

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2023

Members Present: Andrea Kott, Jane Mueller Micheal Peterson, Karen Tomesh, Jeffrey White

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, March 16, 2023, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Bob Solberg thanked Chrm. Peterson and Supv. Kott for their service to the Town.

February 2023 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE CHECKS PR0223-9 THROUGH 030430 FOR \$4,754,851.42. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE CLASS "B" BEER LICENSE FOR SECTION 715 THROWING CO.; AGENT, CHRIS A. ADAMS AND BARTENDER LICENSES FOR MARGARITA NIEVES FLORES, CAMERYN MAE MORAVITZ, AUTIN M. KNUTESEN, MICHAEL G. ARITA, CHRISTOPHER N. MCPHERSON, AND ARIANNA A. WHITE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2023 Crackfill and Chip Seal Programs Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the two bids received and recommended low bid (bids attached). Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE SCOTT CONSTRUCTION, INC. AT \$211,526.00 AS THE LOW BID FOR THE 2023 CRACKFILL AND CHIP SEAL PROGRAM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2023 Meeting Room Expansion Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids received and recommended low bid (bids attached). The building is at the 20 year mark. The bid includes the roof membrane over the office as well due to significant wear. The existing parking lot will also be included. The entire floor of the meeting room will be replaced and the room will be repainted.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE RHOM CONSTRUCTION, LLC AT \$468,357.00 AS THE LOW BID FOR THE 2023 MEETING ROOM EXPANSION CONTRACT. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2023 Budget Amendment:

Admin. Henning indicated the first item on the budget amendment is legal services which have increased due to annexation issues with the City of Eau Claire and Altoona.

The other portion of the budget amendment is to outfit the new meeting room with AV equipment, speakers, and microphones; also to add a contingency to the building project.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2022 Annual DNR MS4 Report (Storm Water):

Admin. Henning indicated that this annual report outlines everything that is required per the our storm water permit. She reviewed the seven areas required to report on and highlights.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2022 ANNUAL DNR MS4 REPORT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Preparing for April 4 Election; in-person absentee begins on March 21.

Financial Audit was held on March 13-14 in our office with Baker Tilly on site. They will give their report at the April Board Meeting.

Working on the City of Eau Claire annexation petition.

Developer in the Altoona will be petitioning for annexation land off of CTH SS owned by the Planerts and Lipperts.

Road crew has continued plowing with several recent snow events.

Roads are in rough shape due to the precipitation this winter with the freeze and thaw. Working on repairing many potholes.

Seasonal weight limits were placed on many Town roads on March 9; typically they are on for 6 weeks. Website will show updates.

3 tickets issued for parking on road during a snow event on Blakeley and Pomona.

Chairman's Report:

Held a meeting with Eau Claire County Administrator, County Board Chair, and Rod Eslinger; along with the Chairpersons from the other towns in Eau Claire County. Discussions regarding annexation, the Comprehensive Plans, etc.

City of Eau Claire looking at cancelling the ambulance service to the City of Altoona and the towns unless we accept an increase to the existing contract that will double our costs. We are currently at \$14 per capita and the increase would put it at \$25. Other options are being pursued.

Received calls from residents against the Planert/Lippert annexation.

Fire Board – the Federal government has now approved turnout gear for 20 years; however, this came after the TFD, Inc. purchased new gear at \$100,000 per their current regulations. Looking for bids on three new trucks.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Kott spoke of the frustrations with annexations and development that people have.

Supv. Mueller has contacted Spectrum regarding potential broadband expansion dates.

Supv. White gave update on the County Sustainability Committee. Congratulated Chrm. Peterson

and Supv. Kott for the service.

Future Zoning Requests:
Amendment to Kelly CUP

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:
None

Adjournment:
Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 20, 2023
AT 5:00 P.M. FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Bob Solberg, Kyle Nyseth