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Special Town Board Meeting
October 22, 2026, at 4:00 pm
Linn Town Conference Room
W3728 Franklin Walsh St. Zenda, WI 53195
Held in-person Only

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present at roll call were Supervisors Zimmerman, Livingston-virtual, Leith, Palmer, Chairman Weiss-virtual also present were Clerk Morris and Administrator/Treasurer David Zimmerman.

Linton Road Culvert Replacement

Weiss/Palmer motioned to approve the invoice from Steve Snudden in the amount of $32,504.60. Motion Carried.

Snudden Farms LLC sent the Town a bill for putting in a culvert under Linton Rd. The amount would require Town Board approval. Supervisor Palmer said that the Town should pay the bill. The Town had directed him to do the work. Supervisor Palmer had gone to the work site and 1000 tons of gravel would be required for a hole that size. He is not questioning the invoice. Supervisor Zimmerman said that the bill exceeds the $25,000 cap. She has issue with Mr. Snudden not being a contractor. She would like to see him pay and write off the amount that exceeds $25,000. The Board did not hire him. Supervisor Leith understands what Supervisor Zimmerman is saying, but she also knows that Mr. Snudden has come to the assistance of the Town with his equipment and personnel. She wouldn't want to see that severed or go to court. She also thinks it became an emergency situation. It doesn't excuse it. Supervisor Zimmerman said this puts us in a bad situation with the State of Wisconsin. It should have gone to bid. Supervisor Palmer said that Mr. Snudden is a contractor with a license. He has given us a great deal. Chairman Weiss questions why the project went from $10,000 to $32,500. He questions how the Town began using this particular contractor, how the Town works on private property without having an agreement with the property owner, and these are all questions for Matt Wittum. Chairman Weiss thinks that the invoiced amount is legitimate. These are discussions for another time with the highway superintendent.

Public Notice Posting Locations

Supervisor Leith has been informed that Chapel on the Hill will be taking down the posting location that is on their property. We currently post public notices at the Town Hall, at the Zenda Post Office, and unofficially at the Park. These are all on the south side of the lake and we need to decide this for the north shore and make it official. We cannot locate the original resolution. Chairman Weiss said that when we meet we also need to take a look at whether a newspaper posting is necessary any longer. Clerk Morris stated that there are times when our offices are open, but the Post Office has a

holiday and then their doors are locked and no posting can occur. She also added that we post on the Town website. Chairman Weiss said that we will work with Attorney Duquette.

Consider a motion to convene into closed session: Closed session according to Wisconsin Statues section per 19.85(1)(c) - considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of public employees.

Leith/Palmer motioned to go into closed session per Wisconsin Statutes section per 19.85(1)(c) at 4:26 pm. Motion Carried.

Roll Vote: Zimmerman-yes, Livingston- yes, Leith-yes, Palmer-yes, Weiss-yes

Highway Maintenance Worker Position

Police Union Contract Negotiations

Motion to reconvene into open session

Leith/Palmer motioned to reconvene into open session at 4:40 pm. Motion Carried.

Possible discussion of/taking of action regarding closed session matters

Leith/Zimmerman motioned to approve the Police Union contract for 2027-2029 as presented. Motion Carried.

Palmer/Livingston motioned to extend an offer to the subject employ at a rate of $29 per hour as discussed subject to a background check and reference check. Motion Carried.

2027 Town Budget Workshop – Discussion Only

Mr. Zimmerman said that in addition to what he emailed to the Board he made some adjustments that came to his attention from Chief Gunyon in regard to the overtime pool. This brought down salaries by $20,000. Health Insurance had to be adjusted as well. There were also recommendations from Supervisor Leith. He adjusted the contingency line as well. He had a question about the Highway equipment outlay, since the Town isn't actually buying the skid steer until January. We have been informed that we would need to pay the 2027 price from the supplier. The company has no idea what the purchase price will be. Chairman Weiss said that we were trying to be fiscally responsible. This is an emergency. We need it now and know the price for this year. He told Mr. Zimmerman to just buy it now. Mr. Zimmerman said that will bring the Highway Equipment down $64,000. Chairman Weiss said that if they can take it out of equipment then put it in contingency. That way the mill rate is not affected. David said the Highway Salaries are adjusted to reflect the new hire. Chairman Weiss said that they have a balanced budget and the Fire wages went down about $600,000. We are now borrowing $2.9 million compared to borrowing $2.1 million last year. Therefore, the budget went up $800,000. This is because of $600,000 in road costs. Police salaries went up about $100,000 based on the new contract. We also have a significant increase in highway salaries. The good news is our mill

rate goes to 1.71, based on the increased valuations. This is down from 1.9. This is the second lowest in Walworth County and we are still doing so much in 2027.

They need to hold another meeting to make a motion on the purchase of the new skid steer this year.

Leith/Zimmerman motioned to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Linn Clerk