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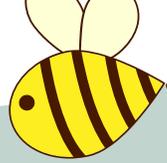
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From The Supervisor's Desk



One of the things that makes Lincoln special is that our town has always been built by neighbors who care enough to get involved.

Local government works best when it reflects the voices, ideas, and energy of the people who live here. Whether it's serving on a board, volunteering with the fire department, helping with a community organization, or simply attending a town meeting to stay informed, every form of participation helps strengthen our community.

Right now, there are many ways to get involved. The Town is always looking for residents willing to serve on local boards and committees. These roles are incredibly important—they help guide decisions on planning, assessments, community development, and many other areas that shape Lincoln's future. You don't need to be an expert; you just need to care about your community and be willing to learn.

Our volunteer fire department is another vital part of what keeps Lincoln strong and safe. These neighbors give their time and energy to respond when others need help most. If you have ever considered volunteering, I encourage you to reach out and learn more about what that commitment looks like.

And of course, one of the simplest ways to stay involved is by attending town board meetings. These meetings are open to the public, and we welcome residents who want to listen, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Community conversation is how good decisions are made. Lincoln's future isn't shaped by any one person or office—it's built by all of us working together. I'm grateful to everyone who already gives their time to this town, and I encourage anyone who is interested to consider how they might get involved.

Together, we can continue to build a strong, connected, and engaged community.

Town Buzz – What’s Happening at This Month’s Town Board Meeting

At our March 11th Town Board meeting, the Board will be working on several items focused on strengthening town operations and continuing to support our community.

One of the main topics this month will be the adoption of several administrative policies that help guide how the Town operates. These policies relate to financial oversight, transparency, workplace safety, and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) procedures. Updating and adopting these policies helps ensure the Town continues to follow best practices and remain compliant with New York State requirements.

We will also be discussing a proposed fee structure for zoning change applications to make sure that the costs associated with development review are handled fairly and do not place unnecessary burdens on taxpayers.

Other agenda items include reviewing screening expectations related to the Weisbrod Solar Project, discussing vacancies on the Board of Assessment Review, and providing an update on the bookkeeping position for the Town.

Looking ahead to the spring season, the Board will also talk about community events such as Easter and Earth Day, along with authorizing recruitment for a part-time cleaner to help maintain Town facilities.

Residents are always encouraged to attend and participate. Town Board meetings are held at Lincoln Town Hall and begin at 7:00 PM.

We appreciate the continued engagement and support from our community



What's Going On At The County

Madison County Board of Supervisors – March Meeting Preview

The Madison County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, beginning with a Committee of the Whole at 10:00 a.m. followed by the regular Board meeting at 11:00 a.m. in Wampsville. Residents are welcome to attend and may offer public comment during designated periods.

Several important recognitions, policy updates, and operational items are scheduled for discussion.

Recognizing Public Health Week

The Board will issue a proclamation recognizing National Public Health Week (April 6–12, 2026). The proclamation highlights the role of the Madison County Public Health Department and its partners in protecting community health through education, prevention programs, and emergency preparedness.

Honoring Long-Time County Service

Supervisors will recognize Karen Bright of the Department of Social Services for her 31 years of dedicated service to Madison County as she prepares for retirement.

Policy and Workforce Updates

The Board will consider several administrative updates, including:

- Amendments to the County's Corporate Compliance Plan and related policies.
- Updates to HIPAA privacy notices to reflect recent federal regulatory changes.
- Adoption of a Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy to strengthen workplace safety and compliance with new state requirements.
- Creation of a temporary full-time Heavy Equipment Operator position in the Highway Department to maintain staffing while a promoted employee completes probation.

Budget Modifications

Multiple resolutions will adjust the 2026 county budget to reflect updated costs, staffing changes, and program funding. These updates help ensure departments such as public health, emergency communications, and social services maintain adequate resources to serve residents.

Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Safety

Other items scheduled for consideration include:

- Engineering services agreement with Barton & Loguidice to support the County's solid waste management system.
- Financial support for Greater Lenox Ambulance Service to help maintain emergency medical coverage in the region.
- Authorization for road maintenance materials through a contract with Sealcoat USA Inc.
- Renewal of an energy procurement agreement through Constellation NewEnergy to help manage electricity costs for county facilities.

Advocacy on Electric Costs

The Board will also consider a resolution urging the New York State Public Service Commission to review increasing electric delivery charges and improve transparency and affordability for residents facing rising energy bills.

Looking Ahead

The Board will vote to move the April 14 Board of Supervisors meeting to Delphi Falls County Park – Cascades Hall for the State of the County address.



Update: County Landfill Technical Review Committee Presentation Available

Madison County recently appointed a Technical Review Committee to review the operations, financial sustainability, and future planning of the county landfill located in the Town of Lincoln. The committee was made up of community members with engineering, environmental, and waste management expertise.

Committee members included Randy Hershey, Robert Kuchenberger, John Pumillio, and Richard Williams. Their task was to review existing operations, evaluate challenges facing smaller landfills under current environmental regulations, and provide recommendations to the County.

The committee confirmed that the landfill is currently operating as efficiently as possible given its size, but noted that smaller landfills face the same regulatory requirements as larger facilities, including monitoring, liner standards, and emerging treatment needs such as PFAS removal. Because of this, the committee concluded that smaller facilities can struggle financially while still needing to meet the same environmental standards.

