

# Newsletter

FALL/WINTER 2020

### Election Day is Nov. 3 - Meet the Candidates

### LAKE SHORE MAYORAL CANDIDATE

#### **KRISTA KNUDSEN**

I am thrilled and extremely honored to be running for the position of mayor of our incredible city! I moved to Lake Shore in 2005, planning on staying for only a summer. But I fell in love, with both our extraordinary community and my now husband, Kevin. Together, we have built a beautiful life in Lake Shore. We are the proud parents of four amazing children and the owners of a favorite local hangout, Cowboy's.

I began my community service in 2012 when I first ran and won a seat on our city council. I was reelected in 2016 and am currently serving in that position. Through this experience, I have learned so much about the inner workings of our local government. I have learned how to prioritize



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**HENRY COTE** 

the needs and wants of our city and how to creatively seek funding and other resources in order to fulfill these requests. I have learned that making big decisions is not always easy and seeking compromises in the decision-making process is generally the best approach. Most importantly, I have learned that our city is blessed to have such knowledgeable and resourceful staff. Their outstanding work is truly what makes this city great!

As soon as I decided to run for the position of mayor, I began to be asked about my platform, my agenda. I can honestly say that I have no agenda. I am not seeking this position to make major changes in our community. To the contrary, I seek to maintain the characteristics of our city that make us proud to call Lake Shore our home. I will work to preserve and protect our natural resources because they are the beautiful backdrop in which we get to live our lives. I will seek discussions, because talking through issues and concerns builds relationships and makes us knowledgeable. I will support economic growth and development because it makes us stronger. And, I will continue to support our community members and businesses because when we are united, we are unstoppable. I love our extraordinary city. And I will spend my term as mayor preserving all of its unique characteristics. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity!

### LAKE SHORE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

#### **HENRY COTE**

I have chosen to put my name on the ballot for city council with the hope to better the community that I live in, as well as collaborate with those that wish to do the same. Having moved from a small town in Colorado, I have grown to appreciate the values that are held by Lake Shore and the surrounding areas. It is my goal to learn from my neighbors in order to progress the community in the best way possible. I will do my best to listen to the community and represent the wishes of those that I live among.

### **WAYNE ANDERSON**

I am a candidate for re-election to the City Council for the City of Lake Shore, Minnesota.

My wife Janet and I have owned property in Lake Shore for 27 years. We started with the purchase of a seasonal cabin at Sherwood Forest, then purchased a year around property on Jacobs Road, and now we have downsized to a home on Nottingham Road. We have now retired, sold our business and our home in the Twin Cities and moved here after completing my 50-year tenure in the construction industry. We both enjoy the small-town atmosphere in Lake Shore.

 $I\ am\ completing\ my\ first\ term\ as\ a\ Council\ person.\ I\ had\ previously\ served\ on\ the\ Planning\ and\ Zoning$ 

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committee. Some of the tasks that I am proud to have been a part of include representing the City on the CR 77/trail construction, serving on the Roads/Wastewater committee and currently being the Council liaison to the Roads/Wastewater committee, coordinating the planning and completion of the major 2020 road work we are just completing, coordinating updates, repairs and maintenance to the City's wastewater system, and coordinating updates to the City Hall.

My goals if reelected to the Council will be: 1) to work closely with the City Engineer and City Administrator to keep the planning for maintaining the roads in the City current. With the major projects we are just completing we have a plan in place to be able to keep that work current using our budgeted funds; 2) continue our plan to keep our wastewater system properly maintained, and 3) continue efforts to update City Hall for safety and function.

During the last 27 years of my 50-year construction career which was spent managing construction projects, the majority of my efforts were in the Twin Cities performing historic restorations, major building renovations, and tenant improvement work. With that background I am convinced that the current City Hall building can be successfully restored and updated, and for a lot less money than a new building. The building does need code upgrades, safety upgrades, upgrades for function, and upgrades to current technology. I have prepared a couple plans to accomplish that.

