

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
JULY 14TH, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Tony Baumann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Tony Baumann, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Tim Mueske and Scott Oberg in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of June 9th, 2025, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of July 14th, 2025, is \$1,164,523.31. After checks issued on July 14th, 2025, for \$140,327.62. Balance as of July 14th, 2025, \$1,020,891.74. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

ROAD REPORT

Ryan has been grading our gravel roads; they are starting to shape up.

Lincoln County Highway Department is going to start spray patching later this month.

Swamp road, the township is in communication with Wis DOT Data Unit on this road as to where the end is and funding.

Holdorf road; working with the township of Schley town chair/clerk as to where the end of the road is, which in turn will determine road maintenance.

Swede road: we cut down some of the danger trees on the north side of the road. Klade property, they are going to use trees for firewood.

Olivotti Lake road: the township of Birch brought in 3 loads of gravel for cover on top of the culvert near Highway K. Ryan did the grading.

Street sign on Moritzville was stolen.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve the changes made to the cancellation policy for the rental of the Town Hall, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve the Town of Merrill Personnel Manual, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed Ordinance No 2025-02 for Alternative Claims Procedure allows payment for bills or vouchers that are of a routine nature, namely: bi-weekly payroll, utility bill, credit card payment, 941 Federal Tax Payment. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Workers' Compensation insurance, we were covered by West Bend, and they are no longer covering Workers' Compensation for WI. We could either go with whom they would be turning it over to, SFM Mutual Insurance Co. for \$1,201/yr. Or Rural Mutual Insurance Co., which is who we have our property insurance with and are very easy to communicate with for \$1,453/yr. Motion made by Darrel Dengel to approve Rural Mutual Insurance Co., 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on printer options. The printers are working fine; the toners are expensive. It was decided to table this for the time being.

We had 2 bids to replace culverts on Spring Lake Road. Plautz Excavating \$2,145.00, Peterson Brothers \$2,450. Motion made by Scott Oberg to approve Plautz Excavating, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Resolution 2025-03 amendment which creates revisions to the Lincoln County Zoning ordinance related to certified survey map (CSM) submittal requirements. Motion made by Matt Leder to waive right for recommendation, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Resolution 2025-04 amendments which create revision to Lincoln County ordinances related to minor edits for license and permits, zoning code, subdivision and platting, shoreland zoning, and private sewage systems. Motion by Matt Leder to approve amendments, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

C.D. was renewed for 7 months at 4%.

An email was received from Debbie Gano to renew our membership of the Lincoln County Unit.

An email was received from Tyler Verhasselt about the upcoming FEMA K-1163 Preliminary Damage Assessment course; it is being offered virtually July 15-17.

An email was received from WTA for WI LTAP also online July 15-17. We plan on hiring a company to do our road ratings for us.

Reminder of the Lincoln County Unit meeting at the Skanawan Town Hall on Thursday July 17th. Tony plans on going.

An email was received from McKenzie Schwede with concerns regarding the intended use/zoning on the corner of Hillside Dr and JJ. The township gives a recommendation to Lincoln County, but ultimately it is up to Lincoln County Land Services what the determination is. Their meeting was last Thursday July 10th, to voice any concerns.

A note was received from "A Taxpayer", pertaining to a complaint in the Town of Merrill. The Town Board will investigate complaints and concerns only if the person(s) provides their name, address and phone number.

Tony received a call from a construction company about toad use for work that is going to be done at the Merrill airport with regards to dump trucks traveling on Town of Merrill roads. Tony contacted the airport manager with concerns, and he will re-route trucks down city streets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk