



From The Desk Of The Town Board

Town of Lincoln, Wood County

ROAD MAINTENANCE POSITION:

The Town Boards' current position on road maintenance is to preserve the roads that are in fair shape to make them last longer. This type of maintenance typically includes crack-filling, chip sealing and slag sealing. The roads that are basically failed will be left to deteriorate as much as safely possible before they will be reconstructed. Research by the University of Wisconsin has shown that this is actually more economical in the long run. If we only work on roads after they are in a failed state, the Town will never be able to keep up. Neglecting the other roads will cause them to fail sooner. Budget cuts and the increasing cost of asphalt are also slowing our ability to repave. There are about five miles of paved roads in the Town that are considered failed, meaning they need to be ground up with new base added and then resurfaced. Our hope is that by switching to this way, we will be able to keep all paved roads in a paved condition.



TOWN OF LINCOLN WEBSITE:

www.townoflincolnwc.com

FOR RENT: Lincoln Town Hall

The Township has a beautiful Town Hall that is available for rent by any resident or family of Lincoln Township. The hall has outdoor playground equipment. For more information, please contact Building Manager, Charlotte Jackson at 384-2355.

IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGE:

The cost to repair any damage done to roads, ditches, culverts etc., per state statues is the responsibility of the party that causes the damage. The Township can bill the people that damage the road system for triple the cost of repairs per State Statute 86.02. We understand that some damage can occasionally occur, but with our road budget being stretched thinner each year, the Town cannot afford to repair damage caused by residents, contractors, or farms.

Encroaching on township right-of-way in anyway is illegal. When field plowing, please do not plow into the field side of the ditches. This speeds up the filling of the ditches and restricts water flow. The Town typically owns 33 feet from the center of the roadway. ***From this date forward, any field plowing that is occurring in this 33 foot right-of-way that the Board deems will cause the ditch to be cleaned out prematurely to regain the correct flow of water, will be billed to the landowner per State Statute 86.02.*** Especially problematic is the plowing that has to go around the electric poles as the turning back up into the field to go around the pole throws dirt into the ditch. In 2011, the ditch cleaning done for this very reason cost \$700 for 1/4 mile and that cost did not include hauling any fill away. Without charging the landowner responsible, everyone in the Town is paying for this service and that is not fair to other

REMINDER: Since the snow season has arrived, please do not pile snow in roads or shoulders as this creates a safety hazard for other drivers and our plow operators.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN—DICK THOMER:

Fellow Residents:

Another year has passed by. We had received heavy rains once again this year which caused more wash-outs, especially on West Ives Street. We had to replace and add culverts to repair damage caused by the flooding and to help with future flooding that may take place.

I would like our residents to be patient with your neighbors especially at planting and harvesting time. At the end of the day, please clean up the roadways of any debris.

I would like to commend our volunteer fire department for a great job on their breakfast held on Sunday, October 16th. They had a wonderful turnout because of all the tickets that were presold. Thanks to everyone for supporting our Town of Lincoln Fire Department. If you or if you know someone who would like to serve our Township, they are always looking for new volunteers.

LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The 2011 breakfast was a success again. Thank You! Included is a list of the raffle winners as well as our donor list. Please be sure to thank them for their support. The proceeds will be used to replace some aging equipment.



After much discussion, we have extended the are of residence allowed to be on the fire department. This should help us to maintain enough active members available in case of a large call. In December we welcomed three new members that will be taking fire training in January. Anyone interested in joining the department please call Tom Suchomel.

REMINDER: OPEN BURNING REQUIRES A BURNING PERMIT. Permits are only granted when there is not a burning ban in place and only for items that are legal to burn, such as brush, leaves, grass. Please call one of the following numbers to obtain a permit.

Fire Chief—Tom Suchomel 715-305-9140
Assistant Chief—Larry Gleichsner 715-676-3358
Chairman—Dick Thomer 715-384-4591
Andy Gingerich—715-305-3356

The Board will be watching what will come about with the new regulations to take place on February 1, 2012 on manure hauling equipment.

Our Sterling plow truck is getting old and we have to start thinking about replacing it. It has given us a lot of problems this past year.

Just a reminder: It is unlawful to push snow or other materials onto or across roadways. However, if you do, be sure that the snow is pushed way into the ditch. Also be sure to clean all of the snow off the roadway and shoulders.

Everyone is always welcome to attend the monthly board meetings. They are typically held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012 the Board will hold the caucus for the Spring election at 8:00 p.m. The clerk and two supervisors will be up for election in 2012.

Joyce and I wish everyone a wonderful New Year.

Dick Thomer, Chairman

NOTES FROM THE CLERK:

There have been many changes to Wisconsin election laws that will take effect in 2012.

One of the changes will require voters to **PRESENT A FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION** before the elector will be allowed to cast a ballot. There are a number of acceptable forms of voter ID, the most common is a driver's license, which does not need to show a current address.

A second change is that the **VOTER MUST SIGN THE POLL BOOK** in order to obtain a ballot.

An insert has been included that lists and details all the election law changes.

Kathy Lindgren, Clerk



PROPERTY TAXES: Where do they go?