Kevin Eagan has served as our Mayor for the last 4 years, but has decided not to run again. I want to thank Kevin for his efforts to keep our City functioning as it should. Kevin and I haven't always seen eye to eye but we both have had the best interests of the City of Lake Shore as a priority.

The excellent staff we have at the City of Lake Shore makes the job of Council person much easier. I want to thank them for their efforts.

With that information I am requesting your support for my reelection to City Council of Lake Shore. Thanks in advance for your support.

# ELECTION & VOTING INFORMATION www.co.cass.mn.us/services/elections\_voting/

### Police Notes: Message from the Chief

#### **Medical Emergencies**

The Clayton Houff Memorial purchased six Zoll heart defibrillators with cabinets for our area establishments. They are placed at Zorbaz, Bar Harbor, Cowboys, Sherwood Forest, Ernie's on Gull, Main Street Ale in Nisswa. Each police vehicle is equipped with a defibrillator, oxygen and other necessary medical equipment. The police chief and the full-time officer are both Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and each part-time officer is trained as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR's). Along with fire services, the Nisswa Fire & Rescue provides additional first responder service for all medical emergencies within the city.

### **Snow Plowing Across Roads**

Lake Shore residents are reminded that it is unlawful to plow snow from driveways onto or across city streets or country roads. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze into a solid mass creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snowplows. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles placed in

the roadway may result in liability to the property owner. Piles of snow increase the chances of drifting snow onto the roadway.

### Reporting Suspicious Activity and Crime

The police department wants to remind residents to report suspicious activity. With your help and action we will continue keeping this community safe from crime. When you help the police department, you are helping yourself from becoming a victim of crime. If you see suspicious or unusual activity report it immediately by dialing 911. Even a five minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the likelihood of catching the criminal. Do not leave a voice mail on the police department answering machine. Just dial 911 to get the Cass County dispatcher. Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong or out of place. Think about what could happen if you delay or don't make the call.

### Fritz Loven Park Rifle/ Shotgun Hunting/ATV Use

Rifle/Shotgun Hunting is prohibited within the 80 acres of Fritz Loven Park. There are hunting maps available on our website which outline the areas in the city where rifle/shotgun hunting is allowed. ATV's are not allowed anywhere within the 80 acres of Fritz Loven Park. Please operate your ATV's with respect to your neighbors and community.

#### **Property Watch**

Property Watch forms are available at the Lake Shore Police Department or online at www.cityoflakeshore.com. A new property watch form needs to be filled out each time you are away on vacation or leaving for the winter season. This information notifies the police department that you will be away from your residence during a specific period and allows us to have contact information in the unfortunate event that something happens.

### From Mayor Kevin Egan



As we move toward the end of one tumultuous year, we need to note all the good which occurred in Lake Shore in the past few months:

The City Council issued a set of municipal bonds to fund regular road maintenance. These bonds were the first issued by our town in years and will provide a source of steady funding for needed street repair;

Our trail along Highway 77 was busier than ever, with more bike and pedestrian traffic every weekend. The City is also making progress toward the construction of the last mile-long trail link, permitting a connection to Nisswa's trails and the Paul Bunyan;

The City Council negotiated a relationship with Charter/Spectrum which will provide Internet services to three areas of our community that currently lack functional internet connections. As we have seen, internet is more and more vital to rural areas, including ours;

In November, Krista Knudsen will be elected the first woman mayor in our City's history and Henry Cote will assume Krista's Council seat, with Wayne Anderson being reelected to our Council once again;

The City Council converted the term of the mayor to a full four-year tenure, equal to that of those elected to our City Council. This will allow Mayor Knudsen needed time to develop her own initiatives and programs; and

The fall color was stunning this year, the best I have seen in our 20 years in Lake Shore.

Finally, this is the last column which I write for Lake Shore's Newsletter as your Mayor. I did not seek re-election to a third term, as I have served in local government as an elected official, commissioner and/or a committee member for over thirty years and it is time for others to move into my role.

