



PEWAUKEE LAKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
February 24th 2026 4:00pm
Village of Pewaukee
235 Hickory St Pewaukee, WI 53072

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from 09-17-2025 (City of Pewaukee Hosted)
3. Citizen Comments
4. Discussion and possible action regarding:
 - 4.1 Update on Hiring Process
 - 4.2 Update Winter Activities / Ice Rescue Equipment Purchase/ Ordinance
 - 4.3 Update on Spring Training
 - 4.4 Contract Extension
 - 4.5 Lake Country Clean Water Information
5. Schedule next meeting as needed
6. Motion to Adjourn

NOTICE

It is possible that members of other governmental bodies of the municipalities may be in attendance to gather information that may form a quorum at the above stated meeting. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

Any person who has a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible format must contact the Clerk Office at (262) 691-5660 three business days prior to the meeting so that arrangements may be made to accommodate your request.

Posted: February 9, 2026

In Attendance:

Alderman R. Reinbold (*City of Pewaukee*), Trustee J. Grabowski (*Village of Pewaukee*), and Supervisor T. Ogden (*Town of Delafield*).

Also Present:

Chief T. Heier, Sergeant L. Twelmeyer and Clerk/Treasurer K. Tarczewski.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

Mr. Reinbold called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2025 (*Village of Pewaukee*)

A motion was made and seconded (J. Grabowski, T. Ogden) to approve the Pewaukee Lake Patrol Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated February 6, 2025. Motion Passed: 3-For, 0-Against.

3. Citizen Comments – None
4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:
 - 4.1 Season / Staff / Equipment Update

Sergeant Twelmeyer reported the following related to “**Season Updates**”:

- There were no injuries beyond basic first aid.
- Monthly reports to the Committee members are provided prior to the 15th of the following month deadline.
- The annual audit will start in November.
- This spring 40 “slow no wake” buoys were purchased. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated he applied for a recreation boating grant which covered 50 percent of the cost. \$5,319.60 was received.
- Hazzard buoys have not been replaced since their original purchase.
- The Department hosted a four-day practical training event consisting of two days related to boat patrol essentials and two days of boat patrol maneuvering. It was reported that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) volunteered to reimburse the costs for that training. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated other communities attended this training as well.
- Ten children attended the Boater Safety course.

- Ten children attended RPD training, which Sergeant Twelmeyer helped teach this year and hopes to take over next year due to a retirement.
- The first ever Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) course is scheduled for November 8th for the Lake Patrol Officers sponsored by the DNR.
- Approximately 300 life jackets were given away at the Beach Party. They were donated by the National Marine Manufacturers Association. It was noted that this was the second year of doing this.
- Due to heavy rain a “slow no wake” was implemented on the lake this year for approximately five to six days. Sergeant Twelmeyer noted how well all the various agencies worked together.

Ms. Ogden asked what happened to all the floating pier pieces that made their way out to the middle of the lake. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated anything they found was logged into their property room.

Mr. Grabowski commended Chief Heier and Sergeant Twelmeyer for all their efforts while maintaining the “slow no wake” period, but noticed they took off after someone who was violating the lake rules. He asked if the boats had a Public Announcement (PA) System and learned they did not. Mr. Grabowski feels the DNR reimbursement could fund PA systems on the boats.

- An AED was donated by Tim Frank, CEO of the Butler Company. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated both the Fire and Police Departments have the same models.
- The buoys are scheduled to be taken off the lake next week. It is a week later since the weather has been unseasonably warm. Alternative dates have been scheduled if needed.

Sergeant Twelmeyer reported the following related to “**Staff Updates**”:

- Four officers will be retiring. They anticipate doing online recruitment soon.

Sergeant Twelmeyer reported the following related to “**Equipment Updates**”:

- Matt Quest and Kyle Crusier were thanked for donating boat slips.
- There were no major mechanical issues to report.

- The department has one boat lift and the other has been donated by Kyle Crusier.
- The Mako boat is currently at Center Point for winterization. It will get a new impeller. Sergeant Twelmeyer anticipates the bill will be high.
- The Key West is still in the water and believes it will get a new impeller too. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated it is a 2027 motor.
- Sergeant Twelmeyer is recommending a decal refresh to maintain a professional appearance.
- The DNR has a 10-year replacement. With the purchase of the motor on the Key West there is one year left and four years left on the Mako boat.

4.2 2026 Budget Presentation

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated there was no municipal increase proposed. He reported that Village Lake Patrol is the lowest paid boat patrol unit in the County. Staff is currently getting \$27 per hour, and he recommended increasing the hourly wage to \$30 per hour. He said the Lake Patrol officers have not been given a raise for the last two years. He said this raise would help retain staff. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated this would be budget neutral based on only utilizing 180 hours.

Ms. Ogden asked if senior staff members are paid differently. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated that Sergeant Schmackle will get paid \$31 per hour.

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated the training budget increased \$2,000 since they anticipate hiring four new people and adjusted the budget elsewhere to accommodate that increase. He noted that every officer is required to have 24-hours of mandated training to keep their certification.

