

9/8/26 Town of Lincoln Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Present – Dan Vaillancourt, Chairman; Brian Seago, Supervisor. Kolene Arvidson, Treasurer; Kathy Bay, Clerk. Absent/excused – Supervisor Harold Wickman.

Public – Teri Isaac, Carol Seago.

Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt to approve the 8/11/26 regular town board meeting minutes and the 8/12/26 Town website development meeting minutes as presented and waive public reading. In favor – 2, opposed – 0. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Arvidson.

- General Checking
 - A. Ending July Balance: \$102,169.27
 - B. August Deposits: \$54,874.85
 - C. August Interest: \$315.63
 - D. August Disbursements: (\$22,098.94)
 - E. August Ending Balance: \$135,260.81

Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to approve the financial reports as presented by the Treasurer. In favor – 2, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to approve the outstanding vouchers and pay bills. In favor – 2, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Bay comments on her reports/updates since last meeting.

Waste Management: Chairman Vaillancourt gives updates on the Mason Area Solid Waste and Recycling Center. The dump is now closed on Wednesdays after Labor Day and will only be open on Saturdays. Everything is going well; no complaints.

Ambulance: There was a meeting last night. Bayfield County is thinking about hiring a full-time person, but no particulars yet. They have decided to pay each ambulance service based on the population of each district, \$30 per head. The other \$500,000 is going to be spent on ambulance services that are really hurting and need a lot of help, but everything is up in the air right now. Hope for better news next month. Mason Ambulance, itself, is doing a good job making all their calls. They will be working on their budget next month. The new ambulance should be coming in July 2027 and will cost around \$338,000. By then Mason Ambulance should have enough money saved up to cover that cost.

Road Department report: The town crew put up another beaver decipher on the end of Koski Road and repaired the one on River Road. We finally got some rain, so the crew has been doing a lot of grading and worked on Peckat Lane ditching and graveling. Simmons

Lake Road is graveled and graded. We put up a new sign on N Altamont Road where it comes out to E. Fuel prices are going through the roof. Last time we got diesel it was \$4.60/gallon and today it was \$5.00/gallon. Chairman Vaillancourt shopped around for better prices but could not find anything lower than \$5.70/gallons. We may need to buy smaller amounts and hope the price goes down.

Public Comments: Teri Isaac comments on the ambulance situation in Bayfield County.

Bridge repair on Ashland Bayfield Road: Two passes that need patching before winter. Chairman Vaillancourt will call Matt Erickson to see if they will do it again like they did last year. The cost was very minimal.

Equipment updates and discussion and possible action on a used packer for back of grader: Equipment updates and discussion on a used packer for back of grader so we can pack road when we grade it. Chairman Vaillancourt reports that after grading roads, the dirt is loose, but if the grader had a packer behind it, it would pack it down hard and cars wouldn't spin up the loose gravel and make it rough. McCoy has a used 2018 packer for \$22,000 and they said plus 6 hoses and 10 bolts which would be additional. Discussion follows. Motion by Supervisor Seago, seconded by Chairman Vaillancourt to reach out to McCoy and see if we can buy the packer from them and if they would bring it and show our road foreman how to use it. In favor – 2, opposed – 0. Motion carries.

Hagar Road signage: Chairman Vaillancourt reports that Bayfield County called saying that our Hagar Road signs are spelled wrong and the sign on the east end of the road is missing. He checked it out and the sign on the east end of the road is still there. Chairman Vaillancourt called Bayfield County back and was informed that per Bayfield County, all their records show for ambulance, police, etc., that it's spelled Hager. Chairman Vaillancourt called Jean Barron who informed him that her grandpa used to spell it ending in A-R, but her dad spells it ending in E-R. Chairman Vaillancourt will call Bayfield County back and ask if they will buy the signs for us or else change all their records to reflect H-A-G-A-R for the spelling.

Town website updates: Clerk Bay informs those present that with the help of Robert Erdmann and Mark Dryer, the website is 95% completed, it is fantastic and as soon as she receives training it will be ready for go live. Clerk Bay will reach out to Town Web to set up a training session soon.

Gravel crushing updates: Chairman Vaillancourt called Pat Sandstrom who was wondering when we would be crushing gravel next. Chairman Vaillancourt informed Pat that it would not be until next spring after the road bans are off. Then we will have to buy some screenings from Nels Ritolla to mix with what is left in Sandstrom pit to make good

gravel. Right now the town has approximately 700 yards left which is enough for this fall and next spring after breakup. Discussion follows. No action taken at this time.

Moe Cemetery: Gazebo is all done. Very nice job. Matt Schultz did a beautiful job reinforcing it and staining it. If anyone gets a chance to go look at it, they will be pleased.

WTA Fall workshop: Held on 9/23/26 at Lakewoods Resort in Cable. Chairman Vaillancourt and Supervisor Seago will be attending. Clerk Bay will get them registered.

Set October meeting date: Oct 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Future agenda items: Review pollworker pay rates, review ordinance updates, review board member pay survey.

Adjourn: Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to adjourn tonight's meeting at 6:04 pm. In favor – 2, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Minutes as transcribed by Clerk Kathy Bay

ADOPTED: 10/13/2026

