Town of Lincoln Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 21th, 2021

The monthly town meeting for the Town of Lincoln was held on Tuesday September 21st, 2021 at 630 pm at the townhall.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Auseth. Members present, Bruce Auseth Chairman, Cody Ritscher and Steve Heller supervisors, Trinity Hungerford treasurer, and Carolyn Thomsen Clerk. Clerk noted all notices were posted as required.

Minutes were read by Clerk. Steve Heller made motion to approve, Cody Ritscher 2nd.

Treasurer’s balance reflected $37,135.68 in checking and $38,913.91 in savings, $76,049.59. Town orders 4775-4786 in the amount of $10,575.99 were approved and paid. Treasurer reported Equipment 1 year CD has matured. Cody Ritscher made motion to renew for 1 year, Steve Heller 2nd, motion carried.

Representatives from Bug Tussel wireless internet and AT&T were present at the board meeting to discuss service in the Town of Lincoln. Kristen Banasik discussed available services for both phone and internet. Service strength testing can be done in advance by contacting Bug Tussel and arrange for an onsite appointment. Kristen will contact Claire Waters, BC Towns Association Unit chair, to present at the Buffalo Co Town’s Association meeting in October. FirstNet.Gov has reduced pricing for certain employees or volunteers in the township/county. AT&T has a contract with FirstNet. She will discuss further at the Co meeting.

Joe Walker attended the town meeting to discuss snowplowing turn around location on town roads as a larger truck was purchased for plowing. Joe will present the town with a list of roads requiring turn arounds installed.

Bruce Auseth provided feedback from the Fire Dept meeting. There will be no increase for fire protection with the Waumandee, Montana, Lincoln Fire Dept for 2022. It was noted the department is down to 22 volunteer members, the required need is 32 members.

Bruce reported the town furnace has been delivered to the townhall as of September 21st with final installation completed by October.

Bruce reported he spoke with Mr. Bloom, property owner, regarding the Schaub Bridge weight limit restriction. Mr. Bloom reported he will not have access to his current crop yield due to the weight limit. Bruce is checking with the county if a joint venture could be set up with a temporary plate overlay on the bridge decking and approach.

Pot holes on Jahn Rd were patched; however, may need to budget for additional rock upgrade on the road for long term wear. Discussion was held on Heller Rd hill as gravel continues to wash due to the grade; possible blacktop approach would improve the situation. Board will discuss during budget planning.

Cody Ritscher made motion to approve Operator’s license for Hailey Johnson, Steve Heller 2nd, motion carried.

Steve Heller reported on the foundation inspection by wall builder. The board feels the problem is more than the foundation. Steve will follow up with the builder to explain situation. Steve reported feedback from builder to wrap windows to save further weather damage. Board will review further as wood may need to be replaced. Will discuss further at budget planning meeting October 13th.

Steve Heller made motion to adjourn, Cody Ritscher 2nd, meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday October 13th, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the townhall.

 Carolyn Thomsen, Town Clerk