

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, October 14, 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 done.
4. Roll call: K. Nickel, Z. Nelson, C. Hardy, F. Neumann, K. Barrows all present. Public attendance per sign in book.
5. Approved Agenda: Motion by Z. Nelson to approve agenda as presented; second by C. Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Public Comments: Jake Waller, Fire Chief for Waupaca Fire District; Introduced himself and his role as the new full time Fire Chief for our district.
7. Approve or Amend Minutes:
 - Board meeting September 9, 2024 –Motion by C. Hardy to amend item number 11 on Sept. 9, 2024 minutes to read that “Greenways will *not* help install the bicycle air pump”; second by Z. Nelson; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
8. Treasurer’s report: K. Barrows reviewed monthly balance sheet. New tax software being used by County will not allow him to put date/time of when he will be at Town Hall for property tax collection, nor info on dog license fees on the tax bill so he will post at Town Hall and on webpage. We will have option for an insert in with the tax bills for this information but do not know the cost of this yet. Kathy added that agreement for use of new software has been received and signed.
9. Clerk’s Report:
 - October transaction list reviewed; includes Checks #4912-4964 totaling \$115,160.99, with checks #4912-4944 being voided due to misprint. Motion to approve transactions made by C. Hardy; second by K. Nickel; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
 - Over 100 requests for Absentee Ballots have been received thus far. Sue G. shared that she received a flyer from the Republican Party with Clerk’s name/address for requesting an absentee ballot.
10. Land Planning Commission meeting: no report due to no meeting in October.
11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: C. Hardy reported \$34 million was allotted for remodel project; are already \$2 million over and looking for areas to cut from budget. Large amounts of fraud occurring in the area targeting seniors; County is working to set up education programs on how to recognize fraud and report it.

12. Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members:

- C. Hardy:
Yearly Ambulance Consortium mtg; Adding ambulance to Hortonville area which will help provide better coverage and not pull an ambulance from Waupaca area. Budget for Lind will be raising by \$0.29 per capita.
Weyauwega Fire Dept District will be having a \$20,000 increase for the year of 2025 split amongst the 4 towns to cover new furnace/air condition units for building. We will be receiving the budget info from them.
- K. Nickel:
East Central Regional Planning Commission: attended by C. Hardy, K. Nickel, and A. Richardson. Was a brain-storming session on how could the Regional Commission utilize some of their resources to assist the towns. A primary suggestion was to have resources available to assist with Grant writing and/or submissions.

13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers

- Email received from a property owner on Miracle Mountain Way, addressed to Lind, Dayton, and Farmington Town Boards. Property owners are wanting to pave a portion of this private road that borders the Dayton landfill parcel which is owned by all three townships. There are a few trees that are dead and could be a potential hazard for falling on to Miracle Mountain Way. Jeff Barlow of Dayton and Kathy will meet the party out there next week to evaluate the area and if something needs to be done.
- Speed limit for Spencer Lake Road: waiting to hear back from Dayton Township that reduced speed of 35 mph has been approved.
- Nelsen Road as you turn off of Lind Center Road: the sharp curve as you cross over the Walla Walla seems to be posing a hazard; drivers do not seem to realize how sharp of a curve it is and are accelerating too much. A mailbox has been sheared off 3 times this year and vehicle has flipped over into the creek. Having Waupaca County determine what type of caution sign would be best with suggested speed based on the degree of the curve. Will have caution signs placed from both directions.
- Z. Nelson: Bartel Road name signs have arrived and will be put up. Three additional fire numbers have been granted so they are also ordered. ~~has ordered fire number for W. Neumann parcel on Shambeau Trace and is waiting on road name signs for Galilee/Bartel and Airport/Bartel roads.~~ (Double Entry)
- Tree down on Balcom Road that fell and was cleaned up by J. Gunderson. We have also asked J. Gunderson to cut brush back on Balcom and Holiday Rd intersection.
- Farhner did chip sealing on Schoohs Road further into the intersection with County Rd A than was originally planned. This was no extra cost to us. Plan is for a 3rd layer to be applied to Schoohs Road and Pope Road in 2025 with a quote of \$23000 for that 3rd layer by Farhner. Would have them not chip seal as far into the intersection with County A since that will all be redone by the County whenever they resurface County A.

14. New Business:

- Janet Olson representing Sawdust City Snowmobile Club: Trail runs along Yohr Road and Lind Center Road. Still looking at options for trail to go south from Lind Center Road. Requesting Town's approval to run trail along Yohr and Lind Center Roads. Motion by K. Nickel to approve trail along those roads; second by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

15. Old Business:

- Emerald Ash Bore Grant: Deadline for application was missed. Will try to reapply next year.
- ARIP application for Stecks Road: K. Nickel reported that application has been submitted.
- Town Hall remodel: Project planned to start Nov. 11th. Project is way under budgeted amount; discussion held regarding option of adding a generator that is purchased by and kept at the Town Hall. Kathy will check with Bauer electric on option of a permanent generator being added outside the building. We also received a large wooden desk for free that can be used for the office space.

16. Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings:

- Next Board meeting will be November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Plan is to have the Public Hearing, Special Meeting of Electors for the Budget also on this evening if budget can be completed in time.
- We will also have a workshop of the Board to review and draft the 2025 budget. We are seeing delays in getting budget numbers from outside resources.

17. Adjournment: Motion by K. Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Z. Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by Nickel, Chair; Neumann, Clerk