

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2020

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Jane Mueller, 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 5:10 p.m., on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2020 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

The October 2020 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Adopt 2021 Budget Summary:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2021 BUDGET SUMMARY AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Approve Eau Claire County Recycling Special Charge for 2020 Tax Bill:

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE OF \$12.00 FOR THE 2020 TAX BILL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Checks:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #028801 THROUGH #EP-1120-2 FOR \$91,931.42. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Chrm. Peterson moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR TYLER TUPY AND CORTNIE SMUHL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

November 3 General Election – 5,341 registered voters, 4,868 ballots were cast which is 91% of registered voters and 85% of eligible voters, 3,248 absentee ballots, 225 Election Day registrations, 4 provisional ballots, 2 Presidential only ballots. The Election was held in the Fire Department. The line was through the door throughout the day, partially due to spacing with an average wait time of 45 minutes. The line ended shortly before 8 p.m. Absentee ballots were processed throughout the day. 2 absentee ballots were rejected due to voter passing away before Election Day and 2 rejected absentee ballots due to insufficient signatures on the Certificate Envelope.

Tax collection – Eau Claire County is implementing new tax collection software for this season. Training has taken place. Tax bills will look different this year; they will come in a standard sized window envelope. This is being communicated in the upcoming newsletter and on our website. We are anticipating they will be in the mail on December 11. Payments are encouraged to be done by mail or by using our drop box due to COVID. In person payments are subject to change.

Tax collection and snow plowing are essential services and staff are utilizing separation.

Cemetery activity has been busy and our contractor does have limitations as he contracts with many cemeteries in the area.

CARES Grant submission – our final filing has been submitted. The Township Fire Department was included in this final submission to the State. This final submission was for \$18,242.42 which should be received within the month.

Chairman’s Report:

Illegal burns will be included as a special charge on the tax bill this year if it was not paid.

Worked on Election Day processing absentees.

December 17 Board Meeting will have a public hearing on a proposed development and due to the response from residents and with COVID restrictions, we will look into a limited in-person meeting and ZOOM as an option as well.

Wisconsin Town’s Association meeting on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. held at the Town of Washington and also on ZOOM.

Supervisor’s Report:

Supv. Solberg commended the staff on the running of Election Day.

Supv. Mueller asked about nomination signatures during COVID.

Supv. Stacy commended the staffing during in-person absentee voting.

Citizens Input:

Brian Binczak – 1815 Susan Drive: Election Day went very well. He asked how to share his concerns in a respectful way regarding concerns of a potential development.

Future Zoning Requests:

Anticipated application for a Rezoning, CUP and PUD for a development at Mischler/CTH II.

Items for Next Meeting’s Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 17, 2020
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Brian Binczak