



Town of Lincoln

Town Council Meeting

September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Lincoln Town Hall

MINUTES

Board of License Commissioners

A. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 17, 2024 at Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

This meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, with the Council meeting in person and the public may participate in person or by utilizing the web streaming available on www.lincolnri.org, and emailing comments to meeting@lincolnri.gov.

Members Present:

Keith Macksoud, President
Arthur Russo, Jr.
Kenneth Pichette
Bruce Ogni
Pamela Azar
Anthony DeSisto, Town Solicitor
Philip Gould, Town Administrator
John Cimino, Finance Director

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Application for a Victualling License

1. La Perra Inc d/b/a El Oasis Taqueria located at 80 Higginson Avenue, #1 Diego Contreras, the applicant, was present and answered any questions that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to grant the license by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

D. Application for a Special Event License

1. Bike to the Beach annual cycling event on September 28, 2024

ACTION: Motion to grant the license and waive the fee by
Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Manville Sportsmans Club Annual Field Days on September 28 & 29 from
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 250 High Street, Manville
Russ Duguay, the applicant, was present and answered any questions
that the Council may have had.

ACTION: Motion to grant the license and waive the fee by Ken
Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce
Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Town Council

E. Call to Order

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100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI.

ACTION: Motion to suspend the order of the agenda and take item
k.2. next by Arthur Russo second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni,
Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

F. Presentation and Discussion with School Committee Member, Mario Carreno regarding Efficient Building Fund Loan and possible amendment to the School Capital Revolving Fund Ordinance

The matter was deferred to the October meeting.

G. Consent Agenda

All items listed in this section are considered in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor so requests, in which event item will be removed from the consent agenda.

1. Minutes Approval
 - a. Minutes of August 19, 2024
 - b. Minutes of August 20, 2024
2. Consideration of Monthly Bills
3. Claims for Referral to Committee
 - a. Klink Claim
4. Town Administrator Reports
 - a. Parks and Rec August
 - b. Senior Center Report
 - c. Tax Assessor Monthly Report August 2024
 - d. Town Clerk's Monthly Report
 - e. August Town Planner Report
 - f. Building Department Monthly Report

g. Public Safety

h. Finance Department Monthly Reports

5. Communications

a. Resolution from Charlestown in support of funding for emergency temporary repair of the Charlestown Breachway West Wall

b. Notice from RI DEM Freshwater Wetlands Program for Huda Alsabe, 34 Suffolk Way

ACTION: Motion to accept and refer to town engineer to take whatever actions are appropriate to protect the town's watershed by Pam Azar second by Arthur Russo;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. Tax Abatements

a. Tax Assessor Abatements

H. Public Comment

Michael Ricard of 155 Church Street, Manville, spoke on the vacancies on the Tenant Board of Affairs.

Councilor Pichette had some fun with the Town Administrator and the Chase Concert Series events.

I. Appointments

1. Reappointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 2 - for a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 3 - with a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 4 - for a term to expire in 2026

No action taken as this position was filled in May, 2024.

4. Appointment to the Tenant Board of Affairs - District 5 - with a term to expire in 2026

ACTION: Motion to defer by Ken Pichette second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Appointment to the Zoning Board - District 2 - term to expire in 2028

ACTION: Motion to defer by Bruce Ogni second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Appointment to Zoning Board - District 4 - term to expire in 2025

ACTION: Motion to defer by Pam Azar second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Reappointment to the Juvenile Hearing Board - Alternate - for a term to expire in 2027

ACTION: Motion to defer by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

J. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance Sub Committee Report

- a. **2024-5**
Amendment to Sections 207-32 Permits of Chapter 207 Sewers
History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
07/16/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
08/20/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Continued in Committee
09/16/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;
Motion passed with a 5:0 by a roll call vote

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- b. **2024-6**
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 260-7: Definitions - Accessory Family Dwelling Unit
Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 260-9: (L) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
08/20/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee

09/16/2024

Ordinance Sub
Committee

Recommendation

The matter was deferred in committee.

- c. **2024-7**
Establishing Board of Licensing Commissioners Rules and Regulations

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
08/20/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
09/16/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Arthur Russo second by Bruce Ogni;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- d. **2024-8**
Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Section 260-9 regarding Short-Term Rental or Lodging

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
08/20/2024	Town Council	Referred to Committee
09/16/2024	Ordinance Sub Committee	Recommendation

The matter was deferred in committee.

2. Purchasing Sub Committee Report

- a. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for 2 Ford F350 Pickup Trucks for Department of Public Works

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/17/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to colonial municipal group in the amount of \$130,485.20 item J.2.a. by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- b. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for 1 Kubota Zero Turn Mower for Department of Public Works

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/17/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to norfolk power equipment in the amount of \$16,999.15 by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- c. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Police Dispatch Center Recording System for Police Department

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/17/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to interaction insight corporation in the amount of \$18,941.06 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- d. Request to Waive Competitive Bidding for Park Cameras for Parks & Recreation Department

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/17/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to communication system incorporated in the amount of \$7,104 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- e. **RFP 2025-03**
Award of Bid for Lower River Road Culvert Improvements

History:

Date	Meeting Body	Action
09/17/2024	Purchasing Sub Committee	Recommendation

ACTION: Motion to award the bid to pare corporation in the amount of \$187,710 by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;

Motion passed with a 5:0

AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Capital Improvement Committee Report
With the presentation earlier, there was no need for a report from Councilor Pichette. Administrator Gould gave an up date on the Rescue and Learning Center.
4. General Assembly Legislation Update
Administrator Gould gave an update on the report card from the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.

K. New Business

1. Resolutions for Introduction for Referral to Committee

a. **2024-22**

Resolution to Authorize Cancellation of Certain Taxes - September 2024

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

b. **2024-23**

Resolution authorizing the use of ARPA funds for Emergency Storm Response

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

c. **2024-24**

Resolutions authorizing the use of ARPA funds for IT upgrades

ACTION: Motion to immediate consideration by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Motion to adopt by Ken Pichette second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Extension for the Tax Stabilization Agreement for the Walker Lofts Project
Andrew Blais of Duffy & Sweeney was present on behalf of Walker Lofts.

ACTION: Motion to extend the tax stabilization agreement for the walker lofts project by Ken Pichette second by Arthur Russo;
Motion passed with a 4:1
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Pam Azar
NOES: Bruce Ogni
ABSTAIN: None

L. Adjourn

Councilor Ogni spoke on the current election temperature on both sides.
Councilor Pichette commended the Town Administrator for the sidewalk maintenance throughout the Town.

Administrator Gould announced that Lincoln High School's football game this Friday at 7:00 p.m. will be a Salute to Service and all veterans are welcome to attend.

Council President Macksoud announced that there will be no meeting on October 14th due to the holiday and all meetings will be held on October 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by None second by Pam Azar;
Motion passed with a 5:0
AYES: Keith Macksoud, Arthur Russo, Ken Pichette, Bruce Ogni, Pam Azar
NOES: None

ABSTAIN:

None