

November 16, 2009 **Board Meeting Minutes**

Town of Lincoln
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009 7:00 pm
8 public present

Board Members Present: Dick Thomer, Tom Finta, Carol Szymanski, Sheryl Johnson, Steve Pankratz, Judith Johnson. Bob Burr Absent.

1. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Pankratz and seconded by Sheryl Johnson. Motion Carried

2. Treasurer's report: The financial report was prepared and read by Carol Szymanski with the following totals: Town of Lincoln September balance of \$67,938.56, October disbursements of \$106,330.07, October Income \$54,243.18. October Balance \$15,851.67. Town of Lincoln Fire Dept September Balance \$2,712.51, October disbursements \$1,280.14, October income \$7,718.73, October ending balance \$9,151.10. Invested money \$26,457.61, Road/Equip fund \$9,035.33, Fire Dept CD \$12,255.49. Passbook Savings Acct - \$200,285.90. We have \$99,148.43 left in budget for 2009. It was decided to renew the CD at for \$26,457.61. Also Carol Szymanski would like some guidance on how to handle unpaid receivables. It was decided to review the unpaid receivables on a monthly base. Motion to approve the financial report by Steve Pankratz seconded by Tom Finta. Motion Carried.

3. Accounts payable: Judy Johnson read the accounts payable report. Sheryl made a motion to accept the accts payable and second by Tom Finta. Motion Carried.

4. Reports of standing committees:

A. Planning and Zoning: Dick Thomer reported that the Zoning Committee met 11/9/09 to approve a Conditional Use Permit by Ken Heiman for expansion of the Weber Farm Store. Due to the City constructing a right turn lane from Lincoln onto Hwy H, the center line of the street moved about 8 ft west. It allows him to continue construction on the Weber Farm Store. There will be a meeting 12/14/09 to update the rent use of energy towers. Steve Pankratz made a motion to accept minutes and second by Sheryl Johnson. Motion Carried.

B. Fire department: November 5, 2009 the Fire Dept met. Some members of the Town Board attended to clarify how fire calls are to be handled and also to talk about ordinance 66.0608. It was decided to continue handling the calls as in the past; it is up to each member to decide to sign in at a call. There will be an ordinance written to give the Fire Dept the authority to keep a checkbook and to put money in a CD with an explanation as to what it is being saved for. The Fire Department Treasurer will provide a monthly financial report to the Town Treasurer to be added to the financial report, which is read monthly. The Breakfast was a big success, served 696 persons and the raffle made a little over \$2,500. The breakfast will be held the third Sunday in October 2010. There will be \$7,000 transferred into a CD.

C. Special Orders: None

5. Public Input: Dee Schultz rents the Reflection Facility. He holds the liquor license and the building is going to be sold. He would like to switch the address to another location. He is concerned that if he does get another facility ready for business, will his liquor license still be good. We need to call the State of Wisconsin to ask what it would take to keep the license while he gets another facility ready for business. Dick Thomer suggested he call Jim Kniech about getting it approved by the Zoning Committee.

6. Old Business:

A. Winter Road Work:

Salt/Sand & Granite ♦ There was a question about how much should be stockpiled. Tom Finta spoke with Andy Gingerich regarding the quantity needed. Dave Laddick suggested we make our stockpile now before the weather gets bad. Dave recommends we do a 5-1 ratio of granite to salt. If that is the case, we would need 5 loads (90yds) of granite and 1 load (18 yds) of salt for total of \$2,233. This should get us through most of the winter. The Board had previously approved 2 loads of granite and 1 load of salt. Because salt is so expensive, Tom feels we should mix as much granite as we can with the salt to make it stretch. Laddick charges \$88 per ton delivered and the County charges \$85 per ton for salt and Andy would need to haul. Also sand will be put around the pile to stop the salt from leaching out. Steve Pankratz suggested Andy pick up salt and granite mix from the County Garage when he can to make the stockpile last for the winter. Tom Finta made a motion to buy 90 yds of granite and 18 yds salt from Laddick now, it was seconded by Sheryl Johnson, motion carried.

Culvert is sinking by Hannum Farm on Wren Rd. County already was putting their equipment away so this will wait until next year to repair.

