

December 8, 2009 **Board Meeting**

Town of Lincoln
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009 7:00 pm
15 public present

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes were sent to the board prior to the meeting. Tom Finta asked the Board to consider changing the word ♦Board♦ to ♦Bob Burr♦ in the second line of the paragraph regarding Steve Pankratz♦s comments about the Oct. meeting (Page 3 of Nov Minutes). A motion to accept the minutes with the change 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 October balance of \$15,851.67, November disbursements of \$35,065.20, November income \$40,008.39. November ending balance \$20,794.86. Town of Lincoln Fire Dept October Balance \$9,151.10, November disbursements \$26.40, November income \$549.90, November ending balance \$9,674.60. Invested money \$26,805.01, Road Machinery/Equip fund \$9,035.33, Fire Dept CD \$12,255.49. Passbook Savings Acct - \$200,285.90. Carol will renew the CD for another 6 months if the rate is better than the passbook acct. Carol also presented the issue of \$250,000 limited coverage by the FCIC when our account balance goes over that limit for two months at the beginning of the year. It was decided that she would look for a program (M & I offers a Tag Account secured with no limits) that will secure the Town♦s money coming in from taxes in the next couple months. Tom Finta made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and apply for a Tag Account at M & I Bank to hold our tax money, seconded by Steve Pankratz. Motion Carried.

3. Accounts Payable: Judith Johnson read the accounts payable report. Steve Pankratz made a motion to accept the accts payable and second by Sheryl Johnson. Motion Carried.

4. Reports of standing committees:

A. Building Permits: Received two: Weber Farm Store and Mark Weber-Shed.

B. Planning and Zoning: No meeting

C. Fire department: Tom Finta read the minutes. There was a Dec. 3, 2009 meeting. A cage fighting night at Bakerville Bar will be held in December. There were 3 EMS calls this month and one auto accident. \$10,000 was put into a CD at Time Federal at 2.1% interest for one year and a decision to transfer the checking account to State Bank with the other CD♦s.

That will leave \$1,900 left in the checking account. Vic and Sally Lucas will host the Christmas Party on Jan 16, 2010. Janet Bell♦s responder license will be running out soon. Can she handle the money for the Fire Dept once her responder license runs out? It was decided that Janet Bell would be appointed Deputy Treasurer. Judith Johnson will retype the new ordinance to include Deputy Treasurer, which will allow Janet to help with the banking. The Ordinance then will be put on the agenda to approve next month.

D. Special Orders: None

E. Public Input: Carl Schmidt asked about the ordinance being created to allow the Fire Dept to handle their money. This Ordinance is being created to cover WI Statute 66.0608. Char Jackson wants an explanation from Steve Pankratz as to why he wants her resignation. Steve asked for this because of Sue Dix and Char Jackson♦s out burst at the October Meeting. Char doesn♦t feel there was an out burst but only asked ♦Why for 4 ♦ years had Andy Gingerich done his job and there were no complaints about him from anyone and now Steve Pankratz and Bob Burr have been complaining constantly about Andy♦. Also she pointed out that in the Wisconsin Town Officer Hand Book under ♦Abuse of Discretion; Misconduct in Office: she feels Steve Pankratz violated her rights as a citizen, taxpayer and employee working for the Board. Char Jackson feels Steve Pankratz used his office to degrade her. Being that it was not on the agenda, her name should not have been brought up because it did not give her a chance to defend herself. Char will get the tape recording of the November meeting to give to the District Attorney to follow up on Violation of the Open Meetings Law.

5. Old Business:

A. Road Work 2009: All roadwork has been completed.

Joe Mazza♦s ditch; Joe would like to buy the dirt in the Spring and asked if the Township could spread it. After some discussion, the Board approved that Joe will cover all cost of changing the ditch (material and labor), then the Board will need to approve the work on completion to make sure it has been done correctly. A resident asked Tom Finta whether the Township could plow her driveway ♦ can we do that? Dave Rogers suggested only in an emergency and at there expense. We do not typically plow residents♦ drives because of the liability we have and our equipment is too large.

B. Winter Road Work: Matt Sternweis will help out with the snowstorm that is coming and Cale Trudeau will ride along to observe. They do not feel Cale is ready to run the equipment. Andy is still busy brush cutting. Cameron and Rock Township has asked us to brush cut in their Townships.

