November 11th, 2026

Dear Town of Lincoln Residents, especially those who live on Water Tower Rd.

As many of you may have noticed, there has been a posting of a 5-ton limit on the Water Tower Rd bridge. During the yearly inspection of bridges, a serious fault was found on the end caps of this bridge leading to the posting. We are required to do a more in-depth inspection, which could cost the town nearly $40,000. The county is heading this up. In the preparation stage they found that the bridge is owned by the railroad. Meaning it is at the Rail Road's discretion on how much they want to spend on it. It is possible it could be fixed. It is possible it could be condemned. A new bridge would be around one million. We don't have the resources for that, but the state may have a grant at some point, if it comes to that.

Currently we cannot cross the bridge with the plow trucks, so the bridge will be closing tentatively on Nov. 28. We will be posting Dead End Road signs in the next week to prepare for this. If it snows sooner, it will be closed at that point. We are sorry for the inconvenience and wanted to let you know we are doing all we can to resolve this.

Matthew Krenz

Town of Lincoln Chairman