

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 18, 2020

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning

Members/Staff Absent: Jackie Vold

A quorum being present, Chrm. Peterson called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Minutes:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2020 TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2020 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

~~**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Daniel & Patricia Green & Kerry & Deborah Kjelstad to Rezone 2.29 acres from Rural Residential/Commercial (RH/C3) to Commercial (C2) at 5911 Sandstone Road, Eau Claire and 3.66 acres from Rural Residential (RH) to Commercial (C2) at 6040 Sandstone Road, Eau Claire; (Parcels 024-1162-07-000 and 024-1162-06-010):**~~ (cancelled, application withdrawn)

~~**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Kerry & Deborah Kjelstad, Dan & Patricia Green, and Larry Hurt for a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for Multiple Commercial Buildings and uses in the Proposed C2 Neighborhood Business District including: Event Center, Café & Market Building, Rental/Storage, Honeymoon Suite Duplex, and Tree House on Sandstone Road, Eau Claire; Parcels 024-1162-06-010 and 024-1162-07-000.**~~ (cancelled, application withdrawn)

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from John Kelly to Rezone 1.55 Acres from Agricultural Residential (A2) to Residential (RH) at 7739 US Highway 12, Eau Claire:**

Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Director introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. The application is to divide the existing home off of the remaining portion which would remain as Agricultural Residential (A2). Staff recommends approval of the request as outlined in their report.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

John Kelly indicated the remaining property is being farmed. Looking to sell off the portion with the house on it.

Jeremy Shaw, Real Land Surveying indicated that the land has been squared off so it is not an odd configuration and the lot is now 1.68 acres. WI DOT has approved of the proposal.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JOHN KELLY TO REZONE 1.55 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2) TO RESIDENTIAL (RH) at 7739 US Highway 12, Eau Claire. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Ryan McKone & Heidi Mertzig-McKone to Rezone 5 acres from Agricultural (A1) to Agricultural Residential (A2 & A3) for Parcel 024-1175-08-000**

Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Director introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. The request is to build a single family home on the property. The Future Land Use Map shows this area as transitional. The soils are not prime agricultural soils. Staff recommends approval as outlined in their Staff Report. There are other single family homes in the area.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Jeremy Shaw, Real Land Surveying indicated the intent is to have a five acre lot to build a home.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Dramus Peuse asked about the purpose of the rezoning if a A1 zoning would have allowed to build a single family home on it.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM RYAN MCKONE & HEIDI MERTZIG-MCKONE TO REZONE 5 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL (A1) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2 & A3) FOR PARCEL 024-1175-08-000. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Derrick Parr for a Conditional Use Permit to Build an Accessory Strucutre in Excess of 1200 sq. ft. on Meadowbrook Court, Parcel 024-2314-01-000:**

Jared Grande, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Land Use Manager introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. The request is for a 1,512 sq. ft. building. A single family home is currently being constructed on the property. The site plan was reviewed including the septic and drain field. The area is residential homes. Five feet is the minimum setback and the request is at six feet. Staff recommends approval as outlined in their Staff Report. Patricia Mertens, 640 Foxmoor Lane spoke with Jared Grande and does not have concerns any longer.

Admin. Henning received an email from Timothy & Stephanie Adams, 4560 Meadowbrook Court are opposed to the application due to the size, the potential look, detracting from the beauty of the neighborhood and potentially damaging neighboring land values.

Chrm. Peterson asked about screening.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Builder with Steen Construction indicated the construction would be the same colors and materials as the home.

Derek Parr indicated the garage will match the home and they plan on putting in white pines along the driveway for screening.

Wendy Oberg, 4540 Meadowbrook Court is opposed to the application due to the location of the large structure being so close to the lot line, lack of screening, and this would be her view from her bedroom window.

Michael Oberg, 4540 Meadowbrook Court is opposed.

Sarah Schwartz, 4551 Meadowbrook Court is opposed.

Todd Schwartz, 4551 Meadowbrook Court is opposed due to the proposed location. Would like it to be further back and screened properly.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

The builder indicated it could possibly be moved back 10 to 12 feet due to the septic system or a road would need to be in the back to reach the building.

The Board discussed the concerns and asked questions of staff and the builder. Chrm. Peterson moved TO POSTPONE THE REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 30 DAYS TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO EVALUATE MOVING THE STRUCTURE BACK ON THE PROPERTY. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**The May 2020 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #028568 THROUGH #EP0620-5 FOR \$122,708.32. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Ordinance 2020-06-18 to**

- A. Amend Title II, Division 1, Ch. 2, Article 3 – Speed Regulation of the Town of Washington Municipal Code to Establish or Amend the Speed Limit**
  - a. Talmadge Rd, - amend unposted section to 35 mph (CTH II to 1,320 ft) and 45 mph (1,320 ft. to Walnut Road)**
  - b. Trilogy Rd, - 25 mph**
  - c. Hope Ln, - 25 mph**
  - d. David Ln, - amend from 35 mph to 25 mph**
  - e. Valley View Dr, - amend from 35 mph to 25 mph**
- B. Amend Title II, Division 1, Ch. 2, Article 4 – Add Stop Sign on David Lane at Valley View Drive**

Admin. Henning is requesting the new speed limit signs in the new Trilogy Subdivision on Trilogy Road and Hope Lane. Also, on Talmadge Rd due to Trilogy and to be consistent with Walnut Rd. David Lane & Valley View Drive are in a residential subdivision. Due to the density of housing and road geometry 35 MPH is too fast. There have also been enforcement issues with speeding and yielding.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-06-18 AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Hiring Update – Wages for Seasonal Employees:**

Admin. Henning indicating the summer employees have been hired. Paul Petit has come back again this summer as help in the cemetery; his wage is \$12.50. Glenn Ambelang has been hired a Seasonal Road Crew employee at \$17.50.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE WAGES FOR THE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrator's Report:**

Board of Review has held on June 3 with no objections being heard.

Possible reimbursements due to COVID-19. One is a grant put forward for election costs and a separate grant for the routes to recovery. We are tracking our expenses.

Letter from Kristen Dexter regarding the invasive specie, garlic mustard. We due try to mow before it blooms. We do instruct residents to be aware of the issue and take action on their property. The Town does not own the right-of-way and we are not certified to apply herbicides. Crack filling and micro sealing have been completed through Farhner Asphalt. Asphalt removal and paving of Mall Drive will take place the week of June 22. Culvert replacement has begun on Frase Road and Frase Court; restoration and ditching will begin; with anticipated paving in late July.

**Chairman's Report:**

Received complaint regarding dust from pit owned by C&M on Old Town Hall Road. It is under the jurisdiction of the City of Eau Claire.

Complimented the micro sealing on Alf

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supv. Solberg also complimented the micro sealing.

**Citizens Input:**

None

**Future Zoning Requests:**

3 public hearing for the July 16, 2020 meeting.

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

Attorney representing Mr. Patterson (Double Days) contacted the office today but did not meet the 24 hour notice to have a public hearing at the meeting today. A formal request for a hearing has been presented. The Town Board discussed possible dates.

**Adjournment:**

Chrm. Peterson moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 16, 2020  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Jared Grande, Rod Eslinger, Jeremy Skaw, John Scheppke, John Kelly, Dramus Peuse, Michael Oberg, Wendy Oberg, Sarah Schwartz, Todd Schwartz, Matt Ness, Derek Parr