

**TOWN OF LINCOLN – Town Hall**  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING – Tribal Council**  
**February 10, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lynne Black at 1:00 pm. Present were: Lynne Black & Larry Sommer Board Members. (Absent: Ryan Wilson) Also present were: Chairman Ned Daniels Jr., Brenda Shopodock, James Crawford, Brooks Boyd, Todd Mulvey, Aaron Loomis, and Nate Guldán.

On a motion by Sommer, second by Black and all-in favor, the agenda was approved.

**MOU(S) – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM UPDATE:**

Todd Mulvey said that so far, their services have not been needed. Even in the big snowstorm, when their crew went out, the Town Roads were done already. Chairman Daniels said that he hasn't received any phone calls either. Lynne mentioned that the sander on one of the Town's Trucks is broke at this time, but that it would be fixed as soon as we received the parts. Right now the Town is sanding all the roads/routes with only one truck and our 1-ton. Chairman Daniels said to call Todd if we needed any help.

**DUAL ROAD NAMING:** Lynne mentioned that she has been working with Michelle Berdan on this project, and that the final draft was just about complete. As soon as that is approved, then she will be ordering the signs. The council was very happy to hear of the progress that has been made on this project and Chairman Daniels mentioned that he'd like to see the same process develop with the Town of Wabeno.

**ROAD ISSUES: Status on ROW (Right-of-Way) Records Request:** Lynne stated that she's been working on gathering the documentation that is available, but that much of it is very confusing, due to the complexity. The Town is not sure what the Council is really needing and would like some clarification if possible. Lynne shared about her response from the WTA (WI Towns Association) where they referred to State Statute 82.31, which states that if the Town has been maintaining the road for 10 years or more, then a claim to the 66' ROW can be established by State Statute. Mr. Loomis then mentioned that this does not apply to federal.

The board agreed to keep looking and share their findings with FCP, but since this is a very tedious and time-consuming endeavor to go through all these records that the board may need to request a time extension. Lynne also mentioned that they (FCP) may want to complete a title search. They stated that their employees have been working on this.

**ROAD ISSUES: ROW Tree Cutting/Trimming:** Lynne brought up the road ROW's and that the Town would like to start cutting back some of the vegetation to open the roads up to more sun light. The roads when more shaded stay slicker, and they do not dry out as quickly in the spring, therefore that's causing more damage when heavily traveled. She questioned how FCP would like to handle the ROW when it runs through Tribal Property? The council felt that the Town should contact Todd Mulvey for assistance with decision making.

**DRAFT TRANSPORTATION BILL FUNDING:** Lynne asked if there were any updates or progress? Mr. Mulvey explained that they are aware of the Bill and that it is only for any "EXCESS" funds over the 2.5M that comes off the top for the State. Due to Covid-19, there are not any excess funds this year, so nothing will be included in the States Budget for 2021.

Todd's recommendation is to not do anything at this time, but it is on their radar and they will be trying to re-vamp some of the bill's language and structure in the future.

**BIKE/PED TRAIL UPDATE:** Todd mentioned that the Tribe got a TAP Grant from DOT. NCWRPC is now in the process of working on refining the details and identifying the challenges. The Highway 8 project (City of Crandon to Laona) is a go in 2025, so they're now working to establish the Bike/Ped trail in conjunction on the edge of the road.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** FCP met with Jamey Flannery earlier today, and he is wanting to create ATV/UTV trails all throughout Forest County. He wants this area to be a "destination" place to help local tourism. The consensus was to create a committee, made up of Track & Tribal personnel, County and Town officials, an engineering firm.... etc... etc.. to gather information and come up with a comprehensive plan.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Broadband (Chris Woodall)

**Upcoming meeting dates:**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Executive Building @ 1:00pm

On a motion by Sommer, second by Black and all in favor, the meeting with Tribal Council was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

**Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Lynne Black**

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Lynne M. Black, Chairwoman

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Ryan Wilson, Supervisor

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Larry Sommer, Supervisor

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Tressa Votis, Clerk/Treasurer