

**Regular Town Board Meeting
March 9, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Held In Person and Remotely
Linn Town Hall
W3728 Franklin Walsh St. Zenda, WI. 53195**

MINUTES

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present at roll call were Supervisors Zimmerman, Livingston, Leith, Palmer, Chairman Weiss. Also present were Attorney James Duquette (remote), Clerk Morris and Administrator/Treasurer David Zimmerman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda

Leith/Palmer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as distributed. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports & Payment of the Bills

Payroll Report – February 2026

Palmer/Leith motioned to approve the Payroll Report for February 2026. Motion Carried.

Profit & Loss Statement – January 2026

Palmer/M. Zimmerman motioned to approve the Profit and Loss Statement for January 2026. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zimmerman said that in January the Town paid back the obligation note from Town Bank. The Financial Income reflects the property taxes paid. Supervisor Leith pointed out a mistake on the Geneva Lake Leveling Corporation line item. She also said that the total for the Debt Service would then need to be adjusted as well.

Credit Card Report – February 2026, discussion only

No comments or questions.

Payment of the Bills – February 2026

Livingston/Leith motioned to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Chairman Weiss said that the total of the bills is \$12,519,763.52. He asked why it is so large. Mr. Zimmerman said that since the Town received the tax payments, the money is then sent to the respective school districts and Linn sanitation. Clerk Morris said that John's Disposal was also paid \$148,000.00 for the quarter.

Plan Commission

Weiss/Leith motioned to approve of the Rezone and Conditional Use. Motion Carried.

Rezone – Attorney Theodore N. Johnson (applicant) representing Reeds Construction LLC at W3199 S. Lakeshore Dr., parcel I L 1400002F and N1631 Reedsville Dr, LLC of parcel I L 1400002D are requesting to re-zone 1.509 acres of parcel I L 1400002D from R-3 to B-2. The plan would be to combine by lot line adjustment with tax parcel I L 1400002F already zoned B-2. The remnant portion of tax parcel I L 1400002D (0.341 acres) would be added to tax parcel IA 65700004 by lot line adjustment. Tax Parcel I L 1400002D after the rezone and lot line adjustment entirely removed. The purpose of the rezone and future lot line adjustment is to make the zoning consistent with tax parcel I L 1400002F and to encompass all commercial activity upon one parcel. *The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezone.*

Conditional Use – Attorney Theodore N. Johnson (applicant) representing Reeds Construction LLC at W3199 S. Lakeshore Dr., parcel I L 1400002F) is requesting a Conditional Use to allow for off-season storage and building contractor storage yard. *The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Conditional Use.*

Chairman Weiss stated that a few months ago the Reeds sought after a Comp Plan Amendment and that was accomplished. Now they are back to get the zoning straight and to add an entrance off of Reedsville Dr. This will help with congestion on South Lakeshore Dr. The scope of the property is not changing at all. It is just configuring the lots differently to comply with County Zoning. The Plan Commission unanimously approved both the rezone and conditional use.

Condominium Plat - Susan Graber Robbins (owner/applicant) of N2262 Chapin Rd to (parcel ICH 00002A3) and RF Legacy N2286 Chapin Rd LLC (parcel ICH 00002A4) being represented by Attorney Chad Pollard are requesting a Condominium Plat for said parcels. *The attorney for Ms. Robbins requested that the Condominium Plat application be tabled.*

Chairman Weiss said that this will be discussed after they return to the Plan Commission.

Comments from the Public

Allan Polyock of N146 Bissell Rd said that he heard a couple rumors that he is not happy with. One is that the police are buying scales so that they can weigh trucks. He doesn't think that is what Linn is all about. He heard that the Police Chief left and that maybe Chris Severt will be analyzing our police department. He knows him and would not recommend him. The Highway Committee voted 3-2 to not purchase the Ford F-600. He doesn't think that we should spend \$70,000.00 to buy a truck that won't do more than our 550.