Among the committee's recommendations was that the County consider increasing the amount of waste accepted at the landfill, potentially applying for a permit allowing up to 125,000 tons per year. The committee suggested that a range of 80,000–100,000 tons annually could allow the landfill to operate in a more financially sustainable manner while continuing to meet regulatory requirements. (Continued on next page)



Director Greg Gelewski,
John Pumillio, Richard Williams, Randy Hershey, Robert Kuchenberger,
BOS Chairman Jim Cunningham





The committee also addressed concerns about truck traffic, environmental protections, landfill gas management, and the long-term life expectancy of the landfill. According to the review, even with an increase in waste intake, the landfill could still have several decades of remaining capacity.

Additional discussion focused on future investments needed for PFAS treatment, landfill gas utilization, and operational improvements that could further strengthen environmental protections.

It is important to note that these findings are recommendations from the Technical Review Committee, and no final decisions have been made by Madison County at this time. Any potential changes to landfill operations would require further review and formal approval processes.

For residents who would like to learn more, the full Technical Review Committee presentation has been posted on the Town of Lincoln website for public review.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed and follow upcoming discussions as the County continues to evaluate the future of the landfill and its operations.

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Online
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Madison County Solid Waste & Recycling Committee Update February 24, 2026 Meeting Summary

The Madison County Solid Waste & Recycling Committee met on February 24 to review ongoing initiatives, regulatory updates, and future planning for the county's waste management system.

The committee received updates on the Organics, Food Waste, and Recycling Pilot Program, which is awaiting final grant approval from the Office of the State Comptroller. Once approved, the program will help expand composting and waste-reduction efforts across the county. Residents can also look forward to an upcoming rain barrel and backyard composter sale, planned for later this spring in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Great Swamp Conservancy.

Several landfill permit modifications are currently under review. The department has requested a waiver of the existing 375-ton daily limit to better accommodate large projects while remaining within the annual limit. In addition, the county is beginning the process of increasing the landfill's annual tonnage limit from 60,000 to 125,000 tons as part of the next permit cycle. A meeting with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation is scheduled to discuss the application process.

The committee also discussed contract updates, including a proposed extension of engineering services with Barton & Loguidice, which has supported the county's landfill operations for more than 40 years. Additionally, the county is reviewing a one-year extension with Casella for recycling market services, which represents a significant portion of the Materials Recovery Facility's revenue.

A pilot project with Onondaga County is being explored to accept a limited amount of construction and demolition material, which could generate additional revenue while helping staff prepare for future operational changes.

Looking ahead, the committee is continuing discussions on a local solar panel recycling law, similar to legislation adopted in Niagara County. The goal is to ensure renewable energy projects include plans for responsible decommissioning and recycling of panels.

The committee also received updates on emerging regulations related to PFAS ("forever chemicals"), landfill leachate treatment, and statewide Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation that would require manufacturers to help fund recycling programs.

Finally, the department reported one of its strongest operational years since 2007, with nearly 50,000 tons of waste and construction debris processed and over 5,400 tons of biosolids managed. A full financial summary will be presented later this spring.

The committee will continue working with state regulators, engineers, and partner organizations to ensure Madison County's waste and recycling systems remain environmentally responsible and financially sustainable.



Board of Assessment Review

The Town of Lincoln is currently seeking residents interested in serving on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR).

The Board of Assessment Review plays an important role in ensuring fairness in the property tax assessment process. Each year, the board reviews complaints from property owners who believe their property assessment may be inaccurate. Board members hear the cases, review evidence presented by both the property owner and the town assessor, and determine whether an adjustment to the assessment is appropriate.

The board typically meets on Grievance Day, held on the fourth Tuesday in May, though additional meetings may be scheduled if needed to review cases.

Residents interested in serving must be Town of Lincoln residents and may not be the town assessor, an employee of the assessor's office, or hold another elective or appointive town office. Board members are appointed by the Town Board and typically serve five-year terms.

New members are required to complete an approved New York State Board of Assessment Review training course within their first year of service. Training is provided through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and is often available online.

Serving on the Board of Assessment Review is a meaningful way to participate in local government and help ensure that the property assessment process remains fair and transparent for all residents.

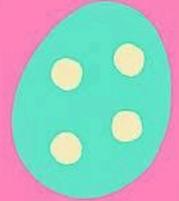
Residents who are interested in serving or would like more information are encouraged to contact:

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EGG HUNT



MARCH 28TH @ 11:00AM

**PRIZES FOR ALL...
BIKE GIVEAWAY...**

**EASTER BUNNY
ARRIVES ON A FIRE
TRUCK AT 11:15
TO START THE
EGG HUNT**



LINCOLN TOWN HALL

6886 TUTTLE RD, CANASTOTA, NY 13032

Fish Fry Fridays! ARE BACK!

Starts Feb 18th Until
Easter

Drive Thru 5pm - 7pm

\$15 PER Dinner

- Fresh Fried Haddock
- Hand Cut Fresh Fries
- Cole Slaw
- Dinner Roll
- Tartar Sauce

50/50

\$5 per ticket

Drawing April 3rd



**Chicken
Tenders and Fries**

**\$12 per
Dinner**

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