

LINCOLN TOWN BOARD

Regular Meeting – July 9, 2025

Lincoln Town Hall, 6886 Tuttle Rd., Canastota, NY 13032

Call To Order: 7:00PM

Attendance: Supervisor Melissa During, Peggy LeClair, Doug Holdridge, Doug Fusillo, Jayne Black.

Others in Attendance: Jon Black, Mat Spendley, Tony Domenicone, David Sadler and Marva Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

June 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the June 25, 2025 workshop minutes were approved without corrections.

Resolution 78-25: motion to approve June's minutes was made by Doug Holdridge and 2nd by Peggy LeClair, motion carried.

Financials: The town's financial reports from Bryn Wilcox were reviewed with no questions or comments.

Supervisor's Announcements and Updates:

Town of Lincoln Judge, Robert Miller, resigned 6/30/25 as he has taken a job with the Madison County DA office. The 6th Judicial court has appointed Judge Sudol from Chittenango to fill the position thru the year. If we find a Judge before January 1st, we can appoint them. If we don't, we run the risk of a write in. If the write in needs training, we would need to keep Judge Sudol until that person is trained. If there is no write ins, we may be able to extend Judge Sudol's contract. Other options are to consolidate with another court.

The Town of Lincoln Directory for Elected and Appointed Officials was passed around to be checked for correct contact information.

NYMIR agreement for equipment was signed by Highway Superintendent Tony Domenicone and Supervisor During.

The County's email specialist will be reaching out to help us with our emails.

Steve Lorraine, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District discussed CAFOs with Supervisor During. Information on specific farm's CAFO plan is not available for public review. Annual CAFO reports can be FOILED. Steve assured Melissa that New York State does not allow any raw sewage to be put in manure pits. There are programs and grants for farmland protection that the town will revisit. We still have no follow ups from DEC and NY Ag and Markets.

The Technical Review Committee for Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Board held a presentation that recommends increasing tonnage to 125,000. Some haulers are being investigated for taking garbage to landfills outside the County. These out of County landfill are half the rate our landfill. They did not find any waste in operating the landfill, it is running efficiently as possible. The Board of Supervisors will see this presentation in September. The presentation is also available on YouTube.

Deputy Supervisor's Report:

Per Highway Superintendent, Tony Domenicone, the Fire Department's donated Christmas tree will be installed in the southeast portion of the town green. The monument in the Green needs to be reset. Some larger trees near the monument should be removed to create more space while trees along Oxbow Road will remain in place.

Clerk's Report:

FOIL Requests – Mr. Putman's request for information on a Forest Ave. property has been completed. The second FOIL for Town Board minutes from January-March 2025 has been completed. Future requests for meeting minutes will be directed to the town's website.

Variance Board met June 19th to review Carl Markle's Variance application (VAR 1-25) for his lean-tos on his shed. The variance was approved contingent on Carl getting a building permit for the lean-tos and passing all inspections by the town's Codes Enforcement Officer.

Planning Board met last night. Jon Black presented the Town Board with the planning Board's recommendations for amending the Town of Lincoln Subdivision Regulations. See Attachment.

Resolution 79-25: motion to approve the clerk's report was made by Doug Fusillo, 2nd by Doug Holdridge, motion carried.

A copy of the Codes Officer's month activities is also attached.

Historian: David Sadler thanked HWY Supervisor Domenicone for installing *Abolition Walk* historic marker in the town green. Dedication is scheduled 9/27/25 during the Town's Fall Fest.

Highway:

Tony is looking into having the county sign department make and install a sign for Cranson Cemetery.

There are 2 people interested in the Highway departments vacancy. One has his CDL but lacks air brake endorsement (individual would have to take a skills course and pass a road test). The second person does not have a CDL and would need to get it. Because of the difficulty getting drivers for municipalities, a Highway Superintendent in German Flats offers CDL training. The course covers all the skills tests, pre trips, etc. everything they need to know for a cost of \$450. After training, individuals put in their drive time while employed by

municipalities with the local Highway Superintendents certifying the drive time. The German Flats instructor then schedules the road test.

Tony recommends writing a position description for a laborer, with the caveat that they must begin the process of obtaining their CDL within 6 months of employment. The Town would pay the \$450 cost for the training. Peggy LeClair inquired about requiring individuals to remain at least one year on the job or pay the town back the \$450 course cost.

Resolution 80-25: motion to create a Highway Laborer position with a CDL license requirement (within 6 months of employment) at a pay of \$20/hour plus health insurance and retirement was made by Peggy LeClair, 2nd Doug Fusillo, motion carried.

The rain storm on Sunday July 6th caused damage and or closure of Seeber, Forbes Watson, Tuttle, Whitman, Ray, Colgrove and Nelson Roads. Shoulders washed away, pipes flushed away and flooded roadways. Most of Nelson Road has been repaired, pipe on Whitman is back up and functioning and a headwall is going to be installed on the inlet side on Watson Road.

The section of Nelson Road by Ingalls Corner Road has been rebuilt several times over the years. To repair the road with pipes and stone to prevent future damage would cost \$53,000.

Assessor:

Town wide assessment costs are being gathered by Mat Spendley. As of now, Mat plans on continuing reassessments as he has been. He hopes to get the farms reassessed this year.

New Business:

RAVE Communications Renewal costs are as follows: 1 year = \$4,280, 3 years = \$12,240 and 5 years = \$20,000 plus annual \$4,000 each year. Few residents have signed up for RAVE and as result it is not a cost-effective program. All agreed to not renew the RAVE contract.

The County has an emergency alert system that if all towns sign up for it, the cost per town would be \$1,000 per year. Jon Black mentioned NY alerts as another option to explore.

Civic Plus manages website, including public notifications at an annual cost of \$3,000 with start up costs around \$800. The codes section would cost \$14,000 to get set up with an annual fee of \$1,400. The \$14,000 is divided into 4 payments.

Workshop Meetings – Melissa is going to draft an email invitation to all town elected and appointed officials to the workshops. NEXT WORKSHOP is July 23 at 6pm.

Resolution 81-25: motion to approve payment of claims was made by Jayne Black, 2nd Doug Fusillo, motion carried.

Resolution 82-25: motion to adjourn was made by Doug Fusillo, 2nd Jayne Black, motion carried.