

5/12/2026 Lincoln Town Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Vaillancourt.

Board Present: Chairman Dan Vaillancourt, Supervisors Brian Seago and Harold Wickman, Treasurer Kolene Arvidson, Clerk Kathy Bay.

Public Present: Carol Seago, Teri Isaac, Peter Grames, Jeff Vaillancourt, Mark Dryer, Brian Arvidson, Robert Erdmann.

Chairman Vaillancourt calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

Minutes of 4/14/26 board meeting – Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Wickman to approve the 4/14/26 board meeting minutes and dispense with public reading. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Arvidson.

- General Checking
 - A. Ending March Balance: \$209,313.44
 - B. April Deposits: \$31,153.22
 - C. April Interest: \$613.50
 - D. April Disbursements: (\$14,574.77)
 - E. March Ending Balance: \$226,505.39

Review Invoice Vouchers/Pay Bills/Other Financial matters/requests:

- Clerk Bay presents check register, AP vouchers and checks written for board approval and signatures. After board review, motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Wickman to approve the above financial reports and pay bills as presented. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Clerk Report – Clerk Bay reports that she has filed with the Wisconsin Department of revenue the SLFRF annual compliance report, the annual room tax report and the Taxation District Exemption Summary Report. She also reviews for those present the memorandum received from the Bayfield County Clerk regarding Amendatory Ordinance No. 2026-06 adding three additional routes to the UTV/ATV trails on county highways. She also reports that Chairman Vaillancourt met with the town's insurance agent from Rural Mutual Insurance to review town coverage limits and make any necessary changes if any to equipment pieces. Dust control letter has been drafted by the clerk and was available at

the annual meeting as a handout, as well as going out to the public email list. Deadline to make payment and get on the list for dust control is June 1st.

Waste Management – Chairman Vaillancourt reports all is going well. Our bin for electronics is 1/3 full after he took 7 tvs off the end of River Road and brought them to the dump. Someone thought it was a good place to dump tvs and a microwave.

Ambulance – Chairman Vaillancourt reports there has still been no word from Bayfield Couty to accept either of the proposals but he did hear they have a new director for the deal going with this ambulance who is not in favor of it so they are struggling whether they are going to pass either deal. The Mason ambulance is doing a good job making all their calls. There has been no word on the new ambulance yet, although it is supposed to be delivered in the fall of 2027.

Fire Department – Supervisor Wickman states he has nothing to report as he is no longer on the fire department. He states there will be no more reports unless for some reason he goes back to the fire department.

Roads Report – Chairman Vaillancourt reports the crew is now graveling Four Corner Store Road. Things are going well. Wish we would get some rain. We have about 1100 yards of gravel on there. Crew member Brian Arvidson figures there is about 1100 more yards to haul.

Public Comments – None.

Five Year Road Plan – Supervisor Wickman states he has not had a chance to go out at all. Chairman Vaillancourt states he has a few ideas. Supervisor Seago prepared a list of ideas. He states culverts were overflowing and water was on the roads with the last 3 inches of rain. Chairman Vaillancourt states there were 4-5 overflows when we got that 3 inches but about 2-3 were from plugged culverts. One on East Altamont and Hawkins Creek was plugged up and not open to full capacity. By Ann Schultz, there are two culverts there. The lower one was plugged. He states on our five-year road plan we should address some of the things we can do to take care of them. Bibon swamp is a big collection area but nothing we can do about it right now. More attention will be put on dead end roads also. He states he will write more things down to discuss at next month's meeting.

CDBG grant funding – Clerk Bay reviews what this may cover and will look into more information next year as the deadline to apply for this type of grant has passed, but that it may partially fund a new community center. Clerk Bay will contact Bayfield County to see if they have a survey on record of the town hall.

Generator Purchase – Chairman Vaillancourt reports he has not heard anything back yet from the Fire Chief whether they will share the purchase cost of a generator at the town shop where their fire truck is parked during the winter.

Dust Control - Chairman Vaillancourt gives updates on timelines, two quotes the town received for dust control application. Discussion follows. Supervisor Seago remarks we should order it now and get in line with a set date. Supervisor Seago motions to go with the magnesium chloride application by Kafka, Supervisor Wickman seconds. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried. Chairman Vaillancourt will contact Kafka and get it scheduled.

Open Book and Board of Review Reminder – Clerk Bay reminds the board that the open book is set for 5/18/26 and the Board of Review is set for June 2, 2026 from 6-8 pm.

Gravel Crushing – Chairman Vaillancourt states it looks like we will be out of gravel this summer and that there is about 1100 yards left. Discussion on available options of crushing in Sandstrum's pit or buying from Peterson follows. Chairman Vaillancourt will gather more information and bring back to next month's board meeting.

Beaver deceiver placements - Supervisor Seago reports that he went and looked at the beaver deceiver Mark Dryer had installed and it is working good. On Altamont Road it would be a good candidate for that and on Koski Road and then we could eliminate killing the beavers. He will work with Brian Arvidson to get the materials needed to build them. It is better for the environment and no need to kill animals or trap them. Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to install a beaver deceiver on North Altamont and one on Koski Road. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Town website – Robert Erdmann states all townships but two in Bayfield County have a town website and that safety wise he thinks it is a good idea. Chairman Vaillancourt states it is time for us to get modernized. Motion by Supervisor Seago, seconded by Supervisor Wickman to proceed with Town Web to build a Town of Lincoln website for \$800/yr. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Town equipment repairs – Discussion had on the Grizzly equipment and the repairs needed. It is costing a lot of time and effort to unplug the apparatus on it. For about \$1200 we could remodel the Grizzly. Motion by Supervisor Seago, seconded by Chairman Vaillancourt to spend the \$1200 to fix it. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carries.

Set June 2026 meeting date – Tuesday, June 9th, 2026.

Items for future agenda – Five-year road plan, generator at town shop, gravel.

Adjourn - Motion by Supervisor Wickman, seconded by Supervisor Seago to adjourn tonight's meeting at 6:31 pm. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carries.

Minutes as transcribed by Kathy Bay – Clerk.

ADOPTED 6/9/2026