

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Lind Town Hall, N1315 County Road A, Waupaca, WI

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Open Meeting Statement read.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was done.
4. Roll call – Kathy Nickel, Zoey Nelson, Ken Barrows, Faye Neumann all present; Cindy Hardy absent.
Public attendance per sign in book.
5. Approved Agenda.
6. Public Comments: none
7. Approve or Amend Minutes:
 - Monthly Board Meeting April 8, 2024 – Motion by Z. Nelson to approve as is; seconded by K. Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
8. Treasurer’s report: K. Barrows reviewed balance sheet. This past month we received the General Transportation Aid funds and the Annual Lottery Credit.
9. Clerk’s Report:
 - April transaction list reviewed; includes Checks #4755-4779 totaling \$31,244.78 Motion to approve transactions by K. Nickel; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - Liquor Licenses Renewals: Renewals received for Chimney Inn, Rustic Woods, Landing Strip. Camp Elsewhere will not be renewed at this time due to taxes owed. Motion by K. Nickel to approve the three; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion carried by voice vote.
 - Bistro Sixty: Faye presented information on new program from Waupaca County Senior Nutrition Program.
10. Land Planning Commission April & May meetings: S. Gall reported that CUP for Rickel was held until May meeting for clarification of concerns that were raised; this CUP was passed at May meeting with recommendation for approval. Mrotek CUP was held at May meeting for clarification on length of time granted on past similar CUP; this will be addressed at June meeting. K. Nickel added that Plan Commission Ordinance No. 56 is being reviewed for updates.
11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors –C. Hardy absent; no report.
12. Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members:
 - Waupaca/Outagamie County Ambulance Consortium 4/30/24 attended by Faye, Cindy, and Kathy: Proposal to add additional ambulance to consortium in Greenville. Would be used as 4th ambulance in municipalities. Operational plan and budget numbers reviewed. Concerns raised about response times and lack of communication with responders at scene re: ETA. This will be further addressed at a separate meeting.

- Fire Chief Waupaca District 4/6/24: Kathy was unable to attend. Review of all applications received was done and selection of 4 were chosen for 1st round of interviews which will be held June 10. Interviews will first be done with Commissioners and then immediately followed by a staff panel interview. Had one internal applicant.

13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers

- Reviewed spreadsheet of average costs of road projects for Pope Rd, Schoohs Rd, and Stecks Rd. Will put out for sealed bids and determine which or how many projects can be done on 2024 budget. May get discount for pulverizing all the roads at same time.
- One inquiry re: fire number for property on Cnty X. Kathy will follow up with County as we have not been given info. Lind needs to invoice parties for the fee that covers cost of sign and post.
- K. Nickel will contact John Gunderson or County for add'l sign posts for road name signs to be put up.
- John Gunderson will continue to do cold patch of potholes as needed. K. Nickel will contact him as we are made aware of new areas needing patching.
- Received updated timeline from Wis DOT re: Hwy 10 project. Eastbound USH 10 from Appletree Lane to Old STH 49 may go as early as 2026. Westbound USH 10 from Old STH 49 to Winnebago County Line is scheduled for 2026.

