

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, April 15, 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 (18 per sign in book).
5. Approved Agenda: Motion by Chairman Nickel to approve amend the agenda to add spending limit to new credit cards under old business and fix date on agenda to “Monday” vs. Tuesday; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
6. Public Input/Comments: None offered. Supervisor I Nelson asked that we reiterate that this is the time for electors to give input or ask questions in regards to agenda items and not during discussion by Board.
7. Approve or Amend Minutes: (done after Clerk’s report)
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: (Treasurers Report done after approving agenda due to fault of Chairman Nickel skipping items on agenda by accident.) Treasurer Barrows reviewed monthly balance sheet. We will be receiving lottery credit and possibly first part of Shared Revenue or Transportation Aide. 1 check issued to County this month for dog licenses.
9. Clerk’s Report: (was done after Public Input/comments due to fault of Chairman Nickel skipping the approval of minutes in error – will go back to do this):
 - Bills and Receipts: Clerk Neumann presented transaction list including check numbers 5109-5141 totaling \$46,715.13. Chairman Nickel shared concerns that she received in email at approximately 4:45 p.m. today from County Clerk that Clerk Neumann has not completed the reconciliation of the April 1st election as of yet, and the need to confirm transfer of all equipment back to Town of Lind and newly elected Clerk McCoy. Discussion held in regards to if paycheck could be held only until verified these items were met. Clerk Neumann stated she finished the election reconciliation prior to start of meeting today at 4:15 p.m, and that the old laptop was disposed of; discussion held if any approval for disposal of this laptop was given by Board. Supervisor I felt we gave verbal approval for disposal of Treasurers old computer and Clerk’s laptop when new replacements were purchased. Concerns raised on legality of holding paycheck until confirmation of election reconciliation. Motion by Chairman Nickel to approve all transactions as presented and if it is confirmed that election reconciliation is not done, we will contact WTA or legal counsel to determine next steps; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. Land Planning Commission meeting: A. Richardson gave update on April meeting held Wednesday, April 2, 2025. (Refer to meeting minutes). Next meeting will be May 6th, at 6:00 pm
11. Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: Supervisor 2 Hardy stated there was nothing new to report but shared Suicide Prevention Coalitions Wake for Hope that is coming up and educational meeting being offered at senior center regarding how to spot a scam and prevent falling victim to them.
12. Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members:
 - Weyauwega Fire District: Supervisor II Hardy states that the bids were received for the new fire truck, but City of Weyauwega has stopped the process due to no monies available from their municipality. Will be back on agenda in September.
 - Waupaca Fire District: Chair Nickel missed the February meeting due to scheduling conflict. Main agenda item was to discuss the updated employee handbook. They are working on a quote for new fire truck.
 - WTA District meeting: Chair Nickel attended; this meets requirement for one Board member to be certified for Board of Review with training they presented; updates on legislature that is occurring this session.
 - ECWRPC (East Central Wis. Regional Planning Commission) meeting: Chair Nickel and C. McCoy and K. Mechelke attended; presented overview and updates of their commission and services available. Did walk through of GIS data analysis now available through their website; will be very helpful for updating our Comprehensive Plan which is coming due. Have hired a grant coordinator now; will be able to assist us in locating grants to fit our projects and hopefully in the future, assist with completion of grants when needed
13. Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers
 - Spencer Lake Speed Study: Chair Nickel was contacted by Dayton Chair Barlow; plan on speed study being done about mid-June when traffic is increasing. Tentative plan is that we will pay based on portion of road owned, and for sign(s) at our end of road.
 - Spring Weight Limits: Lifted as of April 15 at 11:59 p.m. Signs will be taken down this coming week.
 - Spencer Lake Bible Camp: Signage will be going up soon for detours around County EE closure for the camp's culvert project that will be starting. Not sure on time length of project or start date.
 - Road signs/fire numbers: Supervisor I reported the fire sign for E. Gate Dr property has arrived and new Supervisor I will be trained on process for putting sign up.
 - Road Tour by Board: Completed after two weather delays. Discussion further under new business.
14. New Business:
 - Review of Proposed Revisions/amendments to Waupaca County Ordinances: Ryan Brown and Jason Snyder present from Waupaca County Planning and Zoning and reviewed each of the Ordinances with the proposed changes and discussion followed; they are requesting written feedback from the municipalities: The following actions resulted:
 - 1). Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 34: Motion by Chair Nickel to recommend approval of proposed revisions as presented; second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2). Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 32: Motion by Chair Nickel to recommend approval of proposed revisions as presented; second by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3). Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 36: Motion by Chair Nickel to recommend approval of proposed revisions as presented: second by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4). Building and Building Regulations, Chapter 53: Motion by Chair Nickel to recommend approval of proposed revisions as presented; second by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5). Waupaca County Dairy Farmers Alliance proposed amendment to Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance: Lengthy discussion held with input from all three Board members; Chair called on electors for any questions or concerns that have not already been mentioned or discussed. Concern raised by elector that Supervisor I Nelson is currently seated as a Board member and he feels her discussion leans heavily as a representative of the Dairy Farmer's Alliance vs the best interests of the Town.