A motion was made and seconded (J. Grabowski, T. Ogden) to approve the budget as proposed. Motion Passed: 3-For, 0-Against.

5. Update on Recommended Wake Sport Education Campaign

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated the QR code was placed on the key chains, the weed harvester decals and on the annual ordinance books. He said not only did the municipalities get copies of the ordinance books but so did the local restaurants, bars, bait shops, and gas stations. Metal signs were created for the launch sites.

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated whenever an officer makes a stop “everyone gets paper” rules, meaning everyone gets an ordinance book.

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated as far as “calls for service”, as of September 10th there was only one call for surfing as of May 1st. He said his officers utilize consensual encounter and approach boaters if they are willing to converse. Otherwise, this is enforced by observing.

Mr. Grabowski stated he feels the “soft-hand” educational approach is working. He doesn’t see lake surf boats on the shallow east side of the lake.

Ms. Ogden stated it was definitely better, but she still sees wake surfing where they are not supposed to be.

Mr. Reinbold stated his friends from the Yacht Club did notice a difference.

Mr. Grabowski stated displaying the map at the message center near the launch helped too.

Ms. Ogden inquired how loud music complaints could be dealt with. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated there is a noise ordinance and the volume would have to be real excessive late at night or involve foul language. He stated his rule of thumb is if you think you should call the police, you should have already done it.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation to the Municipal Boards to Adopt WI §167.26 Regulating the Use of Aerators

Seargent Twelmeyer stated there was a devastating incident that resulted in a death. It came to light that the Pewaukee Lake Patrol did not have an enforcement mechanism for aerators, so it turned it over to the County Sheriff’s Department. He recommended adopting state statute 167.26 which regulates how aerators are mounted and operated.

Mr. Grabowski stated the Village had to close their launch and access point on the east side of the lake all winter. He said there were a couple of side by sides that went through the ice. He stated after it re-froze there was a massive ice heave that was too dangerous to navigate over. Mr. Grabowski said the cause appeared to be due to an aerator being used on the adjacent property.

DNR Warden Tim Aspenson voiced his support to pass this ordinance because the DNR does not have staffing readily available to address these issues.

There was discussion that all three municipalities would have to pass an ordinance in order to allow the Lake Patrol the ability to handle aerator issues. The ordinance will tell property owners how to properly mark the area and maintain it, making them liable for issues.

A motion was made and seconded (J. Grabowski, T. Ogden) to make a recommendation to municipalities to pass an ordinance regulating the use of aerators per Wisconsin State Statute §167.26 before winter. Motion Passed: 3-For, 0-Against.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Lake Safety Measures

Mr. Grabowski stated he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. He said this in regard to ice safety. He stated he'd like to see some type of throwable rope mechanism stationed at multiple places around the lake, even if it is by the boat launches. He said there is a risk of it being stolen or damaged but wants to believe in the goodness of people and believe they would not mess with a life saving measure.

He said he realizes it is not in the budget but would like to see if there are chances of them being sponsored.

Ms. Ogden supported this idea and thought people around the lake could hang something bright and visible on their trees. She recommended possibly a fundraiser or grant.

Mr. Reinbold suggested find volunteers who will be willing to hang them on their shoreline. He said we would cover the cost and post on our maps where they could be found.

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated he spoke to Cindy Duchow and she indicated she might be able to find three big boat boxes. He said he also spoke to his contact at MMA who thought they could provide the life jackets and throw lines to fill the boxes. He said he thought about possible solutions to the equipment disappearing and thought that Dispatch's phone number could be called and they would release the combination to gain entry into the boxes. The Committee thought they may take too long to gain access. Another idea was to post that equipment is being tracked. Perhaps placing a low lit flashing construction light on the box to draw attention to its contents or the reflective warning triangle.

Sergeant Twelmeyer suggested even placing them directly on the ice and remove them when shanties are required to be removed.

The Committee discussed putting GPS monitors in the boxes and giving dispatch access to them so they always know where they are. Ms. Ogden suggested they would have to be marked so there is no accident during the night.

The Committee voiced their support and willingness to adjust the budget if needed.

Mr. Reinbold stated the only possible obstacle would be to make sure the boxes are replenished as needed.

Sergeant Twelmeyer stated he would get started to see what he can inquire. The Committee asked him to start out with three boxes and suggested rope, throw bows and a thermal blanket.

Mr. Reinbold voiced his concern about the public trying to do this on their own and wanted them to call 9-1-1 to alert emergency crews of the incident to avoid additional tragedies.

Mr. Grabowski suggested utilizing air tags.

Ms. Ogden suggested marking the boxes 'emergency use only'. Mr. Reinbold add 'property of the Lake Patrol'. Sergeant Twelmeyer stated they could add their decal on it. Mr. Reinbold wanted 'theft will be prosecuted' added to the box.

8. Schedule Next Meeting as Needed

There was discussion to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. in Delafield.

9. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded (R. Reinbold, J. Grabowski) to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion Passed: 3-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Tarczewski
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Pewaukee