Airport Lane Culvert ♦ Tom Finta feels it has been fixed correctly. The rock covers the black culvert.

Roadwork for other towns ♦ Town of Rock and Town of Marshfield is thinking about having us brush and do grass cutting. Steve Pankratz suggested we finish our Township before working for the other Towns. Andy Gingerich is close to being finished.

Joe Mazza's ditch ♦ It is too steep to mow. The Board agrees to let him put dirt in the ditch himself at his expense as long as he doesn't hinder the flow of water.

B. Building ♦ Roof leaks and windowsill buckles. The original Builder patched the roof. We will leave the sills go through the winter and try to get better airflow to keep the windows dry. South door of the hall is rotted out. The water flows off the roof and against the door. Tom suggested building an overhang over the door. There is money left in the building maintenance budget. It was decided that Tom and Dick will call a local builder for an estimate to fix the door and wall.

Hall Tables ♦ Sheryl Johnson got an estimate from Menards for \$74.76 ea. for 15 tables. They will allow tax exemption for our Township. Sam's Club price was \$89 ea plus tax plus we would need a membership. Sheryl will put the order in at Menards. A motion was made in May 2009 to sell the old tables to Steve Rachu for \$40 ea. and purchase the new tables for \$80 ea. ♦ Sheryl will call to see if Steve is still interest in the purchase.

Old Power Washer/Grader Blades ♦ leave on web site for sale.

C. Job Applicants ♦ Cale Jon Trudeau will be offered the road maintenance job. Steve Pankratz suggested using him at

least once a week until he is trained. Andy Gingerich will start training as soon as possible.

D. Garbage Pickup ♦ It was explained the cost is \$13.71 per month and also discussion regarding resolving problems of too many delivered and missed deliveries. There was discussion about the whole process, trying to help everyone understand how it is being handle. There are many questions and problems. Hopefully everyone will be patient while we try to get it right. A newsletter will be going out explaining everything.

E. Oil Changes for Town Equipment ♦ Follow manufactures recommendation except when the piece of equipment is worked hard ♦ maybe every couple months especially in the winter if used regularly.

5. New Business

A. Insurance Quote by Nikolai Insurance ♦ Make a list of contents. Employee Handbook, Towns Assoc has a sample book.

B. Recall on Ford Truck for speed control. Andy Gingerich will take care of.

C. Steve Pankratz submitted Bob Burr's ♦ Letter of Resignation as Supervisor of the Town of Lincoln♦ to the Board. The letter is on file at the Town Hall.

Steve Pankratz commented on the meeting held in Oct. He feels it was inappropriate of Sue Dix and Char Jackson to come down on Bob Burr as they did. This continuous outrage has caused him to fear attending the meetings because of not knowing if he will be the next to get criticized. He is asking for an apology from Sue Dix and Char Jackson on the Boards behalf and also to Bob Burr. He would like Char Jackson to resign. Steve is asking for the remainder of the Boards opinion on this. Tom Finta would like to hold his comments until next month because it just caught him off guard. Sheryl Johnson also would like to hold her comments. Shehas felt the pressure but tries to put her feelings aside to continue to do what is best for the Township. Dick Thomer has listened to the Board on this and understands how they feel and is sorry that this happened. Sue Dix commented that the taxpayers have a right to their opinion and feels that Bob Burr was out of line with his comments also. Steve apologized for his strong feelings. Steve Pankratz made a motion to table this until the next month to decide what needs to be done to appoint another Supervisor, all Board Members voted yes, Motion Carried.

D. Caucus: It is set for January 12th 2010.

E. Jim Kniech would like to know if he should go ahead with the application to get stimulus money for purchasing that corner property at Wren Rd. and H. The Board decided to let it go because we have no need to own that property ♦ it is of no value to the Township.

The meeting is adjourned for the Budget hearing at 8:40 PM on Nov. 10, 2009. Steve Pankratz made a motion to adjourn and Sheryl Johnson seconded. Motion Carried.

The meeting is reopened from the budget hearing at 9:15 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Sheryl Johnson and seconded by Steve Pankratz. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Judith Johnson
Lincoln Clerk