

From The Desk Of The Town Board

Town of Lincoln, Wood County
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TREE GROWTH OVER TRAVEL LANES

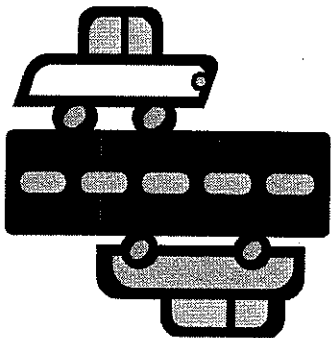
There are a few places in the Town where trees in residents yards are starting to grow branches out over the road. As time permits, these trees will need to be trimmed back off the road area. Some of these trees are in front yards and are part of landscapes that may have been planted for shade or privacy.

If you have trees that you are concerned about that have branches growing over the travel lanes of the roads or are getting close to the roadway, contact a board member so that we can meet with you and come up with a trimming plan that satisfies the homeowner and the needs of the Town.

2014 TRIP AWARD

Every two years, the State of Wisconsin gives each county extra money to be used for road work projects. This money is then distributed to various Townships through the TRIP (Town Road Improvement Program). A committee grades the roads entered into the TRIP on the condition of the road, traffic volume, types of use and safety concerns, and awards it to the township based on those criteria.

Wood County received \$129,725 for 2014-2015. This year, the Board applied for the grant money to be used on Yellow River Road from Lincoln Road to County Hwy B and was awarded \$19,624 to be used for the reconstruction of this mile of road.



The Board has applied for this grant many times in the past on various roads, however, this is the first year it was awarded any money. The grant money will cover approximately twenty percent of the cost of rebuilding the specified mile of road.

IMPORTANT POLICY REMINDER

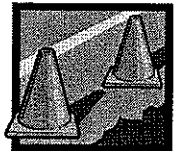
When field plowing, please do not plow into the field side of the ditches as this speeds up the filling of the ditches which restricts water flow. State Statute does not allow this. The Town typically owns 33 feet from the center of the roadway. From 2011 forward, any field plowing that occurs in this 33 foot right-of-way that the Board deems will cause the ditch to be cleaned out prematurely in order to regain the proper water flow will be billed to the landowner per State Statue 86.02. Especially problematic is the plowing that is going around the electric poles as the turning back up into the fields to go around the pole throws dirt into the ditch.

Also of concern are the fields where corn is planted too close to the intersection, which blocks the view of motorists to oncoming traffic while at stop signs, which is dangerous. In this case, the Town will have no choice but to mow down the corn that is in the Town right-of-way.

The Board does not want to be in a position to have to take further action on this issue. The only other option is to contact the sheriffs department and let them handle this.

2013 ROAD WORK PROJECTS

Despite a slow start to the road work in the spring due to rain, the Town was able to complete most of the 2013 planned road work projects. The biggest expense was chipsealing approximately eleven miles of road. Chipsealing helps a road last longer by waterproofing the road surface and putting a new wear surface on top of the asphalt. Municipalities are doing more chipsealing as budgets do not allow as much asphalt paving as in years past. The Town of Lincoln maintains forty-eight miles of roadway, eight of which are still gravel.



CHAIRMAN—DICK THOMER COMMENTS

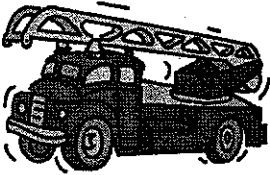
Fellow Residents:

Another year is quickly coming to an end. It is time to advise residents of certain problem areas.

Yard Waste, Dirt, Snow: Any yard waste, dirt, or other waste placed on the road right of way is a road hazard. Also snow pushed alongside of the road from driveways which causes more drifting is a hazard.

Tilling of Fields: Any damage done to ditches or shoulders is the responsibility of the land owner when tilling fields.

Fire Department: Please allow proper space for Fire Equipment to enter your property in case of fire. The minimum space needed is 15 feet wide and a clearance of 12 feet high to get under any trees or other obstacles.



