

Minutes of Town Board Meeting – August 10, 2026

Chairperson Klimek called the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schley to order on August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Schley Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Verification of posting meeting notices by Town Board.

Leopold motioned to approve the minutes from the 7/13/2026 Town Board meeting, 2nd by Klimek. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Reports from Town Officers:

Leopold stated that the gravel project for this season is completed. Within the next 2 weeks, the Highway 17 project from Highway 64 to Sunrise Road will start. In April 2027, the Highway 17 project from Sunrise Road to the Haymeadow Bridge will commence. Traffic will be detoured from Highway 51 to Highway 8.

Roger and Shirley Yonke would like to donate a 3' x 3' framed Lincoln County map. Motion by Leopold to accept the donation, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brown stated he received 3 calls regarding roads that need to be graded. Without the rain, it is difficult to make any headway with this.

Klimek stated that there were 4,000 yards of gravel placed; it took 3 ½ days to complete. We need a good rain to be able to shape the roads. There's a cracked window in the Town truck that needs to be repaired. Roadside mowing is done. Town Crew worked on brushing around and cleaning the bridges.

Public Comment:

Jane Severt stated that there was a drone spraying insecticides on cornfields near her home. No notice was given to the adjacent landowners. She contacted the Sheriff's Department, DNR Warden, and DATCP. She was told to submit a written request to the farmer operator/landowner asking to be notified 24 hours prior to any future aerial pesticide passes so they can adequately prepare their home/property. Severt and Welker provided additional information on requirements to operate a drone with aerial applications.

Leopold motioned to pay bills and transfer \$87,400 for general bills (which included the recent gravel project) to the checking account, 2nd by Klimek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klimek, 2nd by Leopold to close the town hall building project account as all bills have been paid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Town of Schley was awarded a LSSIP grant in the amount of \$571,950 to pay for 90% of the Heineman Road box culvert replacement. Motion by Brown to accept the project award, 2nd by Leopold. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Work will likely not commence until 2028. Klimek will talk with the Lincoln County Highway Commissioner about assisting the Town with the 10%, as the majority of the traffic on that section of Heineman Road is people/other counties hauling garbage to the landfill.

Dallman stated that the Partisan Primary Election is scheduled for 8/11/2026. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00p.m.

Planning Commission:

Wissell Land Use #L-26-190 – Benjamin and Esther Wissell to build a 32' x 56' home with a 10' x 80' porch, a 24' x 32' attached garage and a 76' x 48' shop with a 16' x 48' lean-to; 2 chicken coops, one 3' x 7' and one 8' x 10'; and a 10' x 12' mini barn on 14.057 acres located at W1971 Vascheau Road, Merrill.

Motion by Leopold, 2nd by Klimek to approve the Land Use permit. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Welker stated the proposed County Land Services data center resolution to form an ad hoc committee to do more research was not approved by the County A & L Committee. Instead, the A & L Committee will look into this further.

Welker presented recommendations for the Driveway/Culvert application forms. Town Board reviewed the options and decided on one but the fee, address needed, and County addressing coordinator notification will be added. Revised form will be reviewed at the September Town Board meeting.

Welker presented information on the flock cameras in Lincoln County. Currently, there are 24 flock cameras in Lincoln County, which were funded by a Bierman Family Foundation donation for a 10-year period. The cameras are programmed to flag vehicles associated with active warrants, Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, or ongoing felony investigations. The Sheriff's department states that they are not used for daily traffic enforcement. Cameras are positioned at major "gateway" corridors to capture vehicles entering and leaving the county.

Welker stated the August broadband meeting was cancelled. Bertram has not signed a contract yet to complete the remaining work in Lincoln County.

Next meeting: Town Board Meeting – September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Next month's Agenda items: Review and Approve Driveway/Culvert Application Form, Set November Budget Meeting Date, WTA Annual Meeting, Snowplowing Contract

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Leopold, 2nd by Brown. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Dallman, Town Clerk