

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 21, 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, December 21, 2023, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

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

Aye 5 Nye 0

Minutes:

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 6, 2023 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Dori Pulse, 5905 Crocus Lane – asked several questions regarding how decisions are made, who makes decisions, accountability, job descriptions of Board members and Town staff, payroll, broadband, who Mr. Becker is and what his report is on. Referenced Act 425 & 108, a White Knight Agreement, and city detachment for Wisconsin. Asked about pursuing village options.

Mariena Kent, 2335 Trillium Drive – thanked the Board for answering her emails.

Tina Ball, 5999 Cater Road – asked several questions regarding the settlement agreement with the City of Eau Claire.

November 2023 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 030825 THROUGH 030884 FOR \$241,195.70. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE "CLASS B" LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TEMPTASIANS LLC; PILOT TRAN, AGENT AND THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR CIERRA R. DOVE, JAKE WF BROCKMANN, SELENA R. KENT. The motion was seconded

by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Appoint 2024-2025 Election Inspectors:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPOINT THE 2024-2025 ELECTION INSPECTORS AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2024-2031 Municipal Animal Control Agreement with Eau Claire County Humane Association:

Admin. Henning indicated that the contract has the same terms for animal control; the fee schedule is revised to a population-based model.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE 2024-2031 MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH EAU CLAIRE COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2023 Budget Amendment and Transfer – Water Heater Replacement:

Admin. Henning stated this transfer is to cover the replacement water heater for the Municipal Building that failed.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER – WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Fund Transfers – ARPA, Building Outlay, Building Equipment and Cemetery Equipment:

Admin. Henning stated this is taking money out of our assigned funds and moving them to our operational budget for the building expansion, building equipment and cemetery equipment.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE FUNDS TRANSFERS – ARPA, BUILDING OUTLAY, BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND CEMETERY EQUIPMENT (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. White

Aye 5 Nye 0

Update on UWEC Building Use at The Priory:

Admin. Henning indicated that The Priory is required to update the Board if there are any changes to their Conditional Use Permit. They are expanding their classrooms and the daycare center.

Administrator’s Report:

Tax collection has begun in the office; we have collected approximately 2.2 million dollars so far. Road Dept. has had a few sanding events and are brushing on Elayne Drive and will move to Voetmann Road.

1 letter sent for downed trees and brush at 6708 Timber Lane.

1 letter sent for debris, garbage, trailers, boats, jet skis, tractors, vehicles at 6454 Hart Road.

1 letter sent for downed and broken sumac trees on Buena Vista.

1 letter sent for garbage at 3329 Blakeley Avenue.

Chairman's Report:

Press contacted him regarding the settlement agreement before it went to the City Council.

Indicated he would comment after the council vote and has not been contacted since.

Spoke to one resident regarding the settlement.

Township Fire Dept. Inc. is eliminating their own dispatcher center at the end of 2023 and will be moving to the Eau Claire County Communication Center for dispatch.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. White attended the County meeting regarding potential refugees.

Supv. Mueller received one email from a resident regarding the settlement. Broadband expansion in the Town is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2025. Met with Admin. Henning, Supv.

Rolbiecki and Senator Smith regarding the urban town bill that is being proposed and encouraging him to support it.

Supv. Tomesh received one email from a resident regarding the settlement. Received a phone call from a resident on Whitetail Drive regarding the outlot the Town obtained and hunting there.

Supv. Rolbiecki commented on broadband. Asked about the report regarding Village status.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 25, 2024
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold

Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Dori Pulse, Tina Ball, Mariena Kent, Jeff Ryan, Teresa Ryan