C. Building ♦Tom Finta presented a quote from Stratford Builders for \$1,100 to replace the south door ♦ it does not include any other modifications to the building due to moisture problems. Joe Burger of Stratford Builders thought we should wait to do the windows sill until we can see if moisture collects on the sills this winter but suggest we replace the doors (west door and south door) now and look at putting an overhang over the south door in the spring if needed. Altmann Builders gave a bid on the sills; it was decided to wait until spring and watch for water on the sills over the winter. Dick made a motion to replace both doors for \$2,200 and seconded by Steve Pankratz, Motion Carried. Steve Pankratz made a motion to fix the shop windows by Altman Builders for \$250 and Dave Rogers seconded it. Motion Carried. Roof leak has been fixed.

D. Hall Tables ♦ Sheryl purchase the tables and brought them to the hall. The old tables were sold to Steve Rachu for \$40 per table.

E. Fuel Supply ♦ Cenex does not have the phone hook-up like we had with Superior, therefore Andy will watch the fuel level.

F. Sweeper - Steve Pankratz had Dick look at a sweeper that Cenex had in the lot♦ it run approximately \$12,000. John from Cenex suggested we get a sweeper for the tractor ♦ it would be less expensive. Dave Rogers suggested we look at

one for on the front of the truck. The Board will look into the possibility at a later date.

G. Florescent Bulb Recycling Box - Char Jackson checked the price of a box for the disposal of florescent bulbs ♦ For a 4♦ box \$70 and 8♦ box \$100 thru Waste Management. Veolia mentioned Hillers and Menards provides a box free for bulb disposal. This will be tabled for further discussion.

H. Late fees on past due invoices ♦ After discussion, Tom Finta made a motion to charge interest at 1% per month after 90 days and after 120 days send to collection, seconded by Dave Rogers. Motion carried. We need to make a statement on our invoice to explain our interest fees and any arrangements for payments.

H. Dick nominates these poll workers: Chief Election Inspectors, Beatrice Viergutz and Karen Heckel. Election Workers; Eilene Weber, Tessa Campbell, Helen Ott, Judith Watson, Carol Szymanski, Janet Kleinschmidt, Deb Steltenpohl, Micheal Steltenpohl, Patricia Seefeldt and Charlotte Jackson. Dave Rogers made a motion to accept the pole workers Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

5. New Business

A. Appoint Supervisor To Replace Bob Burr. (This was the first order of business after the minutes, treasurer♦s report, and accounts payable were approved, which then allowed the Board to carry on with five Board Members). Dick Thomer nominated Dave Rogers and Steve Pankratz nominated James Dieringer. Tom Finta made a motion to close the nominations and Sheryl Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Voice vote: Dick Thomer voted Dave Rogers, Sheryl Johnson voted James Dieringer, Tom Finta voted Dave Rogers, Steve Pankratz voted Jim Dieringer, Judith Johnson voted Dave Rogers. The vote was two votes for James Dieringer and three votes for Dave Rogers. Judith Johnson then swore in Dave Rogers as Supervisor to replace Bob Burr, oath was filed with minutes.

B. Rural Mutual Insurance Quote; Jennifer Howen presented the quote. ♦ She recapped the coverage and premium. After much discussion, Steve Pankratz made a motion to continue with Rural Insurance, seconded by Dave Rogers. Motion Carried. I will check on the best payment plan. Dave Rogers made a motion to approve a payment to be made yet this month based on the due date being Jan 1, 2010, Sheryl Johnson second the motion. Motion carried.

C. Char Jackson and Andy Gingerich♦s review; will be tabled until Jan. The job responsibilities will be revised; maximum hours changed on Building Managers Responsibility List and animal control, vacation hrs need to be defined on the Highway Operator Responsibility List. The Board will review wages for Township Employees. Dick Thomer made a motion to table the review and Dave Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

D. Caucus ♦ Jan 12, 2010 @ 8:00 PM. Positions up for re-election-Judith Johnson/Clerk, Steve Pankratz/Supervisor, Sheryl Johnson/Supervisor.

Dave Rogers made a motion to adjourn, Tom Finta seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Judith Johnson
Lincoln Clerk

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