Kelly Voss of W3833 Lakeview Park Dr. hasn't seen a short-term rental ordinance appear on a Town Board Agenda. She stated that we are the only community on Lake Geneva that does not have any short-term rental ordinance. *Chairman Weiss said that she is incorrect because our attorney is reviewing this and we do have short term rentals in our ordinances and they are reviewing it.*

Ordinances, Resolutions & Proclamations - None

New Business:

Building & Grounds Committee – Did not meet this month

Highway Committee

2026 Ford F600 Plow Truck – Committee recommends 3-2 to the Town Board NOT to purchase the new truck chassis.

Palmer/Livingston motioned to approve \$77,775.00 for the F600. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Leith asked about a possible lease. She also asked about the Highway Committee issues with this purchase. Superintendent Wittum said that it was the cost and the timing that the Committee had issue with. They thought that maybe the Town could keep the current one a bit longer. It only has 35,000 miles on it. The Town will not see this new purchase until sometime in 2027. Supervisor Livingston said that they also discussed in the meeting that the mileage on the truck is not what it will be in two years when the new one comes. Mr. Wittum said that the Town would order through Bonnell and give \$1000 deposit. When they receive it we owe them the balance. When we have possession of it we owe them the remainder.

2026 Pavement Maintenance Bids – Committee recommends to the Town Board awarding the pavement maintenance contract to Fahrner's Asphalt Sealers LLC. for all bid items except the West Side location, for a total cost of \$241,512.67. The bid is understood to include standard paint striping; staff will confirm with the vendor.

Palmer/ Livingston motioned to award everything on the bid sheet on page 109 to Fahrner with the exception of West Side Rd in an amount not to exceed \$275,397.15. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Palmer said that Fahrner's was the lowest bid. Superintendent Wittum said that looking at the pavement maintenance and striping costs, the only road we will be able to do this year is Linton unless the Board chooses to go over budget. We have \$240,000.00 in the pavement maintenance budget. Linton alone is \$ 232,137.64. If they went ahead and also did Willow Rd, Geneva St, and Elgin Club it would cost \$263,130.28.

2026 Pavement Resurfacing Bids – Committee recommends the Town Board awarding the Mohawk Road resurfacing project to Payne & Dolan, Inc., for a cost of \$709,540.00.

Palmer/Livingston motioned to award the work to Payne and Dolan for Mohawk Rd in the amount of \$709,540.00. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Palmer said that they had four pavement bidders, but the prices were higher than they anticipated, so due to the budget they can really only do Mohawk Rd. There is a little money left over that they could put toward Stateline Rd. That road was not in the bidding, but there was a lot of damage done to the road due to the plowing. The Committee felt that that should be addressed before some of the other areas. They decided to get an estimate from Payne and Dolan to see what could be done with the remaining budget. They would pulverize the road and lay all new asphalt and some shouldering and no stripping for \$341,000. The full paving budget is \$800,000. Both projects would put the budget \$250,000.00 over budget. Supervisor Livingston said that Stateline Rd's surface is like gravel.

Lackey Lane Drainage Project Bid – Committee recommends to the Town Board that the Lackey Lane Drainage Project be authorized to go out for bid.

Palmer/Leith motioned to put the Lackey Lane project out for bid. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Wittum said that the design is finished. The stakeholders of the project have responded favorably. There's one more thing to "clean-up" with the DNR. The bid documents are ready.

Cost Recovery for Road Damage

Superintendent Wittum said that they tried Road Bonds at first and then went to a percentage of the building permits. There was a difference of over \$20,000.00 to the better. Additionally, they followed up with people who have been known to damage the roads. Mr. Wittum would like to talk with Mr. Zimmerman about possibly adjusting the permit fees further, so they don't have to chase people down. Supervisor Livingston said that adding it to the permit fees worked much better. Supervisor Palmer said that when the homes are built the Town receives money from the property taxes, so we don't have to worry about recouping everything up front. Chairman Weiss asked Mr. Zimmerman to put this back on the Board's Agenda for next month when they talk about the Fee Schedule.

Utility Permit Fee Review – Committee recommends to the Town Board amending the fee calculation for trenching, plowing, or boring in excess of 1,320 linear feet to \$0.11 per foot.

