

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
JANUARY 13th, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

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

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Town Meeting as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer’s Report: Ending Balance as of January 13th, 2025, is \$950,524.10. After checks issued on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for \$157,487.09. Balance as of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$792,399.39. Motion by Matt Leder to approve as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the tax vouchers as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Oberg; motion carried 5-0.

**ROAD REPORT**

Chairman Mike Hass reported that Rick Neumann took our new fulltime employee out yesterday to show him about snow plowing.

Mike talked to Jason Lemmer about Moritzville Ave, to move and straighten it out and blacktop it will be approximately \$25,000.

The property at the end of Memorial Drive has offered to buy the land they are using that is our easement, but we have to keep enough to have a turn around and to put snow. Mike will go down there with one of the plow drivers to see how much land we need to turn around and put snow. We might not even sell any of the land.

**EQUIPMENT REPORT**

The 1-Ton is in Antigo getting a new transmission which will be approximately \$3600

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2024-12 Adopting the 2024 Lincoln County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Tyler Venhesselt from the County came to talk about this. He said that this is federal, and state required, and you can choose from the document which ones you want to be in, all, some, or none. Mike asked if there is a set amount of damage required before we could get aid. Tyler said it depends upon how big the crisis is, and how many people are affected by it in the area. The Board is going to look at the graph that Tyler brought and will discuss it again next month.

Discuss Fire Protection Fee. Matt and Mike called the WTA lawyer and got the same answer, that it is more complex that what we thought. Matt and Mike are going to the WTA Lincoln County Unit Meeting on Thursday at the Town of Birch. They will talk to other townships there to see if anyone has had success with this and get a template from them on how to proceed. And/or talk to the assessor Todd Anderson.

Cole Severt came to speak about lowering the speed limit on Highway 17. Mike told him that when the speed was reduced on Highway 107 there were 2 women who worked to get that lowered, Mike will get him their names and phone numbers to help him. We will do a recommendation letter for him.

Trees on Lincoln Drive-Mike talked to Jon Leiskau about removing them and Jon does not want to do it. The Town does not have it in the budget to hire anyone else out for this. Tony Baumann said he will reach out to some people he knows and get some ideas on how much it would cost.

Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve the sentence “Send a drawing or print copy, with ped and/or pole numbers, back with permit application”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

WTA Lincoln County Unit Meeting Thursday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30 dinner/7:00 meeting. At Birch Town Hall.  
WTA district meeting Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at The Pines Event Center in Rhinelander and on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at Potawatomi Carter Casino in Wabeno.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott Streich asked why the township can't get money for funding the roads and road repairs by having it on a referendum to get it from taxes. Mike and Matt said that the lawyer at WTA said we can't do that. He also suggested looking into JJ's Mowing for the trees on Lincoln Dr.

**ADJOURN**

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk