

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
DECEMBER 9th, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Matt Leder, Tim Mueske, Scott Oberg in attendance. Supervisor Darrel Dengel excused absence.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of the November 11th, 2024, Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of December 9th, 2024, is \$920,278.27. After checks issued on December 9th, 2024, for \$64,853.76. Balance as of December 9th, 2024, \$854,872.00. Motion by Matt Leder to approve as read, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 4-0.

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Mike Hass reported that we need snowplow drivers part time and one full time which will be discussed under new business.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Rick Neumann got the plows on the trucks, but the grader needs to get the wings on, it will go to McCoy to have this done.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2024-12 Adopting the 2024 Lincoln County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Scott Oberg went onto their website and thought some of it is unclear. Reading it caused more questions than answers. Scott will get a hold of Tyler Verhasselt to get clearer answers. We will discuss it again at the next meeting.

Discuss Fire Protection Fee. Matt called the WTA attorney, whatever we paid for fire protection in 2013 has to be the base of the fee. Each property would have to be categorized as far as risk of fire to that property. The attorney said it is very time consuming and not easy to figure out how much each property would have to pay. They suggested talking to the assessor and/or other townships that have succeeded with this.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Matt Leder to have the January Caucus meeting on Monday January 13th, 2025, immediately following the monthly Town Board meeting, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Scott Oberg to approve the list of Poll Workers presented for 2025-2026, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Matt Leder to approve hiring a full-time person, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 4-0. There was also discussion on how much to pay, the board can decide and set the wage as they see fit, \$28/hour, possibly having to go up to \$30/hour depending on need.

Motion made by Matt Leder to approve Open Book on Tuesday May 6, 2025, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. And Board of Review on Tuesday May 20, 2025, from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on lowering the speed limit on Hwy. 17. The Board cannot propose a resolution on that, they can only recommend it because it is a state highway. We will discuss it again next month and hopefully the people that live along that area and would like to see it reduced will come to the meeting.

Right of way permit application Frontier project #117673358 (W4723 Lincoln Dr). Scott Oberg will go look at it tomorrow to give approval once payment has been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tax bills will be mailed out Tuesday December 10th, 2024.

Tim Mueske reported on the progress on Lokemoen Landing, back in 1978 or 1979 Public Service deeded it to the Town of Merrill, but it was never registered until last month. The town will have to have it surveyed. It is moving ahead at a very slow pace.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Baumann was asking about hours for drivers, even part-time might need to watch how many hours they work. He also asked about trees needing to be taken down on Lincoln Dr that are in our right of way. We will discuss again next month.

ADJOURN

Matt Leder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Scott Oberg; motion carried 4-0.
The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk