

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
July 18, 2019

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Jane Mueller, Robert Solberg, Michael Stacy, Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

A quorum being present, Chrm. Peterson called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit to Build an Accessory Structure Greater than 1,200 sq. ft. from Mark Peterson at 1330 Elderberry Lane, Eau Claire:**

Admin. Henning explained how a public hearing is carried out.

Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County Director of Planning & Development, introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation showing the location for the proposed structure. There is an existing accessory structure 24 x 24 on the property. The request is to construct a 54 x 36 garage for personal storage; the total accumulative accessory structures would exceed the allowed 1,200 sq. ft. The lot is 5.740 acres and is largely wooded. Staff recommends approval subject to the conditions outlined in the Staff Report. Mark Peterson thanked the Board for consideration.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition. The office received one phone call from Terry Gibbs at 5506 Chokecherry who supports the request; he lives directly to the north of the applicant.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BUILD AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. FROM MARK PETERSON AT 1330 ELDERBERRY LANE, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh arrived at the meeting during the Peterson hearing.**

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Rezoning Request from Donald & Harriet Otto for 74.3 Acres from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural (A1) at 5490 Walnut Road, Eau Claire:**

Matt Michels, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation showing the location of the property. 74.29 acres are requested to be rezoned from AP to A1; in consultation with the applicant Staff would recommend that the 40 acres of Parcel 024-1172-05-000 be rezoned to A3 if approved and the remainder of the property to A1. A3 is a 20 acre minimum and would not allow for any more division of property but would allow for a lot to be created below 35 acres (the SW of the SW of Section 13). The property is currently farmed. AP is a State of Wisconsin certified designation for farmland. There are multiple soil types on the property. A residence

can only be built on AP property if there is a minimum annual income of \$6,000 of farm income. The applicant has stated that this has been a hindrance to selling the property. The Staff Report does not give a recommendation but outlined the findings in support and against the request. The County reports each year to the State the number of acres converted out of AP; up to 20% is allowable.

Jodi Otto, daughter-in-law of the applicant spoke on their behalf. This land has been for sale for a year and are not finding a buyer with the AP zoning. This would help her aging in-laws financially.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Kevin & Kari Graff, 5386 Graff Road – in support of the request.

Dramus Peuse, 1904 Emery Street – owns the parcel at 6999 Peuse Road just north of the parcel in question. He opposes the rezoning; does not want to see a rural housing development come in. He read from the advertisement of the property listing which is promoting it as potential residential development land.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Mueller abstained from voting.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REZONE REQUEST FROM DONALD & HARRIET OTTO FOR 74.3 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) TO AGRICULTURAL (A1) FOR THE SE1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 13, T26N, R9W (40 ACRES) AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (A3) FOR THE SW1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 13, T26N, R9W, (34.3) EXCEPT LOT 1 OF CSM NO. 3477, TOWN OF WASHINGTON, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY AT 5490 WALNUT ROAD, EAU CLAIRE OF PARCELS 024-1172-05-000 AND 024-1172-06-000. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh stepped out of the meeting.**

**The June 2019 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks:**

Chrm. Peterson moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #027962 THROUGH #028008 FOR \$89,908.17. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR JADA BARDEN, RONALD TRANBERG, DANIEL BARNUM, DREW JOHNSTON, JILL M. SMITH, HANNAH KOTHBAUER, JESSICA J. ANDERSON, LUKE SCHASER, JENNIFER HALVERSON, SIERRA GILLITZER, REBEKAH STREIT, BAILEE THOMAS, SAVANNA HEATH, SHEILA WOODFORD, COLIN MATTOON, AND ABIGAIL TER MAAT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2019 Town Municipal Building Parking Lot Paving Bids, Award Contract:**

Admin. Henning stated two bids were received and recommended the low bid from Monarch Paving Company at \$36,225.35.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM MONARCH PAVING COMPANY AT \$36,225.35. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh returned to the meeting.**

**Board Consideration on Ordinance 2019-07-18 Fire Protection Charges:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the ordinance. This amendment to our Municipal Code would allow the Town to collect fees based on the cost of a fire through a special charge on the property tax should a property owner not pay for the cost of suppression services as invoiced from the Township Fire Department, Inc. The Town of Pleasant Valley had a situation with an illegal burn that got out of control with significant suppression costs where the homeowner and insurance have refused to pay; without language in an ordinance to allow for placing it on the tax roll they are unable to collect. This is allowed by State Statute it just needs to be included in our ordinances. All five towns that make up the TFD, Inc. are looking at adopting such an ordinance.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-07-18 FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrator's Report:**

S. & N. Elco roads were paved on July 20; a second layer will be added to N. Elco. Conch, Raber, Marion, and Dana will be pulverized, shaped and paved the end of July or beginning of August; at that time the second layer will be added to N. Elco Road; due to the type and amount of traffic on N. Elco Road the thicker layer of asphalt is needed. Working on several road repairs largely due to spring break up. A mini excavator will be rented next week to repair large areas on Brookwood and Timber Ridge and for an erosion issue on Holum Road. Chip sealing begins next week by Scott Construction working on the scheduled roads for 2019 and then reworking the roads from the 2018 schedule. Continuing analysis for proposed developments on State Highway 93. Will work with the Plan Commission to update the Town's recreation plan to include the park at Trillium, the trail system off Hwy 93; doing so will provide potential funding opportunities for the corridor from the State. 1 ticket written for dog, unlawful to cause fear or injury on Red Pine Drive; the dog was euthanized.

**Chairman's Report:**

Several court hearings regarding dog cases. Going forward, once a citation is issued from the Humane Association we will not dismiss the tickets. Discussed date for possible Special Meeting for Town Board.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supv. Solberg – appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Board and working with the Town staff.

**Citizens Input:**

None

**Future Zoning Requests:**

None

**Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 15, 2019  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Mark Peterson, Jodi Otto, Dale Otto, Don Otto, Harriet Otto, Doug Graff, Kari Graff, Rod Eslinger, Dramus Peuse, Jessica Peuse, Kerwin Heath