

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2024

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

Chrm. Solberg called to order the Work Session of the Washington Town Board at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Discuss Incorporation Information, Presentation by Admin. Henning

A quorum being present, Chrm. Solberg called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:05 p.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Tina Ball, 5999 Cater Road – asked the Town to notify her when we receive notices from the City of Eau Claire regarding the Orchard Hills Development.

American Legion Plaque Presentation to Town Board

Brian Flaskrud presented a plaque to the Town Board for the attendance and hospitality at the 2023 Fall Conference for the 10th District American Legion Department of Wisconsin in Brackett.

Public Hearing & Board Consideration from James Strauch and Nick Pettit, Agent; for Conditional Use Permits to Operate a Temporary Asphalt & Concrete Batching, Ready-Mix Operations, or Concrete Crushing at 7835 US Highway 53, Eau Claire:

Ben Bublitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County Planning & Development introduced the application. This temporary ready-mix plant is to serve the upcoming I94 project between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2026. The total area dedicated to the ready-mix plant is approximately five acres with the number employees ranging from 3 to 15. Hours would be 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and intermittent operation during weekends only as project demands necessitate. Once the project is concluded, the property would be reclaimed back to the state it was prior to the project. Access would be approved by WI DOT.

Staff does recommended approval with the conditions listed in their report.

Board members asked several questions.

Nick Petit, with Trierweiler Construction spoke to the access route to I94 and stated they carry a traveling permit for storm water runoff requirements. No concrete work in 2024, just stripping the site and putting gravel down. September of 2025 they will start concrete work.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing.

Dori Pulse, 5905 Trillium Drive – asked what the project was and if neighbors were notified.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FROM JAMES STRAUCH AND NICK PETTIT, AGENT TO OPERATE A TEMPORARY ASPHALT & CONCRETE BATCHING, READY-MIX OPERATIONS, OR CONCRETE CRUSHING AT 7835 US HIGHWAY 53, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Introduction of the Metropolitan Planning Organization by Eric Anderson, Chippewa/Eau Claire Director:

Spoke on what the MPO is and what they do. The Board was given the 2023 Summary Report and he review some of their requirements and projects they have done and can assist the Town with. Discussed the revised Sewer Service Area project, waiting for DNR funding. Working with the Chippewa/St. Croix railroad commission for light rail between Eau Claire to St. Paul. The County coalition has applied for funding.

February 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 030997 THROUGH 031066 FOR \$4,969,498.55. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR AMANDA J. ISKER, MACKENZIE MARIE MINER, DANNIKA I. KAMMERDIENER AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVE KERSTYN E. LAMBERT FOR REMAINDER OF LICENSING YEAR AS LONG AS SHE HAS NO ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2024 Crackfill Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning reviewed the bids. The Town received three bids, with the low bid being Fahrner Asphalt Sealers AT \$61,769.00.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$61,769.00 FROM FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE TOWN TO FUND THE CRACKFILL OF THE LOWES CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE BALL DIAMOND DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT AT \$2,590.00 INCLUDED IN THE FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS BID. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2024 Crackfill and Chip Seal Program Bids, Award Contract:

Admin. Henning stated this is a joint project with the Town of Brunswick at a 50/50 split. Brunswick approved the low bidder Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at their last Board Meeting. Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BID FROM FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS AT \$27,865.00 (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2023 DNR MS4 Storm Water Report:

Admin. Henning reviewed the draft of the 2023 DNR MS4 Storm Water Report. This is submitted to the DNR on an annual basis. We are a contributing member of Rains to Rivers who assist us with our educational and outreach program for Storm Water. We also contract with Eau Claire County related to storm water permitting and enforcement.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2023 DNR MS4 STORM WATER REPORT AS SUBMITTED. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Ambulance service – the City of Eau Claire will honor our existing contract through 2025.

The Eau Claire County EMS group has currently stalled.

Preparing for the April 2 Election. Training has been completed for all Election Inspectors for the upcoming elections. In-person absentee voting currently being conducted.

Chairman's Report:

Next steps in considering Incorporation: speak to the WI Dept. of Administration and speak to Gary Becker regarding cost of next steps.

Fire Dept. phone numbers have been updated.

Met with Emily Berge, City of Eau Claire Council President.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. White attended the County EMS meeting.

Supv. Mueller was asked about our brushing operations from the Town of Brunswick.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING & REGULAR TOWN MEETING
WILL BE ON APRIL 18, 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: Ben Bublitz, Jim Germann, Pat Dekan, Kerstyn Lambert, Nick Petit, Drew Young,
Dori Pulse, Tina Ball, Matt Miller, Jeanne Flaskrud, Rita Rindahl, Brian Flaskrud, Dan Baumann,
Eric Anderson