

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2025

Members Present: Tina Ball, Robert Solberg, Karen Tomesh, Jeffrey White

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Jane Mueller

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 16, 2025 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing: A Conditional Use Permit Request from Azara Properties and Nancy Lopez for an Auto Service Business at 3424 Mall Drive, Eau Claire:

Ben Bublitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County Planning & Development presented the application. This property previously had a CUP as an auto service business that lapsed a few years ago. Staff recommends approval with conditions outlined in their report.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition of the proposal.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM AZARA PROPERTIES AND NANCY LOPEZ FOR AN AUTO SERVICE BUSINESS AT 3424 MALL DRIVE, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

None

September 2025 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 031987 THROUGH EP1025-2 FOR \$573,832.33. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES AS PRESENTED FOR DANIEL K. GENGENBACH, ELLEE L. SCHARENBRUCH, AND TESS L. JOHNSON. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:

Admin. Henning informed the Board that our Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Aleta Kauffman has submitted her resignation. Potential options for a replacement were discussed. Chrm. Solberg moved TO ALLOW ADMIN. HENNING ALL OPTIONS PRESENTED TO NEGOTIATE REPLACEMENT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER POSITION. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Resolution 2025-10-16 to Authorize the Town to Exceed the Levy Limit for the Joint Fire Department, Township Fire, Inc.:

Admin. Henning indicated this is the same resolution that was presented and passed by the Board last year. All five towns need to adopt this resolution in order for any of the towns to exceed the levy limit for the joint Fire Department, Township Fire, Inc.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-10-16 TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT FOR THE JOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT, TOWNSHIP FIRE, INC. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 4 Nye 0

2026 Draft Budget Summary:

Admin. Henning reviewed the 2026 draft budget summary.

Administrator's Report:

The Town 2025 Road Report and Road Ratings Report was submitted to the State.

Reimbursement for the Balsam Road project was submitted to the State.

Working on patching roads before the winter season.

Adjustment needs to be made by Monarch Paving on Lila Lane to correct the drainage.

Hwy. 12 project in the Town portion is complete.

Chairman's Report:

Thanked Admin. Henning for her work on the Incorporation Petition update.

Supervisor's Report:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE 5:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 20, 2025
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold, Clerk

Attendance: Ben Bublitz, Nancy Lopez