Center Access: Access to the Recreation/Community Center will need to be limited due to ongoing construction and the need to test voting equipment and hold April and possibly February elections in the building. Town offices will be moved to the Rec/Community Center for the interim between the demolition of the Town Hall and the completion of the new Community Center. Reservations will be discontinued following the Sayner/Star Lake Lions Club Fishing Tournament on February 14, 2026.

Information Technology: The importance of privacy rights, and custody of public records was discussed. The issue of too many people having access to government property and the need for proper security measures being implemented lead to the direction by the town chair to town clerk to change email password and to properly log out and shut down computers at the end of the day.

Citizen Comments: Gary Errington and Will Maines discussed the history, current status and future of the Razorback Ridges Ski/Bike Trails. Laurie Gerlach commented on how important the Razorback Ridges Trails are to the community. Joan Kazda stated that the Town Board needs information in order to present the question of the town's assuming responsibility for the Ski/Bike Trails to the electors.

Motion: To Adjourn Made by: **Supervisor Eliason Seconded by: Supervisor Rasmussen. Meeting Adjourned at 6:59**

Recorded by T. Arnold, Clerk this 15th day of December, 2025