

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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 sheets (12 per sign in book).
5. Approved Agenda: Motion by Supervisor I Nelson to approve agenda as presented; second by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Public Input/Comments: Elector inquired on status of reducing speed limit on portion of Spencer Lake Road; update given that we are working jointly with Town of Dayton and traffic study needs to be done. (shared road with Dayton).
7. Approve or Amend Minutes:
Board meeting February 17, 2025: Motion by Supervisor II Hardy to approve minutes as presented; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
8. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Barrows reviewed monthly balance sheet. Also gave update on Property Tax payments with option coming for 2026 using credit card to pay taxes; Town will have option to use or not; as Town receives more information we will have to assess how it would process the payment and what extra charges there would be for the town and property owners to cover credit card fees.
9. Clerk's Report:
 - Bills and Receipts: Clerk Neumann presented transaction list including check numbers 5082-5108 totaling \$26,984.47, along with reversal of check numbers 4971,5004,5037. Motion by Chairman Nickel to approve transactions as presented; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
10. Land Planning Commission meeting: no report due to no meeting in March. April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Due to election on April 1. There is agenda items for April meeting. Elector raised question regarding absentee ballots; Clerk Neumann responded.
11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: Supervisor 2 Hardy stated there was no report this month.
12. Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members:
 - Planning and Zoning Informational Meeting: Held Feb. 20, 2025 at the fairgrounds. The Waupaca County Planning and Zoning staff went over all proposed revisions to County Ordinances, including the Waupaca County Dairy Farmer Alliance's proposed amendment. The

Towns now take these proposals for review at their Planning Commissions followed by their Boards, and give feedback to the Planning and Zoning Dept. on if we agree or disagree with them. Discussion held. We have until the end of May for our review and feedback to be submitted. The County will then hold a Public Hearing and proceed through the process with the input from the Towns being considered. They also gave clarification on the building inspector program/process. Suggestions for future meetings were given: an information meeting for new Board members that have been elected so they know how their processes work; and review of how CUPs (Conditional Use Permits) are handled at the town level.

- Quarterly WTA Meeting: Held Feb. 20, 2025 at Waupaca County Highway Facility. Mostly legislature updates given and work coming forth on State budget. Introduced Waupaca County's new Emergency Management Director, Zack VanAsten. Reiterated that if a large storm occurs with lots of damage and trees down, it is important to take lots of pictures prior to any cleanup starting. This is extremely important for receiving any type of monetary assistance for cleanup. The Manawa dam collapse was a recent, local incident; they did receive FEMA monies. Suggestion that we post a reminder if we hear of potential large storm in area. Sheriff Wilz reviewed law enforcements role in dogs at large. They are only involved if the animal has bitten someone or another animal, or is causing damage. They do not respond for dogs just running at large; that is up to the Town to handle. They also do no response for cats. Kevin Peterson gave update on State budget and work going forth on that.

13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers

- Spring Weight Limits: Went on March 10, 2025. County X is only access to Lind that does not get posted limits. Signs put up by Chairman Nickel on Saturday, March 8. We don't post every Town road because of only access coming from posted county roads. All Town of Lind roads are posted at 10 ton weight limit. The Lind Board do not police this process. Questions of weight limits should be addressed to the County Highway Dept and State Law Enforcement.
- Pufahl Road and Cemetery Road: Pufahl road getting graded and leveled out again; very close to flooding over the top; will shut down if this occurs. Have instructed J. Gunderson to replace the culvert that is failing again. This culvert has failed twice before. Cemetery Road has water running over in one location due to poor ditching in that area; J. Gunderson will cut this ditch down so we can redirect the water in correct manner. Elector shared that culvert on 29th has severe dip on one end. Will check this on our road tour.

14. New Business:

- Survey Map for K. Nickel: Map reviewed; border adjustment done on vacant parcel to verify parcel boundaries for set back distances. Discussion held. Motion by Supervisor II Hardy to approve survey map as presented; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Chairman Nickel recusing herself from the vote.
- Final chip sealing layer on Schoohs and Pope Roads: Fahrner to get us updated quote for putting the final chip seal layer down. Chairman Nickel to meet with Fahrner supervisor to discuss some concerns we have on Pope Road.
- Bridge report: Report received from Waupaca County; Six bridges in Town; most need epoxy seal done to surface and work on approaches. Will verify on our road tour and address with final determinations of road projects for 2025.
- Lind Center Cemetery: still need to address our Town fees and do comparison with charges by other Towns in our area; still gathering fee data from other municipalities.

Chairman Nickel also received a phone call from K. Pufahl inquiring if Town would buy back 3 or 4 graves that her deceased husband's family had purchased many years ago and she feels they no longer want to keep them. Town only pays \$35.00 per grave if we were to purchase them back. Discussion held. Chairman Nickel will return call to her with option that she donates them back to the Town or for use for burials for parties with no financial means to use as tax deduction.

15. Old Business:

- Planning Commission Applicant: Left posting up on webpage, notice board, and FaceBook page for additional month; R. Mitchell would like to resign as soon as replacement can be found; no additional applicants received. Motion by Supervisor II Hardy to approve applicant; second by Chairman Nickel; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- ARIP project Stecks Road: Working on bidding documents so they can be filed with WisDot. Need to publish and hope to open sealed bids by end of April or our May meeting.
- Cemetery price list: Addressed above.

16. Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings:

- WTA District Meeting: March 25, 2025 at St. Point; Chairman Nickel is registered to attend.
- Spring Road Tour by Board members: March 20, 2025 at 12 noon
- April Board Meeting and Annual Town Elector Meeting: Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- Open Book: Monday, May 5, 2025 11a.m. – 1 p.m. via phone with Amy Bazille.
- Board of Review – Monday, May 12, 2025 4:00-6:00 p.m. (before our monthly Board meeting).

17. Adjournment: Motion by Chair Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by K. Nickel, Chair