The mill rate for the 2012 taxes is 16.99, which means that for every \$1,000 in assessed value, you will pay \$16.99 in taxes. The breakdown of the taxes is:

State Tax	.17
County Tax	4.97
Local Tax	2.32
School District	9.21
MSTC Tax	1.67
TOTAL	18.35
School Tax Credit	1.35
MILL RATE	16.99

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

<i>Dick Thomer—Chairman</i>	<i>384-4591</i>
<i>Bob Cassaday-Supervisor</i>	<i>389-1452</i>
<i>Josh Mauritz -Supervisor</i>	<i>387-0411</i>
<i>Dave Rogers-Supervisor</i>	<i>676-3285</i>
<i>Tom Finta-Supervisor</i>	<i>676-2608</i>
<i>Carol Szymanski-Treasurer</i>	<i>676-2372</i>
<i>Kathy Lindgren-Clerk</i>	<i>384-3387</i>
<i>Tom Suchomel-Fire Chief</i>	<i>305-9140</i>
<i>James Kniech-Planning & Zoning</i>	<i>384-6160</i>
<i>Al Breu-Building Inspector</i>	<i>387-4222</i>
<i>Charlotte Jackson-Bldg Mngr</i>	<i>384-2355</i>

2011 LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS

\$100 Cash	Karl Draxler	Lindsey Bar Basket	Shari Burr	JD Toy	Carter Hansen
	C. Koepke	Floral Arrangement	Darlene Bell	JD Combine	Mark Harm
\$50 MACCI Certificate	Jo Herkert	Halloween Decorations	Kristine Reigel	Wine Basket	Stacy Reigel
	Louise Bores	Black & Decker Drill	Gordie Schuster	Quilt	Shari Burr
	Staci Reigel		Emily Rana	Plant Hooks	Mary Wendell
2 Eagles Fish Fry & Steak	Kristi Luchterhand	Girls Toy Baskets	Derek Weber	1/2 Hog	Trinity Petri
	Larry Bell		Marilyn Heiman		Fuzz Martin
1 Oil Change & Wax or Wipes	Ken Harn	Raggedy Ann Basket	Rylee Mauritz	Bskt sm tools	Dennis Hart
	Mike Peterson	Barbie Styling Doll	Amy Gregg	T-shirt & Light	Scott Stregel
Vintage House Gift Certificate	Becky Woltman	Pumpkin Lights & Inflatable	Derek Weber	Light Bulbs & T-shirt	Brad Sternweis
Dutch Oven/Soup	Barb Burr	John Deere Harvester	Cody Korth	Tablecloth	Sayer Rachu
Bird Seed & Feeder	Kristine Reigel	Aaron Rogers Jersey & Cheese Head	Trinity Petri	John Deere Barn & Book	Trinity Petri
Candy Basket	Sayer Rachu	Propane Gas Light	Kathy Finta	1/4 Beef	Fuzz Martin
Yoga Cert & Candle Melt	Di Haupt	Hewitt Meat & Pub & Grub Certificate	Paul Langreck	Scentsy Warmer	Ken Frank
Grease Gun	Eugene Erickson	Heated Jacket	Keebler	Flower Planter	Cindy Weber
Turtle Wax & Wash Mitt	Sarah Schaefer	Cheese, Sausage & Honey Basket	Sheryl Johnson	Boots & Jacket	Allen Mayer
Welcome Stone	Bea Viergutz	International Tractor	A. Wilcott	Ford Tractor	Barb Burr
Pub & Grub Certificate/Bird Feeder	Ron Brun	Smoke Alarm/Fire Extinguisher	Jason Butler	Christmas Dishes & Calendar	Dale Walz
Budweiser Tote	Don Pieper	Elk Picture	Eugene Erickson	Box of Toys	Erin
LeRoy Butler Football	Kurt Hansen	Sweatshirt/Weather Station	Don Rachu	Green Bay Packer Basket	Bea Erickson

Kathy Lindgren
Lincoln Town Clerk
12005 Pleasant Rd
Marshfield WI 54449

2011 DONORS

Listed in random order

THANK YOU

Car Quest	Tuschschers Welding	Marshfield Monument	Webers Farm Store
Southway Pub & Grub	Chili Implement	Nikolai Insurance	Wheelers
Glen & Barb Sternweis	Darlene Bell	Just Java	Sternweis & Sons
John & Margaret Thornton	Central Wisconsin Coop	Gardner Trucking	Roger Hansen
Keri Pankratz	Lindsey Bar	Cenex	KC Hall
Eagles	Victor & Sally Lucas	Fanta's Bar	Hewitt Meat
Barb Pankratz	Ron Knuth	Gerald Geldernick	Anderson Electric
Central State Supply	Phyllis Rachu	Heiman Trucking	David & Colleen Johnson
Marsha Salzwedel	Dick & Joyce Thomer	Ron & Sue Dix	Dan & Mary Poehneltd
Sue Twiggs	Vintage House	Superior Gas	Paul & Joann Schreiner
Cherokee Garage	Bakerville Sports Bar	I Brandl	Chili Service
Jennifer Howen—Rural Insurance		Cole Pankratz Trucking	Nasonville Dairy
Dennis & Darla Wessel—Prince Corporation		Brian Ewert & Kathleen Rulka	
Catholic Financial Life Chapter 195		Fire Department Members & Families	

Please forgive any incorrect spelling or omitted names—but please let us know.