

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2025

Members Present: Tina Ball, Jane Mueller, 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 5:15 p.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

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

Aye 5 Nye 0

Adopt 2026 Budget Summary

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADOPT 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration: Request from Walnut Creek Properties, LLC and Jeff Stockburger, Agent; to Rezone 85.72 +/- acres from Agricultural Preservation to Rural Homes east of Kestrel Road and 1.13 +/- acres from Agricultural Residential to Rural Homes north of Walnut Road and east of Hillview Road, Eau Claire:

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development presented the application. He reviewed the Town Future Land Use Map, along with sections of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff Report listed findings in favor and in opposition of the request. Board members asked questions of Matt Michels.

Applicant was not present at the meeting.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing.

James Rolbiecki, 6790 Walnut Road asked questions of the Board.

Kathleen Rahl, 6830 North Road spoke in opposition.

Ron Farmer, 6395 US Hwy. 53 spoke in opposition.

Deb Farmer, 6395 US Hwy. 53 spoke in opposition.

Janis Watts, 6528 North Road spoke in opposition.

John Ruesch, 6960 Walnut Road spoke in opposition.

Grey Powers, 6260 Hillside Park Road spoke in opposition.

James Sauerman, 7049 Hillview Road spoke in opposition.

Kip Stuebs, 6441 Kestrel Street spoke in opposition.

Melissa Reilly, 6701 Walnut Road spoke in opposition.

Dan Lyksett, 6555 Kestrel Road spoke in opposition.

Nate Szymoniak, 6749 Hillview Road spoke in opposition.

Bob Leland, 7050 Walnut Road spoke in opposition.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Chrm. Solberg made clarifying remarks to the audience.

Town Board members wondered why the applicant was not present.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO DENY THE REQUEST FROM WALNUT CREEK PROPERITIES, LLC TO REZONE 85.72 +/- ACRES FROM AP TO RH AND 1.13 +/- ACRES FROM A2 TO RH AS THE SITE IS NOT CONSISTENT RURAL TRANSITION LAND USE POLICY 2. C. AND IS NOT CONTIGUIS TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

None

September 2025 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 032017 THROUGH 032067 FOR \$189,902.31. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES AS PRESENTED FOR KIMBERLIE R. CASS, THEODORE J. LOGAN, KORIN A. CONNORS, AND TEMAHA S. PAEZ. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Transfer of Funds #6987 Street Outlay to LGIP #3 Road Road - \$100,000:

Admin. Henning indicated this is due to the reimbursement from the State from the Balsam Road project.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF \$100,000.00 AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Leesa Malek started on November 17 training as Treasurer.

Tax rates will be submitted to Eau Claire County next week and mailing the tax bills around December 5.

October 30 met with Dave Solberg and Emily Berge from the City of Eau Claire at their request.

Safety training for operations, CPR, First Aid, and AED for all staff on November 4.

Road crew is preparing for winter operations.

Incorporation petition was filed with the State of Wisconsin. The public hearing will be held on December 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

1 letter sent for furniture, trailer, boxes, garbage, etc in yard at 3005 Beverly Hills Drive.

4 letters sent for dumpster, vehicles, rocks, camper in road on Friedeck Road, Holum Road, Talmadge Road, and Kathryn Drive.

Chairman's Report:

Met with Admin. Henning with the City of Eau Claire officials and a separate meeting with City of Altoona officials regarding the State of Wisconsin innovation funds that are available to municipalities that are showing cooperation in working together.

Supervisor's Report:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

Rezone request from Amy Alpine on Prill Road.

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE 5:00 PM ON DECEMBER 18, 2025
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold, Clerk

Attendance: Richard Yule, Kathleen Rahl, Shirley Pederson, Ronald Farmer, Janis Watts, Deb Farmer, Leroy Britten, Chuck & Pat Rumpel, John Ruesch, Betsy Ruesch, Tony Cerrato, Gray Powers, Jennifer Conaway, James & Amy Sauerman, Sue Sumner, Vicki Wagner, Kip & Cindy Stuebs, Dan Lyksett, Melissa Reilly, Jeannie Modl, Lonnie Bischoff, Jerre Zimmerman, Nate & Amy Szymoniak, Vicki Borsheim, Angie Bowe, Michelle Ojibway, James Rolbiecki, Lisa Van Vleet, Allen & Carolyn Zimmerman, Bob Leland, Michael & Keri Zimmerman, Matt Michels