14. New Business:

1. Conditional Use Permit for Rickel: 300' Communication Tower for rural hi-speed internet on tax parcel 12 08 24 2, Lind Center Road. L. Larsen, Agent for Rickel/Bug Tussle, presented proposal and addressed public questions/comments. 300' lighted tower; signal is approx. 5-mile radius and ties into network of other towers; FAA approved location; 50 yr lease with a take-down bond held by the City of Waupaca; will assist with County communications such as 911 calls; space for three cell providers. D. Brooks, representative for R. Brooks, reiterated safety concerns of tower's placement in relation to Northern Lite Aviation, Inc's left turn traffic pattern (see attached letter). Discussion held.
Chairman K. Nickel: Need improved internet and cell reception in our rural area; project meets the requirements of Wis Statute §66.0404 Mobile Tower Citing Regulations and Waupaca County Ordinance; Similar tower next to airport in Royalton, WI with no crashes or near-miss issues since it was erected; no history of plane vs. tower crashes; approved by FAA.
Supervisor I, Z. Nelson: 50 year lease – will tower be obsolete vs. satellite or fiber optic; why not use existing structures such as silos of high vantage points; flashing beacon concerns for nearby residences and light pollution; safety concern of nearby airport and uniqueness of its proximity to Waupaca Municipal Airport with four emergency landings at Northern Lite Aviation airstrip in past 20 years; internet concerns not raised to Lind Board by citizens.
After discussion, motion made by K. Nickel for Board to recommend approval of CUP with the letter from Northern Lite Aviation, Inc be attached with minutes; seconded by Z. Nelson. Roll Call vote taken: Chair K. Nickel votes Aye
Supervisor I Z. Nelson votes Nay
Supervisor II C. Hardy absent
Majority vote not reached therefore motion does not pass. Recommendation of denial will be indicated on application. Concern voiced by elector if a conflict of interest exists with Supervisor I voting; it does not meet definition set by statute and vote is allowed.

2. Remodel of kitchen at Town Hall for office space: K. Nickel met with N. Bartel Construction; estimates work and materials for construction of wall and additional fold away voting booths at \$2000-2500 but will send written estimate. Trying to meet with electrician on wiring costs and have discussion with building inspector regarding project. Bartel would not be able to do project until late fall. Will continue to gather quotes and information.
3. Weyauwega Fire Dept Mass Casualty Event- May 20, 2024 from 5-9 p.m. Will be using Balcolm road as staging area and close off approx. half the road. No residence access will be affected.

15. Old Business:

- Voucher Program for Waupaca Parks and Rec: Laura Colbert and Aaron Jenson from City of Waupaca gave presentation on Waupaca Parks and Rec offerings with stats of registrations of youth from Lind and area townships. Suggestion of voucher program from Town of Lind to help offset non-city resident cost of registration. Discussion held. Ideas were shared that if approved to do approx. \$5000 dollars of vouchers, how would it be shared equally with Waupaca and Weyauwega district youth and among different families; sign up for sport and use voucher, then quit the sport; what about portion of funds being for Senior's registration costs; monies would take away from road construction funds. Further discussion to be held at future date. Would not be in effect until 2025 budget if approved.
- Tony's Cemetery Service Contract: Reviewed; discussion held. Will remain with John's Lawn Care for mowing and maintenance services. K. Nickel will ask Tony's if they prefer a yearly contract or longer. Motion by K. Nickel to approve Tony's contract for sexton service; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. K. Nickel will request contract for signing at next Board meeting.
- Transfer switch/generator at Town Hall: Waiting for electrician to discuss project and get quote. K. Nickel will contact additional electricians. Met with County Emergency Management Director, Andy Carlin. There is FEMA grants to help with cost of generators but need to show the hall is used for multiple services. Likelihood of getting funds is very low.
- Poll Workers Wage Increase: Was discussed at Annual Meeting and electors voted to increase poll worker wages for training and hours worked to \$14/ hr for workers and \$15/hr for Chief Electors with Chief Electors also getting \$50.00 per diem, per shift worked on election days; Lind will provide two meals for election day workers; change would not be in effect until January 1, 2025. Motion to approve wage change with 2025 budget made by K. Nickel; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Artificial Wake Enhancement Device Restriction Ordinance: Discussion held on approval of wording of sample Ordinance for Spencer Lake. Must match wording of Dayton's Ordinance due to shared ownership of lake. Farmington and Dayton will have shared Ordinance for Chain O' Lakes. We also received copy of petition that was presented to Dayton. DNR and Waupaca County Sheriff Wilz have approved the draft. A joint Public Hearing will be held with Dayton; needs a 30-day published notice. Motion to approve Ordinance wording as presented by K. Nickel; seconded by Z. Nelson; passed unanimously by voice vote.

16. Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings:

- Board of Review, May 15 4 p.m-6 p.m. at Lind Town Hall
- WTA Quarterly Meeting at Bear Creek, May 16, 2024

- Next Board meeting will be June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

17. Adjournment: Motion by K. Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Nickel, Chair; Neumann, Clerk