

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 17, 2020

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Jane Mueller

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, September 17, 2020, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 3 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh arrived at the meeting.**

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Jeff Goss to Rezone 5.5 Acres from A1 (Agricultural) to A2 (Agricultural Residential) at 9174 Goss Lane, Fall Creek:**

Matt Michels, Eau Claire County Planning & Development, Senior Planner introduced the application with a PowerPoint presentation. The parcel is irregular in shape. The area has a mix of zoning with agricultural, some commercial, and a mix of different residential. The property has required road frontage. Staff recommends approval.

Jeff Goss indicated the intent is to sell the property to his son.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Stacy moved APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JEFF GOSS TO REZONE 5.5 ACRES FROM A1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO A2 (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) AT 9174 GOSS LANE, FALL CREEK. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Extraterritorial Agreement – Khatib/City of Altoona/Town of Washington: 2 Lot CSM Reconfiguration at 1010 E. Shore Drive, Altoona:**

Admin. Henning indicated the agreement comes to us as a lot reconfiguration in order to sell one of the lots and keep one lot that has an existing home on it. This is within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Altoona so they are requiring this agreement to proceed with the reconfiguration. One correction to the agreement, under recitals Lot 1 should be 4.4 acres and Lot 2 is 1.8 acres. The CSM has been done with Eau Claire County and the City of Altoona.

Stephen Toperzer, 1028 E Shore Drive – lives next to the parcels.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL AGREEMENT – KHATIB/CITY OF ALTOONA/TOWN OF WASHINGTON: 2 LOT CSM RECONFIGURATION AT 1010 E. SHORE DRIVE, ALTOONA PENDING THE CORRECTION UNDER RECITALS, LOT 1 SHOULD BE 4.4 ACRES AND LOT 2 IS 1.8 ACRES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Consideration of Ordinance 2020-9-17, Establishing a Slow No Wake Zone, Lake Altoona:**

Admin. Henning stated that Paul Johnson, the President of the Lake Altoona Rehab District contacted the Town of Washington, Town of Seymour, and the City of Altoona. The Lake Altoona Rehab District is interested in placing bouys in two areas: one where the lake narrows and goes to the dam and near the river delta that flows into Lake Altoona; making both areas a no wake zone. They are proposing putting in the bouys and taking them out seasonally. The ordinance would need to be passed by all three jurisdictions in order for the DNR to enforce the no wake zone.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2020-9-17, ESTABLISHING A SLOW NO WAKE ZONE, LAKE ALTOONA. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4 Nye 0

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

**Checks:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #PR0820-10 THROUGH #028768 FOR \$627,171.93. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR KYLEE M. GROSS, KALEY E. MCINTYRE, LAUREN R. TALBOT, ASHLEY J. LYBERT, MADELINE K. NELSON, DONNA M. PLECHACEK, ELIZABETH C. HARPER, AND DAWN J. PASSINEAU. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2021 Budget Schedule**

Admin. Henning reviewed the budget time table with the Board.

**2021 Wages & Benefits:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the handout given to the Board regarding information for 2021 benefits and salaries including insurance, salaries, WRS, life & disability insurance. This year only one plan is in the Tier 1 category in Eau Claire County; and by State Statute the Town cannot pay more than 88% of the Tier 1 plans. The increase in premium this year will fall on the employee: from \$25.00 to \$231.50 a month. The Town share will go down slightly. Admin. Henning proposed an overall 2% increase in salary accounts, a \$231.50/month employee share for family health insurance, life & disability insurance. Dental insurance offered at 100% covered by the employee. Admin. Henning explained the total wages included combining the Winter Help and Summer Road Seasonal into Road Seasonal at a pay rate of \$17.85 and reducing the summer seasonal position to 675 hours.

Chrm. Peterson proposed a 3% increase for full time employee salaries. The Board discussed this option.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE AN OVERALL 3% INCREASE IN SALARIES FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, 2% INCREASE FOR NON FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES; 88% OF THE TIER 1 QUALIFIED PLAN AVERAGE PREMIUM FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, WISCONSIN RETIREMENT, LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE AND DENTAL INSURANCE OFFERED AT 100% COVERED BY THE EMPLOYEE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2021 Road Projects Draft**

Admin. Henning reviewed the preliminary draft of potential 2021 road projects. Potential reconstructed roads include a portion of S. Lowes Creek Road (I94 to Sindelar), Sindelar Drive, and Schultz Road;

these roads all have significant issues that need to be addressed. A list of roads for potential maintenance work was reviewed as well.

**Administrator's Report:**

The Town has received grant money in response to COVID. WEA Cares: \$5,645.00, RTR Grant: \$2,559.91, RTR Grant: will be receiving \$6,726.21 in October. There is a final opportunity in November that we will submit.

Toured Trilogy F.A.S.T. system on August 26 with Town Staff and Town Board.

Complaints in regards to parking on E. Hamilton (west of Gateway), the City of Eau Claire has put up no parking signs on this section and commercial vehicles using this road. The new development by Wurzer has been directed to use Gateway and not E. Hamilton for all their traffic.

November Election absentee ballots were mailed today: 1,345 ballots so far. In-person absentee voting will begin October 20-30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Township Fire Department needs to replace equipment and uniforms at a cost of over \$600,000 in the next couple of years. Will probably be taking out a loan.

Courts are now handling dog cases without a court officer. We have a few animal citations currently.

**Supervisor's Report:**

None

**Citizens Input:**

None

**Future Zoning Requests:**

None

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

None

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 15, 2020  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Matt Michels, Jeff Goss, Bonnie Goss, Ryan Goss, and Stephen Toperzer