

3/10/2026 LINCOLN TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Public Present – Carol Seago, Charles Ondrik, Peter Grames, John Imrick

Tonight's meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Vaillancourt.

All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to approve the 2/13/25 Town of Lincoln meeting minutes and dispense with the public reading. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Arvidson.

- General Checking
 - A. Ending January Balance: \$87,463.10
 - B. February Deposits: \$407,994.42
 - C. February Interest: \$672.63
 - D. February Disbursements: (\$262,641.92)
 - E. February Ending Balance: \$233,488.23

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

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

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES/REPORTS:

Clerk Report - Clerk Bay reports she received notice from Bayfield County Hwy Dept of the Load Restrictions ban beginning at 12 pm Thursday 3/5/26. Correspondence was received from Zifko Tire of a new sales driver they now have. One permit for transporting loads exceeding 10 tons gross weight was permitted on 2/11/26 to Bell Timbers Inc. One new Bayfield County building permit #26-0075 was issued to David Elkowitz on Tax ID 22943. Notice was received from the WI DNR of the approval of 63 acres of land belonging to Jeffrey Waugh being placed in Managed Forest Lands. Notice was received from Bayfield County of the approval of a logging permit within Lincoln Township issued to Steigerwaldt

Land Services. The clerk also informs board members that she has completed the DSPS-2025 Injury and Illness Reporting report.

Waste Management Report – Chairman Vaillancourt reports there have been no complaints. The electronics bin was full and has been removed. Not sure if and when it may be replaced yet.

Ambulance Report – Chairman Vaillancourt reports everything is going well. The ambulance service did receive a gift of a \$1500 donation from Mary Ann Schraufnagel's brother. This will go into the ambulance replacement fund along with a \$20,000 donation received from Bayfield County. This will bring the ambulance replacement fund to around \$270,000. They are hoping to place no financial burden on the townships when it comes time to purchase a new ambulance. A new ambulance is roughly \$325,000. Met with the new county ambulance director and the other local town/village ambulance directors within Bayfield County. A proposal has been put together seeking that the county hire 10 EMTs; that the county provide a vehicle. The theory is that if they get 10 EMTs hired, that they can then jump into this vehicle and drive to the townships where there may be a shortage of EMT volunteers at that time. The county would provide the wages for these EMT hires who would then jump into this county vehicle, go to the ambulance garage where they are needed and grab that ambulance and go to the call. This will hopefully provide 24/7, 365-days a year EMT/ambulance service for all the ambulance services in this area that are running short on volunteer EMTs and unable to supply reliable coverage. This proposal has been presented to the County board but no response yet.

Grand View Volunteer Fire Department Report – Supervisor Wickman reports there were a couple rollovers down in a swamp but nobody was seriously hurt. He reminds everyone that they need to slow down. They had wildfire fire training with Mason and the DNR last month. He reminds everyone to check their fire extinguishers to be sure they are working and replace batteries in fire and carbon monoxide alarms. Otherwise everything is going well.

Road Department Report – Chairman Vaillancourt reports the crew has been grading, snow plowing, and brushing, whatever the weather demands and permits. It was brought to his attention by a property owner of flooding onto a property at the corner of Eckstrum Road last spring and that the culvert is too small and the ditch is too narrow there. Chairman Vaillancourt advised said property owner that the town will take a look at it and see if improvements can be made to improve flow, but that it has been that way forever. It is a low spot but that we will work with him to see if anything can be done there to improve the situation.

Public Comments – None.

Use of subcontractor for 2026 beaver trapping in the Town of Lincoln – Clerk Bay presents the board members with a Hold Harmless agreement she received from Mark Mackey and read said agreement out loud to those present. Mr. Mackey would charge the town \$25/beaver, plus \$15/hr for breaking up dams. Per Chairman Vaillancourt, going with Mr. Mackey would be a savings to the town. Mr. Mackey provides this service to other townships in the area, as well as to Bayfield County. Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to approve the hiring of Mark Mackey under this presented Hold Harmless Agreement between the Town of Lincoln and Mark Mackey for a period of one year beginning March 2026. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

USDA 2026 Beaver Trapping Contract and Invoice in the amount of \$1600/yr. Board members discussed and decided due to hiring Mark Mackey to do the beaver trapping not to renew the USDA Aphis contract for this year. The clerk will notify the USDA contact member to let them know. Clerk will also void check #19982 in the amount of \$1600.

MSHA training registration – Brian Arvidson, Matt Schultz, and Brian Seago need MSHA training. This is a state requirement for working in gravel pits. Ashland County is offering this training on April 28, 2026 at their Highbridge shop. Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Wickman to send these three to said training. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried. Clerk will get them registered for this.

Employee Handbook – Board discusses the paragraph dealing with comp time. After further review, motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Seago to leave this comp time paragraph in the employee handbook but add language of employees are limited to 1 week/yr of comp time. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried. Clerk will draft directed changes and bring this back for the board to review prior to final approval.

Possible Future Town Hall Building Remodeling - Tabled.

Discussion on generator purchase for town shop – Per Supervisor Seago, Omer Nelson no longer offers this service. Jolma Electric came out and looked and gave a verbal estimate of cost for the generator and a concrete base and cold weather kit and grounding, which would be around \$13,245.00 for a 22,000-watt generator with a 5-year warranty. Midland Services would have to hook up the propane line for this. As this would be over \$5000, it would need to go out on bids. Supervisor Wickman will speak to the fire department regarding whether they will cover half the cost. Further discussion tabled until a future meeting.

Wisconsin Towns Association spring board member Lakewoods conference and Board of Review training attendees – This will be held at Lakewoods in Cable, Wisconsin on

March 28, 2026. Clerk will register Chairman Vaillancourt and Supervisors Seago and Wickman to attend. The board members will travel in separate vehicles to this conference.

Set April 2026 regular town meeting date - April 14, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Annual Meeting - April 21, 2026 at 6 pm.

Future Agenda Items – Future town hall building remodeling, Employee handbook review on comp time updates, possible generator purchase for town shop.

Motion by Chairman Vaillancourt, seconded by Supervisor Wickman to adjourn tonight's meeting at 6:08 pm. In favor – 3, opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Minutes as transcribed by Clerk Kathy Bay

ADOPTED 4/14/2026