Town of Lincoln
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2026

Chairman Hassey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Hassey, Supervisors Ken Fox, Dick Stoegbauer, Bruce Richter, and Kim Simac, Clerk/Treasurer Shelly Sauvola, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry Schmidt. Twenty-five other interested persons attended.

Chairman Hassey gave the Open Meeting Statement and Verification Media Notification. The agenda was board-approved in any order on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Richter, with all in favor; the motion carried. The board approved the minutes of the September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting on a motion by Simac, seconded by Fox, with all in favor; the motion carried. The September Treasurer's Report was provided to the Town Board. Incredible Bank general account balance, $298,470.82; tax savings account balance, $1,276.30; town hall maintenance account balance, $84,017.35; Peoples Bank savings account balance, $210,220.04; and Nicolet National Bank CD, $81,134.05 (current balance).

Chairman Hassey reported that the Pitlik & Wick parking lot project was set to begin on October 14th. Clerk Sauvola provided a brief report on President Trump's Major Disaster Declaration for Wisconsin following the July 27 severe storm that hit the area. Information for individuals/homeowners in need of assistance is available on the town website and posted at the town hall. Sauvola also reported that she will be attending an applicant briefing for the FEMA Public Assistance side of the Declaration on Monday, October 19th. Supervisor Fox gave an update on the Landfill Venture Group. Supervisor Simac reported that the Ambulance Commission was still waiting to hear from Bob Kirkley, Director of Emergency Medical Services at Aspirus, with a date for a meeting to discuss 2027 budget numbers.

Vilas County Board Supervisors Dan Kramer and Pat Weber were present and provided an update on current happenings in Vilas County Government.

The Eagle River Fire Department September 2026 call summary was provided to the town board. Deputy Chief Steve Burr was present to provide a report on the department. Burr reported on the need for additional firefighters and encouraged those interested to reach out to the department. A Joint Municipal Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 15th.

Many town residents were in attendance regarding the proposed petition to rezone a portion of parcel #14-741-26, 1986 Morey Road, from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Residential/Lodging (R/L). Town Board members were provided numerous letters and emails opposing the proposed petition. Nearly one hundred surrounding neighbors have already signed a petition urging the Town Board to request that the Vilas County Zoning and Planning Committee deny the request. Several residents were in attendance and spoke of their concerns with the potential rezone. The Town Board unanimously voted in favor of recommending the denial of the petition to the Vilas County Zoning Committee on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Fox, with all in favor, and the motion carried. A Public Hearing of the Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee on the matter is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the Vilas County Courthouse.

Rick Clem, Building Inspector, RC Inspection Agency, was present. The board approved amending the UDC Ordinance to include detached garages, boathouses, and vacant lots on a motion by Richter, seconded by Stoegbauer, all in favor, and the motion carried.

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The town board approved the 2027 price list for Rick Clem, Building Inspector, RC Inspection Agency, for building permit inspections on a motion by Simac, seconded by Richter, with all in favor, and the motion carried.

Resolution # 2026-03, Adoption of a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the updating of the Town of Lincoln's Comprehensive Plan was approved on a motion by Simac, seconded by Stoegbauer, with all in favor, and the motion carried.

The board approved a $15,000 payment to Eagle River Area Fire Department for the 2026 budget shortfall on a motion by Richter, seconded by Simac, with all in favor, and the motion carried.

The Town Board set a date for the Budget Workshop, November 5th, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Operator License Applications for Sara Martin and Ryan Charles Pooch were approved on a motion by Simac, seconded by Fox, with all in favor, and the motion carried.

The board approved payment of bills, vouchers #18745 through #18791, on a motion by Stoegbauer, seconded by Fox, with all in favor, and the motion carried.

Stoegbauer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richter; with all in favor, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Shelly D. Sauvola

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