

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, December 8th, 2025 6:00 p.m.

- Called to order at 6:00 pm
- Roll call: K. Nickel, T. Stearns, C. Hardy, C. McCoy, K. Barrows all present. Public attendance per sign in sheets (8 per sign in book).
- Approved Agenda: Motion by Supervisor II Hardy, seconded by Supervisor I Stearns to approve the agenda as printed; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Public Input/Comments: Code Red contract ends 12/31/25. You need to disconnect this service if you use it. Laurie Knutzen commented on the Dairy Alliance meeting outcome from the County Zoning meeting which was held December 4th, 2025. Need to be active instead of proactive. Supervisor Hardy did an excellent job in explaining this ordinance change is for the process and not allowing co digesters to operate without town approval. Chairperson Nickel reported the web page is down and will be back on line in a couple of days.
- Monthly Board Meeting November 10th, 2025: Public Hearing of the 2026 Budget November 10th, 2025; Meeting of the Electors November 10th, 2025: Motion by Supervisor I Hardy, seconded by Supervisor I Stearns to approve the minutes as presented of all three meetings; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barrows reviewed monthly bank accounts.
 - USPS-Postmark Changes at the Post Office Reported on the changes through the USPS concerning the post mark: Treasurer Barrows explained the importance of mailing of your tax bill prior to the due date as the local post office is no longer post marking mail and all mail is being sent to Milwaukee to be post marked before being returned to this post office. Ex. If you mail your property taxes on January 31st, it will not be post marked until February 3rd or 4th which will make your property taxes not being received by the due date and will be subject to interest.
 - Impact of the penny on property tax bills – explained the discontinuation of penny and property tax bills must be exact.
- Clerk's Report:
 - Bills and Receipts: Clerk McCoy requested approval of payment in the amount of \$15,070.61, checks 5314-5334. It was moved by Chair Nickel, seconded by Supervisor I Stearns to approve receipt of \$15,070.61. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Clerk McCoy also requested approval to purchase a safe for the town hall for securing checks, election information etc. Discussion was held. Laurie Kuntzen may have a safe which may be what the town is looking for.
- Land Planning Commission meeting: No December meeting was held.

- Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: Supervisor II Hardy reported Waupaca County Zoning office is looking into creating an ordinance dealing with mega data centers. Mega Centers use millions of gallons of water and electricity. Solar ordinance may be completed in February. Star Dairy is using the lagoon by the Rickman farm to dispose of waste from the cheese factory. Supervisor Suhs reported Dayton and Farmington has stopped zooming of the meetings.
- Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members:

Supervisor I Stearns reported on the following from Wisconsin Towns Association meeting attended in November: Department of Transportation will do a speed test study free and make recommendations. Cities can annex out 3 miles from a town. They are still fighting to eliminate 20 hours of early voting before an election. Trying to implement the start of processing absentee ballots the Monday prior to the election day. Chairperson Nickel reported on the nuisance fire alarm charging after the 3rd time from the Waupaca Fire Department. The biggest violators are Bethany, King, and Park Vista.
- Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers:
 - Fire numbers: Supervisor I Stearns ordered 20 posts and only received 19 posts. Installed posts to put weight limit signs on in the spring.
 - Snowplowing report: Plows will be going out Tuesday and Wednesday morning this week. Intersections have been redone and cleaned up better.
 - Update of LRIP, ARIP, and DNR grants: Chairperson Nickel reported on the following: DNR grant – trimming of the ash tree removal the Town received \$5,000; we must match the \$5,000 to receive the grant. LRIP – participants have been picked and awarded. Town of Lind did not receive the LRIP. ARIP is due 12/15 grant is being reviewed. West Rd. 813,000.00 will not be completed unless receiving a grant; if no grant is received, it would have to be completed in stages over multiple years.
- New Business:
 - Approval of election workers for the 2026-2027 election cycle – Clerk McCoy read the names of the 15 election workers. It was moved by Chairperson Nickel, seconded by Supervisor I Stearns to approve the 15 names as presented. motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - Adopt Records Retention Policy – Discussion was held. It was moved by Chairperson Nickel, seconded by Supervisor II Hardy to approve the records retention policy by the Wisconsin Historical Society, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings: Monthly Board Meeting: Monday January 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- Adjournment: Motion by Chairperson Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by C. McCoy, Town Clerk