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**TOWN OF LINN  
RESOLUTION  
R-2024-005**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN  
THE TOWN; AWARD CONTRACT TO REPAIR THE ROADWAY  
SINKHOLE ON BASSWOOD DRIVE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2024, the roadway sinkhole on Basswood Drive was found following significant rainfall and wet conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Linn closed this portion of the roadway and temporarily installed a plate over the sinkhole to protect the safety of pedestrians and roadway users; and

**WHEREAS**, the roadway sinkhole limits public roadway access including that of emergency vehicles, thereby endangering the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, property owners and residents in the Town of Linn; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Linn promptly informed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) of the roadway hazard and failed stormwater system, and was directed to apply for a WDNR permit to complete the repair work; and

**WHEREAS**, the WDNR further required a hydraulic study, an engineering design, and a legal opinion stating that the proposed work is within the Town right-of-way and an existing stormwater easement; and

**WHEREAS**, at the direction of the WDNR, a contractor on behalf of the Town will remove the two existing 24” culverts and replace them with a 42” culvert, including a headwall on the east side and end wall at the west side, and repair the roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, declares an emergency exists within the Town of Linn based upon the obstruction to roadway users on Basswood Drive; and

**FURTHER**, the Town Board finds extraordinary proactive measures are necessary to prevent death and injury of persons and to protect the public peace, safety and welfare, and alleviate damage, loss, hardship or suffering; and

**FURTHER THAT**, in an effort protect the public peace, safety and welfare, and alleviate damage, loss, hardship or suffering, it is necessary to enter into a private contract to replace the stormwater system and repair the roadway on Basswood Drive, as permitted by section 60.47(5), Wisconsin Statutes; and

**FURTHER THAT**, the Town Board may award any necessary contract for said highway

stormwater and roadway repair work on Basswood Drive in an amount not to exceed  
\$ 80,000.00.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, by resolution declares an emergency to repair the roadway sinkhole on Basswood Drive.

Adopted and recorded this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

By: James P. Weiss  
James Weiss, Chairperson

ATTEST

By: Alyson Morris  
Alyson Morris, Clerk