Motion by Chair Nickel that the Town of Lind submits a recommendation of denial for the proposed amendment to the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance, section 6.10.5.a, as received from the Waupaca County Dairy Farmers Alliance; second by Supervisor II Hardy; Chair Nickel requested roll call vote be done;

Chair Nickel votes aye

Supervisor I Nelson votes nay

Supervisor II Hardy votes aye

Chair Nickel requests that it be noted in the minutes that she felt Supervisor I Nelson should have recused herself from this vote as she was the representative of the Dairy Farmers Alliance that presented this proposal to Waupaca County.

Additional motion by Chair Nickel that we submit in writing to Waupaca Planning and Zoning, a letter from Town of Lind Planning Commission and Town Board, by majority, together stating our preferred recommendation of denial of approving this said proposed amendment, along with statement that we are endorsing Attorney Carlson's analysis of the proposal. Further discussion held with request from Supervisor I Nelson for amendment of the motion that we remove statement that we "endorse" the recommendation; Nickel amended her motion to change "endorse" to "reference"

Attorney Carlson's analysis; second received from Supervisor II Hardy; Supervisor I Nelson motioned that we include the roll call vote results in the letter; second by Chair Nickel. Chair Nickel requested a roll call vote:

Chair Nickel votes aye

Supervisor I Nelson votes aye

Supervisor II Hardy votes aye

Chair Nickel again requests that it be noted in minutes that she felt Supervisor I Nelson should have recused herself from the vote as she was the representative of the Dairy Farmer's Alliance.

- Road Projects for 2025: Chair Nickel shared document showing main concerns identified during road tour and current budget available. Next steps are to try to determine what the priorities are that fit with our budget. We already have Stecks Road committed; should do 3rd layer of chip seal on Schoohs and Pope Roads; and need to address bridge approaches and deck sealing as identified by Waupaca County during bridge inspections, along with cutting and spraying of brush on bridges. Some roads need crack sealing. Maintenance is most important to prevent roads from deteriorating. Some projects can be split over two to three years; pulverize one year, then chip seal or asphalt 1 to 2 yrs later.

Chair Nickel consulting with different companies on what can be chip sealed over current surface vs what needs pulverizing, or paver patches/wedges. Will discuss at future meeting after getting more input on how to determine what roads need what service.

15. Old Business:

- ARIP project Stecks Road: Bidding documents are available as of April 17, and Special Board Meeting planned for April 28 at 6:00 pm for opening sealed bids.
- Lind Cemetery:
 - a). Buy back of graves: Chair Nickel contacted the private party that inquired about us buying back 3-4 graves. Informed her of our price paid for buy back and suggestion of discussing with her accountant for donation to town or discuss with other family members if they would want to buy them. She will follow up with me if interest continues in selling them back to Lind.
 - b.) Fees for cemetery: flow sheet shared with comparison to other local cemeteries. Motion by Chair Nickel to table to future meeting due to time constraints; second by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

16. Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings:

- Special Board Meeting, Monday, April 28, 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).
- Monthly Board Meeting: Monday May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Chair Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor I Nelson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by K. Nickel, Chair