

**Town of Lincoln
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2023**

Chairman Bill Hassey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Pledge of Allegiance, Present: Hassey, Supervisors, Bruce Richter, Ken Fox, Bill Marshall and Kim Simac, Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly Sauvola. Four other interested persons were in attendance.

Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notification given by Hassey. The agenda was board approved on a motion by Simac, seconded by Richter, all in favor, motion carried. The minutes from the October 10, 2023 - Regular Meeting, October 24, 2023 - Board of Review and November 6, 2023 - Budget Workshop were approved on a motion by Richter, seconded by Marshall, all in favor, motion carried. The October Treasurer's Report was provided to the Town Board. Incredible Bank general account balance, \$346,223.12 the tax savings account balance, \$10,810.38, the town hall maintenance account balance, \$73,861.35, Peoples Bank savings account balance, \$186,308.91 and Nicolet National Bank CD \$156,475.84.

Supervisor Simac reported that the 2024 Aspirus Ambulance Service subsidy amount was unanimously approved by all the participating municipalities. Lincoln's amount changed very little from 2023. Clerk Sauvola reporting that the QuickBooks Online Accounting Program issues continue, and the office staff is looking at other potential options. There is a Workhorse Accounting Software demo scheduled for noon on Thursday, November 16th, any interested board members are welcome to attend.

Supervisor Marshall gave an update on the Plan Commission and reported that the next meeting for the committee will be in 2024. Marshall also reporting that broadband expansion is taking place in Lincoln. Several Right of Way permits have been issued. It was also reported that, unfortunately, the new pavement on Meta Lake Road was recently damaged from the laying of the new cable, the boring was too shallow. Contact has been made with the installer and the road will be repaired at their expense.

The board discussed Mark Shepardson's request for gravel off of the end of Croker Road. After much discussion, a motion was made by Simac that if the Shepardsons could acquire the gravel, the town would be willing to grade it for them, the motion was seconded by Marshall, in in favor, motion carried.

Operator License Applications for Michael Todd Otto and Julie Ann Nicholson were approved on a motion by Simac, seconded by Richter, all in favor, motion carried.

The board approved the use of John Barnekow, Action Development Services for consulting/grant writing on a motion by Simac, seconded by Fox, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Simac to approve Michael Muelver, Peterson Appraisals, Assessment Contract for the term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025, motion seconded by Marshall, all in favor, motion carried.

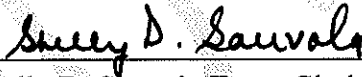
The board approved 2023 budget line-item amendments, transfers in the amount of \$16, 975 from culverts and bridges, \$16,358 from road repair and maintenance and the \$9,471 surplus from the Ambulance subsidy will go to the shortfall in the Brushing, Ditching and Mowing line item. The motion was made by Simac, seconded by Richter, all in favor, motion carried.

Marshall reported that he is interested in making a change to the current Room Tax Ordinance. Marketplace providers should be required to include a list of the owners/addresses they are remitting room tax payments/quarterly reports for. Currently when room tax payments are received there isn't any way to know what property owners/addresses the funds represent. Marshall also reporting that Chairman Hassey and himself have been actively looking into a way to get the current 10 percent retention rate that the town receives for room tax administration increased to 30 percent to be on par with all other municipalities in Vilas County. Any ordinance changes would have to be agreed upon between all three municipalities, Lincoln, Washington and the City of Eagle River that jointly form the Room Tax Commission. A meeting in December will likely be held to further discuss the next steps in the process.

The Town Board adopted a new Town Hall Rental Agreement on a motion by Simac, seconded by Richter, all in favor, motion carried. The committee members that will oversee rentals will be Supervisors, Bill Marshall and Kim Simac.

The board approved the payment of bills vouchers #17489 through #17532.

Motion to adjourn made by Fox, seconded by Marshall, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Shelly D. Sauvola Town Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Lincoln
Special Meeting
November 29, 2023**

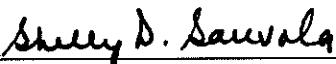
The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Hassey.
Present: Hassey, Supervisors; Kim Simac, Bill Marshall, Ken Fox and Bruce Richter,
Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly Sauvola and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Schmidt. Four other
interested persons were in attendance.

The Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notice given by Hassey.
The agenda was board approved on a motion by Marshall, seconded by Fox, all in
favor, motion carried.

The board unanimously passed and adopted Resolution No. 2023-1, A Joint Resolution to
Seek the Modification of the Existing Room Tax Percentage Split Under Wis. Stat.
66.015(1m)(d)2.

The board discussed a proposal from Workhorse Municipal Accounting/Payroll. A
motion was made by Marshall, that we table any decision for now, seconded by Richter,
all in favor, motion carried. The timing just isn't ideal with a new computer being
installed December 6th. The office internet will also be hardwired, which will hopefully
help correct the ongoing issues with the poor wireless connection.

A motion to adjourn was made by Richter, seconded by Marshall, all in favor, motion
carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Shelly D. Sauvola, Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Lincoln
Budget Hearing
November 29, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Hassey. Pledge of Allegiance, Present: Hassey, Supervisors, Ken Fox, Bill Marshall, Kim Simac and Bruce Richter and Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly Sauvola and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Schmidt. Four other interested persons were in attendance.

The Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notice given by Hassey.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Laurie Stoegbauer, seconded by Barb Leveille, all in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was open to a question and answer session on the proposed 2024 budget.

Motion to adjourn made by Dick Stoegbauer, seconded by Laurie Stoegbauer and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.


Shelly D. Sauvola, Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Lincoln
Special Town Elector Meeting
November 29, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Hassey. Present: Hassey, Supervisors, Ken Fox, Bill Marshall, Kim Simac and Bruce Richter and Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly Sauvola and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Schmidt. Four other interested persons were in attendance.

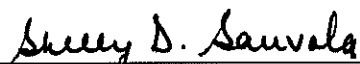
The Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notice given by Hassey.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dick Stoegbauer, seconded by Laurie Stoegbauer, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Dick Stoegbauer to approve the elected officials' salaries for the April 2024-2026 term, Chairman \$13,000 yearly and Supervisors \$6,600 yearly pursuant to Section 60.32 of Wisconsin Statutes, seconded by Laurie Stoegbauer, all in favor, motion carried. Dick Stoegbauer recommended an increase of \$1,000 in the yearly wage for the Town Board Supervisor position but indicated that he would like the increase to take place at the same time, not in staggering election years. Residents in attendance were in favor of the increase. The subject was not on the agenda, further discussion will need to take place at the Annual Meeting in April.

Motion made by Dick Stoegbauer approving the 2023 town tax levy of \$1,200,000.00 to be paid in 2024 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, seconded by Barb Leveille, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Hom, seconded by Laurie Stoegbauer and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.


Shelly D. Sauvola, Clerk/Treasurer

**Town of Lincoln
Special Town Board Meeting
November 29, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Hassey. Present: Hassey, Supervisors, Ken Fox, Bill Marshall, Bruce Richter and Kim Simac and Clerk/Treasurer, Shelly Sauvola and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Schmidt. Four other interested persons were in attendance.

The Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notice given by Hassey.
The agenda was approved on a motion by Hassey, seconded by Richter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Simac, to adopt the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$1,295,092.00 with a tax levy payable in 2024 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, seconded by Fox, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Richter, seconded by Fox and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.



Shelly D. Sauvola, Clerk/Treasurer