Garbage Containers: Don't place garbage containers or recycling containers in the roadway. Keep them off the roadway the same distance that a mailbox is located.



Fences, Snow Fences: The Town right of way extends 33' from the center of the road. Any fences or snow fences placed in this area are a road hazard. This can cause drifting in the roadway.

You may be contacted about any of the above conditions if they occur. It is the landowner's responsibility to correct any of the above or the Township will, at the owner's expense. If we have back to back snow storms, the Township will correct at your expense without contacting you. This is a road hazard and needs immediate attention.

The budget is always adopted in November of each year. The Board has the responsibility to spend the money the best way they see necessary to do the best job possible for the people. The Board asked for an increase of 5% over last year's levy, which was approved by the electors.

We will watch for road damage. We ask that large equipment stay in the road way as running on shoulders wrecks roads.

Again, I would like to welcome everyone to attend our monthly board meetings. They are at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Joyce & I would like to extend our wishes for Happy Holidays and a great New Year 2014.

Dick Thomer, Chairman

****SAVE THE DATE**PLAN TO ATTEND****

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 the Board will hold the caucus for the Spring election at 8:00 p.m. The Clerk and two Supervisor positions will be up for election.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Along with winter and the end of year comes tax time! And that time is upon us.

By now you have received your tax statements; enclosed was a letter with instructions for payment options. Please note the dates and times of collections at the Town Hall. This year BMO Bank will not issue refunds on overages paid to you from your escrow account as they did in the past. These refunds will be issued through the Town of Lincoln at our monthly meetings.

Dog Licenses: According to State Statutes, all dogs must be inoculated for rabies and licensed. When requesting the license, complete the yellow form mailed to you correctly and include the manufacturer name and serial number with the information requested. Please include the rabies inoculation form you received from your veterinarian when submitting the information and I will return that form when sending you the license and dog tags. Dogs must be licensed by April 1st; after that date, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged.

If you have questions regarding the above, please call me at 715-676-2372.

Carol V. Szymanski, Treasurer

PARTY AT THE LINCOLN TOWN HALL

Do you have a special occasion coming up and need a place large enough for all your guests?

If you are a resident of the Town of Lincoln, consider renting the Lincoln Town Hall. The Town Hall has kitchen facilities and playground equipment.

The rental price is \$50.00 for half-day and \$80.00 for a full day. For more information, contact the Building Manager, Beckie Rogers at 715-676-3285.



CLERK'S CORNER

I made the decision to resign from the clerk position after the term ends in April 2014. In February 2013, the Board approved the position of deputy clerk, using money already in the budget, for the position. Kathleen Altmann-Drinka was hired as the deputy clerk.

There were two unexpected elections held in 2013, making it a busier election year than originally planned. Thanks again to all the election workers for a fantastic job.

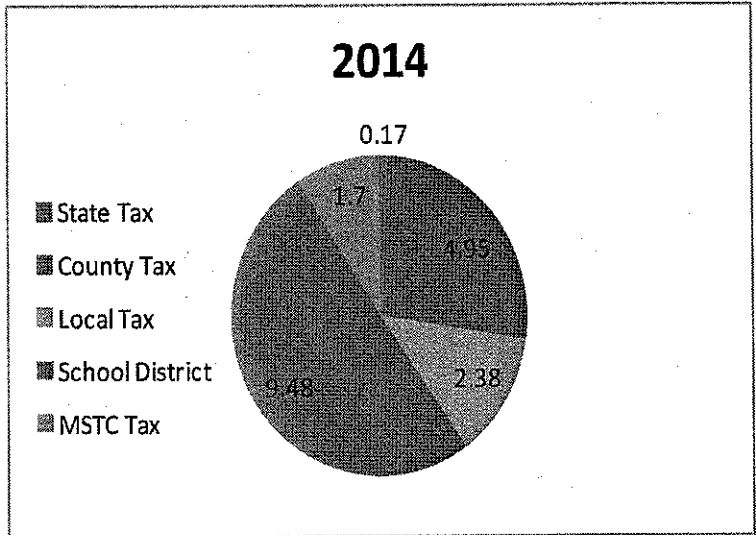
Seasons Greetings to you and your families.
Kathy Lindgren, Clerk



PROPERTY TAXES: Where they go.

