

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2021

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Jane Mueller, 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, April 15, 2021, virtual meeting on Zoom.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Jamie & Mariruth Guibord for a Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Structure greater than 1,200 sq. ft. at 3412 London Road, Eau Claire:

Ben Bubilitz, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Land Use Technician provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the request. The applicant is looking to add on a 30' x 40' addition to an existing garage; for a total of 1,600 sq. ft. The use is for personal storage; zoning is Residential Large Lot (R1L). Staff does recommend approval with the conditions outlined in their report.

Jamie Guibord did not have anything to add to what was presented.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Georganne Gardner, 3408 London Road – does not want her driveway used to access the building.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JAMIE & MARIRUTH GUIBORD FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. AT 3412 LONDON ROAD, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

The March 2021 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS PR0321-09 THROUGH #029174 FOR \$87,891.08. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF AGENT, MICHAEL ARITA AT IRONSIDE AXE CLUB. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Appoint Board of Review Member:

Chrm. Peterson indicated Karen Tomesh is willing to serve as a Board of Review member.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPOINT KAREN TOMESH AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF

REVIEW. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2021 Paving Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids received and recommended low bid (bids attached). Overall bids for all 2021 programs came in slightly under budget; very small contingency amount.

Supv. Tomesh asked about the possibility of approving a contingency amount over the bid amounts.

Admin. Henning indicated that a budget amendment would still be needed if the programs went over the overall approved budgeted amount for Street Outlay.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE MONARCH PAVING COMPANY AT \$313,916.55 AS THE LOW BID FOR THE 2021 PAVING PROGRAM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2021 Chip Seal Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids received and recommended low bid (bids attached).

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$118,609.30 TO FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS, LLC FOR THE 2021 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2021 Crack Seal Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids received and recommended low bid (bids attached).

Chrm. Peterson moved TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$38,806.10 TO FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS, LLC FOR THE 2021 CRACK SEAL PROGRAM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2021 Micro-Surfacing Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids received and recommended the only bid (bid attached).

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$12,872.25 TO FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS, LLC FOR THE 2021 CRACK SEAL PROGRAM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE A 5% CONTINGENCY (\$24,210.21) FOR THE OVERALL 2021 ROAD PROGRAMS TOTALING \$484,204.20. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

The Road Department is continuing sweeping operations; should be completed on April 19.

Road repairs will then begin: pot hole patching, miling and blade patching.

Have begun working on logistics, materials and equipment for paving projects.

Eau Claire County performed a bridge inspection on the S. Lowes Creek bridge; rating is 98%. Erosion needs to be addressed near the creek; due to the height a crane would need to be rented.

Contacted Ehlers in reference to utilizing short term loans with our equipment schedule in order to leverage our levy limits. Also looking for their assistance with our Emergency Response Plan money.

The DNR is auditing our MS4 Permit along with the Town of Seymour and Eau Claire County. Meeting with the auditors on May 5.

April 6 Election: 1,264 residents voted, which is 23% of registered voters. Election Day went smooth.

27 letters sent regarding one of more of the following items in yards: cars, boats, campers, trailers, debris, brush, furniture and appliances on Davis Drive, Sandy Ridge Lane, Fairfax Street, Beverly Hills Drive, Blakeley Avenue, E. Hamilton Avenue, Pomona Drive, London Road, and Brian Street

Chairman's Report:

Updated the Board on Township Fire Department Board. Several grass fires so far this spring; most were without a burning permit and they will be assessed fines.

Burning permits are now available online only through the Fire Department website.

Thanked Supv. Stacy for his 22 years of service as a Supervisor on the Town Board.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Stacy stated it has been a privilege to serve the Town for the past 22 years.

Supv. Tomesh, Supv. Mueller, and Supv. Solberg all expressed their thanks to Supv. Stacy for his service to the Town.

Citizens Input:

None

Future Zoning Requests:

Tentative application from potential Orchard Hills subdivision at May 20 meeting.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 20, 2021
AT 5:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM APPLICATION

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Ben Bublitz, Jamie Guibord, Georganne Gardner