

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Open Meeting Statement read.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was done.
4. Roll call – Kathy Nickel, Zoey Nelson, Cindy Hardy, Ken Barrows, Faye Neumann all present.
5. Public Comments: An elector requested information from the Public re: letter sent about digester project and who are administrators of the FB page *Citizens Protecting Rural Waupaca County*. Other electors responded. Board clarified that this is not connected to the Town Board and their actions in any way.
6. Agenda for December: Motion by Hardy to approve agenda as is; second by Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. Approval of Minutes: It was noted by Nickel that all minutes will now have “Draft” watermark on them until they are approved by the Board. This prevents copies given out to the public in attendance from being mistaken for approved or amended minutes. Watermark will be removed and minutes posted on web page after approval.
 - Public Hearing November 13, 2023 – Motion by Nelson to approve as is; seconded by Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - Special Meeting of Electors November 13, 2023 -- Motion by Hardy to approve as is; seconded by Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - Monthly Board Meeting November 13, 2023 -- Motion by Hardy to approve as is; seconded by Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
8. Treasurer’s report: Reminder of tax collection dates at the Town Hall for December, 2023 and January, 2024. Reminder that if mailed in and you want a receipt, or dog license is paid, please include a SASE.
9. Clerk’s Report: December ledger reviewed; Neumann reported amendment needed to include check #4649 for \$1065.49 to Wis. Dept of Revenue. This amends report to include Checks #4612-4649 totaling \$154,639.50. Motion to approve as amended by Hardy; seconded by Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Neumann reported that Election preparations are moving forward. Could have 4 elections during 2024.
10. Land Planning Commission: No report. No meeting in December.
11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors – Hardy and Golding reported that a donation of approximately 47 acres was made to Caledonia for a park; a couple of resolutions were addressed and one retirement of a County Board member.

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

- Nelson attended Waupaca Fire Dept. November meeting in place of Nickel. Hope for full time Fire Chief to be in place by July 1st, 2024; status of each town approving and passing resolution for Joint Fire District Levy increase.
- Hardy attended Weyauwega Fire Dept November meeting. Question was raised if new facility is approved resulting in a tax levy, can that be separated per land owner in Town of Lind similar to how school district is. Follow up will be done by Nickel and Hardy regarding this question.

13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers

- Sink hole on Bunker Hill being filled in Gunderson. Not sure cause of this.
- Sign stolen from intersection of Haire and Reek Road. Sign was replaced by County but billed to Weyauwega in error. Bill will be corrected to Lind. Nickel was told there was a police report and that the party was caught. Will follow up on if this is true and can Lind be reimbursed for costs.
- Nickel confirmed that speed limit signs are in place on Bags Hill Road where appropriate. Request made to have Pedestrian warning signs placed between Wests Road and County E. Nickel will follow up.

14. New Business:

- Ethics Ordinance. Nickel presented idea of consideration on developing an ordinance in regards to how they are addressed and costs covered if an ethics complaint is filed against a Board member. No ordinance is in place currently. Nickel will research to see if a sample from other entity could be used as a template.
- Animals At Large Ordinance violations. We have had a significant increase in violations regarding pets, mainly dogs, running at large in the township. The ordinance has been posted on our website for easy access and one fine was issued to an owner for dog running at large even after owner was given more than one verbal warning.

15. Old Business:

- Galilee Road: Nickel concerned about a couple of small areas where paving appears uneven and rough. Contacted American Asphalt. They will monitor the areas and do corrections if needed in Spring of 2024.
- Cemetery Ordinance #2021-1; reviewed draft of changes. Additional changes will be made and reviewed at next meeting.
- Fire District Tax Levy resolution; Reviewed proposed resolution. After discussion was held, motion made by Nelson to approve resolution; seconded by Hardy; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- Greg Stelse Applications for Comprehensive Plan and Zone Map Amendments -- Public Hearing will be held on January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Board meeting to follow immediately after.
- LRIP Application/Grant: Committee meeting was held on December 6, 2023. Nickel on committee; reported that Lind was not a recipient of a portion of the grant for this year.

16. Future agenda items:

- Barrows shared that we will have to adjust date for February meeting due to tax collection dates.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Nelson; seconded by Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Submitted by Nickel, Chair; Neumann, Clerk
Posted 1-9-2024