**TOWN OF LINCOLN**
**BURNETT COUNTY**
**WISCONSIN**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday October 14, 2026, at the Lincoln Town Hall, located at 9110 Perida Road.

PRESENT: Steve Washkuhn, Dale Larson, Joe Peterson, Stacy Gaffney, Jenelle Lindquist, and Linda Isaacson

Public: Charles Strabel, Bob Pardun, Tim Wood, and Jeff Schnell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Steve Washkuhn.

Motion to approve the agenda order by Joe Peterson seconded by Dale Larson. 3-0. motion carried.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 9, 2026, by Dale Larson, seconded by Steve Washkuhn. 3-0 motion carried.

Motion to approve the September treasurer report by Joe Peterson, seconded by Dale Larson . 3-0 motion carried.

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**Siren School:** The representative from the school was unable to attend, Jenelle printed off the referendum information and had it available for anyone interested.

**Road Maintenance:** crack sealing is left to be done on some roads.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendment to the UTV/ATV Route Ordinance, Including Beal Road:** Jeff Schnell apologized for the miscommunication that resulted in the proposed ATV/UTV route being posted on their website as an approved route, despite not yet receiving approval from the Town Board.

The primary concern discussed was ensuring that ATV/UTV traffic would remain on Beal Road and not travel onto intersecting roads. It was explained that signs were available and were installed on roads intersecting Beal Road in anticipation of the Board potentially approving the ordinance amendment at a meeting following August.

Dale Larson expressed opposition to opening Beal Road to ATV/UTV traffic due to concerns about potential road damage and increased maintenance costs. Joe Peterson agreed with these concerns.

Jeff Schnell noted that a road through the Fish Lake Wildlife Area had been opened to ATV/UTV traffic, with no noticeable damage reported from riders. He stated supporters felt the potential risks to the township roads would be minimal.

An offer was made to bring in a drag and perform road maintenance twice a year. However, concerns were expressed about the township assuming responsibility for allowing private individuals to perform maintenance on township roads.

**Motion:** Joe Peterson made a motion **not to amend the UTV/ATV Route Ordinance to include Beal Road**. Dale Larson seconded the motion. 3-0 Motion carried.

**Zoning Map Update:** Bob Pardun provided an update regarding the township's current 10-acre ordinance, noting that it does not align with the existing zoning map.

Steve explained that a committee would need to be formed and Jason Towne would be invited to provide additional information and guidance regarding the process. The township would then need to update its zoning map and present the proposed changes to the County Board for adoption.

The proposed zoning map change would be from RR3 to RR4.

1. The Town Board will need to prepare a resolution for presentation to the County Board. Steve has asked Bob Pardun to assist with this project.

Stacy will request an updated zoning map from the County. Once the map is received, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next steps.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Stacy provided an update on the development of an ordinance to establish the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The committee will consist of **five members**, including at least one Town Board member and at least one citizen member. Terms will be staggered, and members may be reappointed.

Town Board members serving on the committee will follow their elected two-year terms, while citizen members will serve three-year terms.

Stacy will have the proposed ordinance prepared for review at the next Town Board meeting.

**Review of 2027 Budget**: Draft budget was handed out for review

**November Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday November 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

**Old Business:** nothing to discuss

**Correspondence:**

- Ambulance Contract Updates – gave the board information regarding the potential increase in the cost of the ambulance.
- Burnett County Referendum Information – information handed out regarding the referendum.

**Payment of bills:** motion by Joe Peterson seconded by Dale Larson. 3-0 motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items**: Budget hearing & Special Electors Meeting, Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map update/approval.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. by Dale Larson, seconded by Joe Peterson. 3-0 motion carried.

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| Dated | Dale Larson |