

Minutes of Town Board Meeting – January 13, 2025

Chairperson Klimek called the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schley to order on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Schley Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Klimek, Brown, Leopold, Dallman, and Podeweltz.

Verification of posting meeting notices by Town Board.

Leopold motioned to approve the minutes from the 12/9/2024 Town Board meeting, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brown motioned to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Leopold. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports from Town Officers:

Leopold has been finishing some projects with the town hall.

Klimek reported that the Lincoln County unit meeting is scheduled for 1/16/25 at the Birch Town Hall.

There's been only 2 days of snowplowing and sanding.

Klimek will be contacting the County about brushing.

Klimek turned in the 6'-20' culvert inventory to the State. The State will reimburse the Town \$100 for each culvert that was reported.

The Town will be purchasing 4 portable voting booths that fold up to allow for ease of storage.

Public Comment:

Angela Cummings inquired if the Town had any needs for the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Contact Tyler Verhasselt if we do.

DeeDee Grund inquired if the gravel pit at the end of Trout Road was up for renewal. Welker stated he thought it was a 15-year plan but will follow up with Land Services and report back.

Brian Polak inquired about the culvert permit process. Klimek stated that he should contact him to get the permit form.

Klimek motioned to pay bills and transfer \$452,000 for general bills from the money market to checking account; 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Town Hall rental is tabled to the February meeting. Dallman will contact other towns to get their rental rates. Corey Nowak from the City of Merrill Fire Department will be at the Town Hall next week to establish maximum capacity. The information will be shared with the Town insurance for a final rate.

Town caucus is scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Brown, 2nd by Leopold to return occupancy bond to Susan Baker. All ayes. Motion carried.

Town Board reviewed the dates for the WTA district meetings and Board of Review training. This will be tabled until after the caucus.

Planning Commission:

Welker presented the Chapter 17 Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance Revision Recommendations and answered questions from the Town Board and residents. One of the changes that Welker highlighted was the changes with home occupation being changed to minor and major and being permitted as conditional use so the Town would still have a say.

Motion by Klimek, 2nd by Brown to approve the resolution for the ordinance amendments which creates revisions to the Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance related to Caretakers Residence, Home Occupation, and Board of Adjustment Application for Variance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Welker provided broadband updates.

Welker provided a Notice of Timber Cutting, which is required by WI Statute. Per the Statute, “Unless otherwise authorized to do so by the county, no person may harvest any raw forest products, or direct the harvesting of any raw forest product, from any land until 14 days after the clerk of the county in which the land is located is notified of the person’s proposal to harvest. The person shall notify the county clerk each year.” Contact the Lincoln County Clerk’s office to obtain the notice.

Next meetings: February 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.- monthly Town Board meeting; January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.- Town Caucus.

Next month’s Agenda items: Set annual meeting date, Town Hall rental, WTA district meeting/BOR training dates

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Brown, 2nd by Leopold. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Becky Dallman, Clerk
Submitted by Becky Dallman, Clerk