

# **Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Monday, February 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

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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 (17 per sign in book).
5. Approved Agenda: Motion by Chair Nickel to amend the agenda item #16 – March meeting date; second by Supervisor 1 Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Public Input/Comments: Notified of the passing of former Board member Mike Jansen; Elector McCoy asked that a card be sent to the family; Chairman Nickel will send card.
7. Approve or Amend Minutes:
  - Caucus January 13, 2025: motion by Supervisor 2 Hardy to approve as presented; second by Chairman Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - Board meeting January 13, 2025: Motion by Supervisor 1 Nelson to approve as presented; second by Supervisor 2 Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - Special Board meeting January 15, 2025: Motion by Supervisor 2 Hardy to approve as presented; second by Chairman Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - Special Board meeting February 4, 2025: Motion by Supervisor 1 Nelson to approve as presented; second by Chairman Nickel; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
8. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Barrows reviewed monthly balance sheet. Explained tax payment distribution.

Credit Card for Town use: Treasurer Barrows gave overview of his research into credit card options from local financial institutes. Chairman Nickel gave overview of her research into options of general credit cards. Discussion followed. Felt that the Visa Ink card for business was best option; will wait to apply for cards until after new Board is in place. Motion by Chairman Nickel apply for the Visa Ink business card for Chair and Clerk after the April 1 election; second by Supervisor 1 Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
9. Clerk's Report:
  - Bills and Receipts: Clerk Neumann presented transaction list including check numbers 4971, 5004, and 5050-5081 totaling \$45,315.27. Motion by Chairman Nickel to approve transactions as presented; second by Supervisor 1 Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - Clerk Neumann shared that she received a request from D. McPherson to increase his wage for cleaning of Town Hall from \$20.00/hr to \$25.00/hr. Clarification received from elector McCoy that he is hired by Town so decision can be made on wage and does not have to go to Electors Meeting in April, but if granted, would not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2026. Discussion held.

Motion by Chairman Nickel to increase his wage to \$25.00/hr starting Jan. 1, 2026; second by Supervisor 1 Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- Substitute Poll Workers for April 1 election: Motion by Supervisor 1 Nelson to approve Renae Sommers, Stacy Bartel, Jaleen Hacklander, and Joan Schumacher as substitute poll workers for the April 1 election; second by Supervisor 2 Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. Land Planning Commission meeting: no report due to no meeting in February.

11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: Supervisor 2 Hardy gave update on remodeling of Courthouse; security concerns at the Courthouse and budget needed to provide officers on site whenever the courthouse is open. Monies needed has not been determined in the budget yet.

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

- Weyauwega Fire District: Supervisor 2 Hardy introduced Dan Nehring, Deputy Chief of Weyauwega Fire Dept; he presented information on replacement of 2 fire vehicles with 1 apparatus and costs associated with it. He is seeking a verbal agreement at this time that the Town's budgeted monies will be made available to the Weyauwega Fire Dept so that they can advance on the purchase process for the new vehicle. Discussion held. Board agreed that the monies set aside each year for the Weyauwega Fire District's capital purchases would be available for their percentage of the purchase price of the new vehicle.
- Waupaca Fire District: Chairman Nickel reported that it was a brief meeting; financial report was reviewed. Waupaca is also working on purchase of a new ladder truck; getting quotes and details figured out. Former Chief Deumann has submitted his retirement. Firefighters employee handbook is being reviewed and updated.

13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers

- Tree trimming/brush cutting is being done by J. Gunderson as weather allows.
- Wests Road culverts sunk drastically with weather change; gravel was put in them but doesn't last when snowplowing needs to be done. This road does have to be a priority to be addressed in near future.
- Snowplowing going well; Chairman asks electors to keep us informed if any issues so they can be addressed with C. Golke Industries. So far getting very positive feedback.
- Two additional letters of property violations received from the County. We again reported property on Crystal Road that has added another pop-up shelter and County will address.

14. New Business:

- Tony's Cemetery Service: Craig and Tracy Hoffman present from Tony's. Discussion held on the process we will use for accounts payable and receivable between Tony's and Lind. Currently the funeral homes collect the fees from the families and one check is sent to Tony's. Agreed we would continue the process of the funeral home contacting Tony's; have the funeral issue two checks to Tony's, one for their fee, and the second one

for the additional fee that Lind gets above Tony's charges; both checks go to Tony's so they know the amounts are paid; Tony's will then forward the Town of Lind check to us. For services provided by Tony's that don't involve payment coming from the funeral home, such as phone calls, selling of grave sites, etc, an invoice will be issued to Lind from Tony's. When a grave site is sold, the information and payment will be sent to us by Tony's; a deed will be made by the Clerk and mailed directly to the purchaser. Discussion also held that Lind needs to adjust our current pricing; Tony's will forward comparable prices from other town's they work with. This price adjustment can be done now versus with budget year as it is not part of the town's budget/monies. Will continue discussion at future meetings.

- Applicant for Planning Commission: One application has been received for Planning Commission member to replace a member that is moving out of the area in about 5 months. Application reviewed and discussion held. Will leave notice requesting applications posted on webpage and notice board another month, and add posting to FB page. Chairman will contact member that is leaving and clarify anticipated effective date for resignation. Application will be re-addressed with any additional applications received, if any, at March meeting.

#### 15. Old Business:

- ARIP Application-Chairman Nickel presented SMA (State Municipal Project Agreement) form received from WisDOT for signature. Clarified that many of the road construction firms now have registered engineers on staff for signing off on the project. Motion by Chairman Nickel to approve the signing of the SMA; second by Supervisor 2 Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Miracle Mountain Way: This will be put on hold until after Spring Election and matter will be taken up with new Farmington Board.
- Town Hall remodel: Remodel is now done. Plumber has been contacted and will come early March to address leak under kitchen sink.

#### 16. Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings:

- March Board Meeting: Change of date due to meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> with Board and Waupaca County Highway Dept. Motion by Chairman Nickel to move meeting to March 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm; second by Supervisor 2 Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Planning and Zoning Informational meeting: February 20, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Waupaca County Fairgrounds; they will present proposed revisions to ordinances.
- WTA Quarterly Meeting; February 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. All Board members plan to attend.
- WTA District Meeting: March 25, 2025 at St. Point; Chairman Nickel is registered to attend.
- Spring Road Tour by Board members: Selected March 20, 2025 at 12 noon. Suggestion made that we consider having this done in the Fall versus Spring; would be able to work on Spring bidding projects to get them out earlier in the year.

- Spring Election is April 1, 2025
- Annual Town Elector meeting is April 15, 2025. Discussion held and motion by Chairman Nickel to move monthly Board meeting to Tuesday, April 15; second by Supervisor 2 Hardy; clarification that Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and include the Clerk giving oath of office to the newly elected Board; Annual Electors meeting will convene after the Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Chair Nickel to adjourn; seconded by C. Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by Nickel, Chair; Neumann, Clerk