Palmer/ Livingston motioned to change the wording to "trenching, plowing, and boring in excess of 1320 linear feet \$0.11 per foot." Motion Carried.

Purchase Request: Blower – Committee Recommends to the Town Board the purchase of the new blower for \$9,600

Purchase Request: 3 Point Blade – Committee recommends to the Town Board the purchase of the shoulder grading blade for \$5,072.

Palmer/Livingston motioned to approve the purchase of the 3 Point Blade in the amount of \$5072.00. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wittum asked to discuss both agenda items in the same conversation. He said that the blade was a part of Highway's Capital budget last year and the blower was not. The Highway crew realized that this blower is so much better and can do so much more than the one they have. Superintendent Wittum would

like to equip both tractors with the same blower. They are trying to do more proactive maintenance of the ditches, especially the ones with riprap in them. He budgeted for the blade and not the blower.

2026/2027 Winter Salt Bid – Committee recommends to the Town Board procuring 900 tons of salt for the 2026-2027 season.

Palmer/Livingston motioned to do the winter salt bid for 900 tons for next season. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wittum is recommending the same amount that they bought for this year. They only pay for what they end up actually buying. In the last few years, the excess salt is sold back to the state.

Supervisor Livingston thanked and commended Superintendent Wittum and his team. In seven days' time they cut 41 trees and several other roadway cut backs. With the additional crew, they only had to hire help for one tree that was up in the electrical lines.

Harbor Commission

Slip Rates, discussion only

Mr. Zimmerman said that the Harbor Commission met and decided on a 9% increase for the Boat Slip Rental Rates. He went over the rates.

Slip Rental Agreement

M. Zimmerman/Leith motioned to approve the 2026 Boat Slip Rental Agreement. Motion Carried.

The Harbor Commission updated the Rental Agreement and Attorney Duquette had reviewed it. It now requires the renter to submit to the Town the cost of their lift's installation and removal fees along with the slip rental fee. The Town is coordinating with the Lake Geneva Pier Company on this.

2026 Slip Season Dates, discussion only

Mr. Zimmerman said that occupancy dates are clarified in the agreement. Owners can occupy slips on or about April 15th weather and ice permitting, and must vacate no later than October 15th of this year.

Boat Launch Rates, discussion only

Supervisor Zimmerman said that there is no change in these fees. The DNR is in charge of this and they have made no change.

Protective Services Committee

Squad Car Auction – Committee recommends auctioning the old squad car through the Wisconsin Surplus program.

Weiss/Leith motioned for the 2021 Ford Police Interceptor to be auctioned through the Wisconsin Surplus Program. Motion Carried.

Chairman Weiss said that we have a squad car that we need to dispose of. In the past we have auctioned them off through the Wisconsin Surplus Program. The Protective Services Committee recommends that the 2021 Ford Police Interceptor be auctioned through this program.

Purchase of dive suits from donated funds – Committee discussed and did not provide a recommendation.

Weiss/Leith motioned that they use the donation from the Big Foot Lions Club and authorize the payment for the dive suits that have been purchased. Motion Carried.

The Big Foot Lions Club approached the Fire Department and said they wish to donate \$2000.00. John Peters and Dennis Detkowski said that they could use dive suits. Chairman Weiss explained that the purchase was made prior to approval. Those involved were made aware that the approval needs to come first in the future.

Parks Committee – No Meeting

Non-Standing Committees, and Professional Services Reports

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Report – Chairman Weiss did not attend.

Geneva Lake Use Committee Report – Did not meet

City of Lake Geneva Police & Fire Commission Report

Supervisor Livingston reported that they are still struggling with the Phoenix system and therefore do not have data to share with us yet.

Building Inspection Reports Monthly Report - No questions

Code Enforcement Report & Case Update – No questions

Pier As-Built Survey Progress Reports –

Clerk Morris said that there is no change this month.

Engineering Report – No questions

Leith /M. Zimmerman motioned to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Alyson Morris
Linn Town Clerk