

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2023

Members Present: Jane Mueller, James Rolbiecki, Robert Solberg, Karen Tomesh, Jeffrey White

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

A quorum being present, Chrm. Solberg called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Chris Sarnecki, 1310 Oakcrest Drive thanked the Town for placing signs on Oakcrest Drive and Briarcliffe Drive.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

September 2023 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 030742 THROUGH 030788 FOR \$137,942.21. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE SECONDHAND DEALER LICENSE FOR ROBERT WILLE; DBA EAU CLAIRE TRADING POST AND THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR JARIN C. RUD AND BAILEE D. THOMAS AND TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSE FOR CORY D. CROWELL BASED ON OUTCOME OF PENDING COURT CASE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2024 Budget Draft:

Admin. Henning reviewed the 2024 draft budget proposal and highlighted changes. The draft will be published prior to the public budget hearing on November 16.

Approve Eau Claire County Recycling Special Charge for the 2023 Tax Bill:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE FOR THE 2023 TAX BILL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Ordinance 2023-10-19 to Amend Animal Control Regulations: Dog License Application:

Deputy Clerk, Jackie Vold indicated that the ordinance would allow the Town to double the licensing fee for those who ignore the licensing requirements and only obtain a license after being warned to do so.

Supv. Mueller move TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-10-19 TO AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS: DOG LICENSE APPLICATION. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 1

Amend 2024 Rest Haven Garden Fees & Rates:

Admin. Henning indicated the increases are back before the Board due to our contractor increasing his fees for burials.

Supv. White moved TO AMEND REST HAVEN CEMETERY FEES & RATES EFFECTIVE 2024. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Submitting a grant for Balsam Road for 2025.

Altoona Plan Commission cancelled their meeting regarding the preliminary plat for the Planert Development. The Town has again made comment regarding no Town road connections for the development. The County is also doing a traffic study on the impact to CTH SS.

The Assessor did hold the Open Book regarding the 2023 assessments and on October 16th the Board of Review was held and two objections were heard. The assessors' valuations were upheld for both hearings.

Chairman's Report:

Update on the Fire Board budget process.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. White attended the Town Law Conference by Zoom on October 6.

Supv. Mueller made comments regarding broadband connections.

Supv. Rolbiecki made comments regarding broadband connections. He has received emails from residents asking for clarity regarding what we are doing as a Town Board regarding annexation.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Discuss/Consider Convening in Closed Session for Purposes of Conferring with Legal Counsel About Strategy Regarding Current or Likely Litigation Pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(g).

Chrm. Solberg moved TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Roll Call Vote: Supv. Rolbiecki – Aye
Supv. Tomesh – Aye
Chrm. Solberg – Aye
Supv. Mueller – Aye
Supv. White – Aye

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session for the Purpose of Discussion and Possible Consideration on the Matter Entertained in Closed Session.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Roll Call Vote: Supv. White – Aye
Supv. Mueller – Aye
Chrm. Solberg – Aye
Supv. Tomesh – Aye
Supv. Rolbiecki – Aye

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Chris Sarnecki