

Town of Sand Lake
Public Hearing
Monday, August 11th, 2025
5:30 p.m.

- The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson.
- Public Notice of the Public Hearing was made on July 10th, 2025, in both physical locations (Town Hall and Town Shop) and on the Town's website.
- Matters for Discussion & Possible Action

1. Town of Sand Lake Ordinance 2025-01 – Subdivisions

Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson provides a summary of the ordinance. She reads the Purpose and Intent of the ordinance out loud. Comments from Neil Ambourn at 5428 County Rd X, resident and property owner, who is not opposed to the document. He asks where the document came from. Chairwoman Johnson states it is from the Towns Association originally, has circulated to many other townships in Burnett County. He asks if this ordinance is applied to all land, except for Tribal or County owned lands. He asks a clarifying question that a parcel cannot be subdivided below 10 acres without Township approval. Yes, per Chairwoman Johnson, property can be subdivided as low as ten acres but anything under that would have to come to the Town Board with a plan and obtain approval. Other comments from Neil include 9B misprint should be any instead of and. 10e Oakland should be Sand Lake (draft document). Neil thinks in 8a the word "encourages" should be "shall" or "must" to strengthen the document. Chairwoman Johnson provides context, not trying to limit folks that are going to build homes and increase tax base, but does want oversight to avoid subdividing a large parcel down to ½ acres for purposes that do not increase the tax base. Jim Tolbert at 25862 Normans Landing Rd comments on if other townships have had issues after this ordinance, Chairwoman Johnson has heard none. Reiterates that Realtors call her regularly asking if Sand Lake as a subdivision ordinance. Jim asks more about the plan if property owners wanted to go lower than a 10 acre minimum. He asks if you have 40 acres and want to split it into two 20s, is that okay? Yes, per Chairwoman Johnson, he would just go to the county unless they want to subdivide under 10 acres. Clerk Maggie Olson has received no messages by phone or email about the Subdivision Ordinance.

- The Public Hearing was closed at 5:42 p.m. by Chairwoman Johnson.