

**Town of Lincoln
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2026**

Chairman Hassey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Pledge of Allegiance, Present: Hassey, Supervisors, Ken Fox, Dick Stoegbauer, Bruce Richter, and Kim Simac, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Sherry Schmidt, and Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Sauvola. 15 interested persons were also in attendance.

Chairman Hassey gave the Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notification. The agenda was board-approved on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Richter, with all in favor; the motion carried. The minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting and April 27, 2026, Special Meeting were approved on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Richter, with all in favor; the motion carried. The April Treasurer's Report was provided to the Town Board. Incredible Bank general account balance, \$141,774.04; tax savings account balance, \$10,275.88; town hall maintenance account balance, \$92,753.00; Peoples Bank savings account balance, \$207,445.72; and Nicolet National Bank CD, \$79,661.53 (current balance).

Chairman Hassey reported that on the City of Eagle River's meeting agenda was Lincoln's request to re-open the Elm Drive brush site. Lincoln is willing to provide help while the site is open, so there won't be issues with rules being broken. The Eagle River Area Fire Department provided the town board with a monthly report on calls/activity. Richter provided a Fire Department update and reported on a new fee schedule to be implemented when they assist with various calls. Supervisor Fox gave a brief update on the Vilas County Landfill. In response to Dottie Reeder's comments/concerns about data center construction issues from the Annual Town Meeting, Vilas County Board Supervisor Dan Kramer was in attendance and reported that the county was aware of the ongoing problem happening in some areas of the state, and provided information to the board and residents about the preliminary discussion on the subject that was held at the Vilas County level thus far.

The board approved a variance for Gretchen Hartke, 1238 Drager Road, (parcel # 14-1512), requesting to reduce the setback from the center of the right of way of Drager Road for new garage installation on a motion by Simac, seconded by Stoegbauer; all were in favor, the motion carried.

The board approved Scott Kolinski's, 4172 Westwood Drive (parcel # 14-413-07), request for the addition of a chain link fence/posts to a variance granted in June 2019 that reduced the setback on Westwood Drive. The motion to approve was made by Richter, seconded by Fox; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

The board approved making an application for a loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$900,000.00 (payable within 2 years) for the purpose of financing roadwork projects on a motion by Simac, seconded by Stoegbauer; all were in favor, the motion carried.

Resolution 2026-02, Borrow Funds From the BCPL State of Wisconsin Trust Funds and Levy Tax was adopted on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Fox, all were in favor, Simac aye, Stoegbauer aye, Hassey aye, Fox aye, Richter aye, and the motion carried.

Operator License Applications for Abigail Rose Eberle, Daniel J. Wojcik, Tricia Leigh Blasier, and Harry L. Seymer were approved on a motion by Richter, seconded by Simac; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

The board approved a citizen recommendation made from Joseph Schwartz at the Annual Town Meeting, April 21, 2026, Schwartz's motion; That all further discussion of the River Trail at any Town of Lincoln meeting be postponed until its proponents have demonstrated that the necessary pre-conditions (i.e., route, DOT approval, safety, easement procurement, all aspects of funding, management, liability protection, and the absence of any financial obligation to the Town of Lincoln) have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Town of Lincoln Board, Dan Kramer seconded the motion made at the Annual Town Meeting, 30 residents were in favor, 9 were opposed and 4 abstained. Simac made a motion to move forward with the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Stoegbauer; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

The board approved payment of bills, vouchers #18563 through #18590.

Motion to adjourn made by Simac, seconded by Richter, all were in favor; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Shelly D. Sauvola, Town Clerk/Treasurer