It has been delightful to serve the residents of Lake Shore and I have been privileged to work side by side with Teri Hastings, Patti McDonald and Chief Steve Sundstrom, the finest municipal team in the Lakes area.

### Roads Report: Fall 2020 Update

Written By: Council Liaison, Wayne Anderson

This year has been a big year for road work in the City of Lake Shore.

We have installed asphalt over the gravel on West Port View Road, reclaimed asphalt and installed new asphalt on Ebert Drive and Wienzel Point Road, and reclaimed asphalt and removed unstable base at Pamela Drive and Jacobs Road and then installed new gravel base and new asphalt. At Wienzel Point we also took this opportunity to excavate down to the sewer line that runs under the road and has been freezing during recent winters. We insulated the sewer line so we hope that eliminates the freezing problem. By the time this letter is sent out this work should all be substantially complete.

We also completed chip sealing of recently paved roads. This needs to be done in the first year or two after new asphalt is installed and is intended to extend the life of the new asphalt.

We also completed crack sealing of about a third of the city streets as part of our ongoing maintenance program.

With the major road work, we completed this year we hope we can complete future road maintenance and repair with the budgeted funds.

The Roads/Wastewater committee works hard at making these things happen and they deserve a thank you for that time and those efforts.

# BROADBAND COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Broadband Committee has supported Charter/Spectrum's application to the Minnesota Border To Border Broadband Development grant. If approved, this project will expand broadband access to an additional 180 households in the City. The build out is designed for 3 specific areas:

- Northern tier (between Cty Rd 29 and 72nd street, east of Cty Rd 78)
- Central tier (west side of Lake Margaret bordered by Cty Rd 78 and Cty Rd 107)
- Southern tier (north, east and west of Agate Lake)

Lake Shore has committed to investing \$230,000 for this project. Grant awards should be known by Jan 2021, and work would be completed by Dec 2022.

### Sign Up to Show Interest

The Broadband Committee continues to explore broadband options for residents who will not be served by the grant project. The most promising option may be StarLink.

StarLink is a new satellite based service that is expected to launch in Northern U.S. and Canada in late 2020, and rapidly expand to near global coverage of the populated world by 2021. StarLink's technology is anticipated to far surpass that of traditional satellite internet, and not be restricted by the traditional ground infrastructure limitations of current satellites. Starlink anticipates delivering high speed broadband internet to locations where access has been unreliable, expensive, or completely unavailable. Help Lake Shore residents gain access to this new offering by signing up for updates on service availability to show our community is interested in having another viable broadband option for residents - visit www. StarLink.com. Once launched, StarLink will provide price and service competition to existing providers ensuring a robust and competitive marketplace.

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# CITY OF LAKE SHORE, MN

#### **Council Members**

Krista Knudsen Doug Miller Wayne Anderson John Terwilliger

### Mayor

Kevin Egan

### City Clerk

Patti McDonald

### City Administrator/ Planning & Zoning Administrator

Teri Hastings

Police Chief Steve Sundstrom

Public Works/Wastewater Bob Heidelberger

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the City Council are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission

John Terwilliger - Liaison Jim Woll - Chair

Glen Gustafson, Gene Hagen, Arla Johnson, Robert Toborg Alternates: Pat Hastings, Shawn Hansen

#### **Environmental Committee**

Doug Miller - Liaison Arla Johnson - Chair Lowell Naley, Ron Faust, Robert Eliason, Todd Amerman

Alternates: Rosemary Goff

#### Road/Wastewater Committee

Wayne Anderson - Liaison Terry Hansen, Gene Hagen, Ray Rasinski, Jim Woll, Bill Schultz

#### Park Committee

Krista Knudsen - Liaison Todd Peterson - Chair Steve Sundstrom, Mary Kay Larson, Wesley Roberson Alternate: Cindy Terwilliger

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