The mill rate for the 2014 taxes is \$17.27; for every \$1,000 of assessed value, you will pay \$17.27 in taxes.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
State Tax	.17	0.16
County Tax	4.95	4.77
Local Tax	2.38	2.31
School District	9.48	9.19
MSTC Tax	1.70	1.64
TOTAL	18.68	18.07
School Tax Credit	1.41	1.39
MILL RATE	17.27	16.68



NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

<i>Dick Thomer—Chairman</i>	384-4591	<i>Carol Szymanski - Treasurer</i>	715-676-2372
<i>Bob Cassaday-Supervisor</i>	389-1452	<i>Kathy Lindgren - Clerk</i>	715-384-3387
<i>Josh Mauritz -Supervisor</i>	387-0411	<i>James Kniech-Planning & Zoning</i>	715-384-6160
<i>David Rogers-Supervisor</i>	676-3285	<i>Al Breu - Building Inspector</i>	715-387-4222
<i>Tom Finta-Supervisor</i>	676-2608	<i>Beckie Rogers-Building Manager</i>	715-676-3285

2013 LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST RAFFLE SPONSORS

The Town of Lincoln Fire Department thanks all of the donors, volunteers, and all who attended the breakfast. With donations received and matching funds from Catholic Financial Insurance, approximately \$7,000.00 was raised.

Central WI Co-op	Marshfield Monument	The Vintage House	Karuna Yoga Studio
Wheelers	Kathy Langreck Sewing	Stainless & Repair	Todd Cordes/Marshfield Glass
Tractor Central	David & Joan Weber	Bakerville Sports Bar	Glen & Barb Sternweis
Chili Service	Anderson Electric	Ron & Sue Dix	Superior Gas Service
Chili Implement	Sternweis & Sons	Mary & Robert Sydow	Alvin & Janet Wellner
Barb Pankratz	Nasonville Dairy	V&H Inc	Keri & Jon Pankratz
Jean Fischer	Tuchscher's Welding	Cherokee Garage	Gerald & Shirley Geldernick
Roger Hanson	B&D Waste Hauling	S&S Distributing Inc	Matt Woltman
Weber's Farm	Marsha Salzwedel	Tom & Kathy Fina	Jerome & Sheryl Johnson
Swetz Oil	Nikolai Insurance	Hewitt Meat Processing	Catholic Financial Life Ins 195
Jacalyn Schueller	Mid-State Truck	Jolene & Chris Sternweis	Larry & Darlene Bell
Ann Marie Gross	Lindsey Bar	Vic & Sally Lucas	Paul & JoAnn Schreiner
CarQuest	Gardner Trucking	Dick & Joyce Thomer	Shirley & John Person/Rembs
I Brandl	Marshfield Ag Services	Larry Gleichsner	Central State Supply
Genex Corp			



2014 Town of Lincoln Garbage & Recycling Service Schedule

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GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY
GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP DAY

NOTE pick-up during a holiday week is a day late

For questions about service please call:
 (888) 271-7176

Watch for Recycling carts to be delivered in early 2014.

Tire collection day will be held Saturday, April 26th at Pankratz Trucking located on Hwy 10 West. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No early drop-offs.

No rims. No commercial
 You must present your red identification card and register with your name and address.
 Contact your Township if you need a red card.

Tire collection is only for residences and farms in the Towns of Cameron, Lincoln, Marshfield, McMillan, Richfield and Rock.

Each household is allowed up to 8 auto or truck tires at no charge.
 Additional tires are \$1 for each tire under 10" x 22" and \$5 per 10"X22" or larger tire.