

Town of Lind Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, March 9, 2026 6:00 p.m.

- Called to order at 6:00 pm
- Roll call: K. Nickel, T. Stearns, C. Hardy, K. Barrows all present; C. McCoy excused. Public attendance per sign in sheets (10 per sign in book).
- Amended Agenda: Chairperson Nickel requested amendment to agenda to include under Old Business a follow up on Waupaca County Zoning proposed amendments. Motion by Supervisor II Hardy to approve agenda with the amendment requested; seconded by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Public Input/Comments:
 - Renee Hosket introduced herself. She is running for Waupaca County Clerk of Courts. Campaign flyers made available.
 - Ben Coenen, Gold Cross Ambulance Service. Ben introduced himself. He is the Paramedic Supervisor for Waupaca County. Handed out Annual Impact Report and gave overview of his position and services provided to our area. Second ambulance added to Waupaca service area has reduced response times and has had a positive impact on call coverage. Bi-Annual meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026.
- Approve Minutes: Monthly Board Meeting February 16, 2026: Motion by Chair Nickel to amend February minutes New Business item regarding Clerk/Treasurer bonds to state Dave Loken would follow up with information on a “tax collector bond” as the surety bond package was discussed at this meeting. Second by Supervisor II Hardy; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Barrows reviewed monthly bank accounts.
- Clerk’s Report:
 - Bills and Receipts: Chair Nickel reviewed Clerk’s report. Discussion held. Chair Nickel made motion for approval of payment in the amount of \$32,238.24, checks 5394-5414; and Treasurer Checking payment of \$897,704.29, checks 1572-1580; Seconded by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Chair Nickel confirmed that the Media Air Cleaner System and iWave filter has been installed on the furnace; Clerk and Chair feel there has been an improvement in the air quality in the two weeks that it has been in place.
 - Chair Nickel shared information on costs of \$950.00 used for copy paper and printer ink for first quarter and plan to reduce amount of copied reports in meeting packets, but will instead put the forms up on the TV during the meetings. Will plan to trial this with April meeting. Also discussed different layout of tables we will trial in April for Board to be able to communicate better with each other.

- Land Planning Commission meeting: Art Richardson and Chair Nickel reported on joint meeting held on March 3, 2026. Reminder of date change for next meeting; moved to April 8, 2026 due to election day on April 7.
- Oral Report from County Board Supervisors meeting: Supervisor II Hardy reported that County is working on balancing the budget. Sheriff Wilz reported that Waupaca is not taking in more State prisoners vs other prisoners from other counties as more daily revenue is made with State inmates; State is very cooperative to work with if inmates become difficult to handle. Plans to increase the number of prisoners he can house. 2 new LIDS devices are being installed at Taylor Lake. These devices are solar powered and monitor boats upon launching and removal from the lake for invasive species. These were paid for by a grant. Not sure who monitors this or how citations would be issued.
- Oral Reports from meetings attended by Lind board members: Supervisor I Stearns reported on the WTA District meeting attended on Feb 27th, that included BOR certification. Chair Nickel reported on WTA Qrtly meeting that was held in Helvetia on Feb. 19th.
- Update on Roads, Culverts, Fire Numbers, Road Signs, etc:
 - Reminder that seasonal weight limits are on and this includes all Lind roads with exception of Stecks Road. Supervisor I Stearns has all the signs installed where needed.
 - Road Tour with Board: Chair Nickel shared summary of road tour findings and updated multi-year plan for road work needed. Board members are attending the WAPA seminar on March 12 and hope to learn more about when to use asphalt vs chip seals or paver patches. Discussion held. Tentative plan is that we will focus on repair of intersection of Evergreen and Chalet Drive due to water drainage issues; resurface and repair of ditch line for water drainage on Cemetery Road; resurface of 29th Drive and then Balcolm road if budget allows. No word on ARIP grant as of yet. LSSIP grant is due May 1st. We will continue to re-evaluate the budget for any additional work that may be able to be done. Also reviewed brush and tree clearing that is being done and planned crack sealing for 2025.
- New Business:
 - Discuss and/or approve Resolution No. 2026-4 Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Resolution read; discussion held. Motion by Chair Nickel to approve resolution as presented; second by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Old Business:
 - Discuss and/or approve retaining part of the zoning, map amendment, CUP fee when approval is denied: Tabled to April meeting. Will contact other municipalities to see if any do keep part of the fee.
 - Discuss and/or approve Star Communications to be auto pay: Discussion was held. We would not receive a further discount if we paid for full year as we are already discounted significantly. Motion by Chair Nickel to put on autopay via credit card; second by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - Discuss and approve SNA Surety Bond for clerk and treasurer: Chair Nickel reviewed information from Dave Loken of Rural Ins. Regarding “tax collector bond”; this would be an option of coverage for Treasurer for months of Dec to April. Can revisit this type of Bond in October, prior to tax collection season. Discussion held. Motion by Supervisor

II Hardy to do the SNA Surety Bond for \$100,000.00 on Treasurer and \$30,000.00 on Clerk for total premium of \$375.00/year; second by Supervisor II Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- Waupaca Recycling Center Survey: Email sent to all Waupaca Recycling Center Committee members by Chair Nickel with plan of conducting survey on 4 separate dates in 2026. Will use volunteers to collect data. Reviewed form for data collection. Have received no feedback thus far from other municipalities that are part of the Committee.
- Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments: Chair and Supervisors I and II had consult meeting with Town's attorney regarding proposed amendments. Lind will send email to all Waupaca County municipalities (Towns and Villages) asking them to request extension of review timeline and we will hold a roundtable discussion.
- Future agenda items & Upcoming meetings: Monthly Board Meeting:
 - March 12, 2026 Asphalt Seminar for Board members
 - Public Hearing – March 26th, 2026 – Jordan Bauer
 - Election Day- April 7th, 2026. Elector asked if sample ballots were available yet; Chair stated they have not been made available yet to our knowledge.

Chair Nickel shared that with April meeting we will be trialing a different layout for the meeting tables and gallery. We will also trial the use of the Video/TV system for displaying financial documents versus copying numerous papers to meeting packets.

- Adjournment: Motion by Chairperson Nickel to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor I Stearns; motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by K. Nickel, Chair