

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 19, 2024

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, September 19, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

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

Aye 5 Nye 0

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Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 22, 2024 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:**

Michelle Pride, Feed My People Food Bank invited the Board to tour the facility. They serve 14 Counties in West Central Wisconsin.

**August 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS PR0824-1 THROUGH EP0924-5 FOR \$304,518.47. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR JIQIN HUANG, DYLAN L. SORENSON, EVALYNN ANN BIEDLER, CHRISTINE E. DAVIS, PAULA E. BIESTERVELD, SIERRA D. HORTON, ALICIA M. PLOWE, CARTER D. FRANSEN, BLAKE J. LAPOINT, JARIN C. RUD, LOGAN J. WEBSTER, JESSICA G. MAEDKE, DAWN J. PASSINEAU, AMY CB BUSHEE, AND KIM CURREN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Alexis Price Appeal of Bartender License Denial:**

Deputy Clerk, Jackie Vold reviewed the Board's criteria and WI Statute in relation to an operator's license as well as the timing and record of Alexis Price.

Alexis Price spoke as to why she would like the Board to reconsider; the Board asked several questions.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO DENY THE BARTENDER LICENSE FOR ALEXIS PRICE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Resolution 9-19-2024 Notice of Disallowance, Dona Hamilton Claim:**

Admin. Henning informed the Board a claim that was filed on August 15 regarding an injury on a sidewalk on Fairfax Street on December 13, 2023. The claim was not filed within the statutory timeline.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 9-19-2024 NOTICE OF DISALLOWANCE, DONA HAMILTON CLAIM. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Altoona Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Incorporation:**

Admin. Henning indicated this agreement was approved by the City of Altoona at their last council meeting.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE ALTOONA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING INCORPORATION. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**2025 Budget Schedule:**

**2025 Salaries & Benefits:**

Admin. Henning spoke of the health insurance challenges due to the hospital closures in our area. The State changed the rules for a Tier 1 qualification by eliminating the requirement of a hospital. The only Tier 1 plan this year does not include a hospital. The employees share will be over 100% increase per month. The Board discussed the issue, along with possible salary increases.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE TIER 1 PLAN WITH AN EMPLOYEE SHARE OF \$283.00 PER MONTH AND AN OVERALL INCREASE IN SALARIES FOR FULL & PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF \$18,380.00 TO BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON PERFORMANCE BY ADMIN. HENNING. LIFE INSURANCE PAID BY THE TOWN, DENTAL AVAILABLE at 100% EMPLOYEE PAID. The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**2025 Road Project Draft:**

Admin. Henning reviewed a draft of 2025 road projects. Balsam Road is a large project that would receive State local road improvement funds of \$441,000; the Town would pay for the total project and be reimbursed by the State.

Supv. Tomesh would like Lila Lane and Silver Springs considered to be added for reconstruction next year.

**Administrator’s Report:**

The Incorporation Petition was filed with Eau Claire Circuit Court on September 18.  
1 letter sent for cars parked in yard and lawn not mowed at 1518 Louis Road  
1 letter sent for vehicles in yard, lawn not mowed, debris on property at 1347 Elderberry Lane  
1 letter sent for couch in yard at 2604 Pomona Drive

**Chairman’s Report:**

Thanked the office staff, legal team, consultant team and our residents for all their work regarding the incorporation effort.  
Fire Board has put together a 10-year budget projection. Renting both sides of the fire department duplex.

**Supervisor’s Report:**

Supv. White spoke regarding grants for road projects by towns.

**Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda:**

None

**Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), the Town Board may enter into closed session for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss the City of Eau Claire’s request to negotiate a boundary agreement. The Town Board may reconvene into open session following this item:**

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

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

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 17, 2024  
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Shane Seeman, Christian Phelps, Alexis Price, Michelle Pride, Brenda Miller