

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 16, 2020

Members Present: Jane Mueller, Micheal Peterson, Robert Solberg, Michael Stacy, Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

A quorum being present, Chrm. Peterson called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4 Nye 0

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Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2020 TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS MEETING. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Peterson.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Supv. Mueller arrived at the meeting.**

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from SignArt Company for a Conditional Use Permit for a 4' x 5' Non-Lit Single Sided Monument Sign at 6176 Sandstone Road, Eau Claire:**

Ben Bublitz, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Land Use Technician introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. The request is an after-the-fact permit. A Conditional Use Permit is currently required in a C3 District for a sign between 4 & 12 feet; when the County Code rewrite is done this would not be necessary. The sign is approximately 6 feet tall. Staff recommends approval of the request as outlined in their report.

Supv. Tomesh stated that #6 in the Staff Report should be updated to reference the sign and not a structure.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Matt Snyder from SignArt indicated that the new sign code would allow for this without a Conditional Use Permit. The sign fits well in the surroundings.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SIGNART COMPANY FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A 4' X 5' NON-LIT SINGLE SIDED MONUMENT SIGN WITH THE CONDITIONS AS OUTLINED WITH THE NOTATION THAT THE COUNTY UPDATE CONDITION #6 CORRECTION FROM THE REFERENCE OF A ACCESSORY STRUCTURE TO A MONUMENT SIGN AT 6176 SANDSTONE ROAD, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Tom Sadorf for a Conditional Use Permit to Build an Accessory Structure in Excess of 1200 sq. ft. at 9295 E. Beaver Creek Road, Fall Creek**

Ben Bublitz, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Land Use Technician introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. Request is for a 30' x 40' accessory structure for personal use. There is an existing 24' x 30' detached garage and a 10' x 36' shed that was permitted last year. There is adequate screening. The current zoning is RH. Staff recommends approval as outlined in their Staff Report.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Tom Sadorf indicated that the structure colors will match the house.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM TOM SADORF FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BUILD AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN EXCESS OF 1200 SQ. FT. AT 9295 E. BEAVER CREEK ROAD, FALL CREEK. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**The June 2020 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #028615 THROUGH #EP0720-5 FOR \$159,926.23. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

**a. Appeal of Bartender License Denial by Jennifer Halverson**

Jennifer Halverson stated she has not had any additional infractions since her felony conviction in 2017. She indicated this is her livelihood.

Admin. Henning indicated that all licenses upon renewal were reviewed in conjunction with State Statute and our criteria was changed in April 2020 to align with State Statute. This license does not meet the requirements in regards to an individual who under State Statute is a habitual offender and someone who has a felony alcohol conviction cannot hold a bartender license.

Chrm. Peterson indicated that part of the conditions from her felony conviction in 2017 was that she cannot be on a premise where alcohol is sold or consumed. The Town Board must follow State Statute.

**b. Determination of Recreational Status: Resolution 2020-07-16**

Admin. Henning indicated that Ironside Axe Club LLC is a new establishment in the Town. The resolution before the Board is to deem the business as a recreational premise in order for them to serve beer. State Statute calls out a bowling alley as a recreational premise and allow for a Board to determine if they would deem a particular business as a recreational premise where alcohol can be served. The license would only be valid if the premise is an axe throwing business.

Lisa Gardner spoke, she is one of the owners of Ironside Axe Club. This is their fourth location. They are an axe throwing range. They hosted the U.S. Open Axe Throwing Tournament on ESPN. They had 140 people in their leagues last season in the other locations.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-07-16. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**c. Licenses for Approval**

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR SELA NUTTING, AMBER HOFFMAN, MEGHAN PACOCHA, CARTER FRANDSEN, FELICIANO CHIMALHUA, TERRI LUETHE, LUCAS TESCH, JAKOB GORDON, ZACARIAH MILLER, KAILEY TEICH, MADISON NETZINGER AND THE “CLASS B” LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TACO’S JUANITA AND THE CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE FOR IRONSIDE AXE CLUB, LLC. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrator’s Report:**

Peuse, Walnut and Talmadge have been chip sealed and fog sealed. Fahrner Asphalt did the work. They all held the chip well, look good, and we have not received any complaints.

Continuing work on Frase Road. 26 loads of base have been brought in. The road will be pulverized next week. The base will be pulverized right into the asphalt that will become the subbase for the road. August 11 Election, all procedures in relation to COVID will be followed. Currently have mailed more absentee ballots than total number of all voters in this election four years ago. Poll room will again be held in the Fire Station to continue separation.

We are categorizing our costs to be eligible for the CARES Grant for COVID related expenses. We received a grant of approximately \$5,000 from the Wisconsin Elections CARES Grant.

1 ticket issued for pontoon parked on road for more than 48 hours on Timber Ridge Circle.

1 letter sent for couch on curb on Blakeley Avenue.

1 letter sent for trailer parked on Timber Ridge Circle.

Approximately 10 lots are sold in Trilogy. C&M would like to host a tour for the Board to see the FAST System which is hooked up to one home currently.

**Chairman’s Report:**

None

**Supervisor’s Report:**

Supv. Mueller received a call from a resident questioning whether there were building permits on Hwy. 53 and why we were allowing it. Directed them to the Planning & Development office.

**Citizens Input:**

None

**Future Zoning Requests:**

None

**Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chrm. Peterson moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 20, 2020  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Ben Bublitz, Jennifer Halverson, Matt Snyder, Tom Sadort, Lisa Gardner