

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2021

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Andrea Kott, Jane Mueller, Robert Solberg, 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 5:17 p.m., on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Peterson.

Aye 5 Nye 0

The October 2021 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Adopt 2022 Budget Summary:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE 2022 BUDGET SUMMARY AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Approve Eau Claire County Recycling Special Charge for 2021 Tax Bill:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE OF \$17.00 FOR THE 2021 TAX BILL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 1

Checks:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 029438 THROUGH #029490 FOR \$197,678.59. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR AMANDA LEA FARNHAM, JANET POPE, TYRELL R. BRUNETT, EMILY R. MCCORMICK, AMY CB BUSHEE, JESSICA G. MAEDKE, SUANNAHA DECAL, AND CORTNIE J. SMUHL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Appointment Chairperson to Town Plan Commission:

Chrm. Peterson asked the Board to ratify the appointment of Karen Tomesh as Chairperson to Town Plan Commission.

Chrm. Peterson moved TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN TOMESH AS TOWN PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg. Supv. Tomesh abstained.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Rest Haven Cemetery Rules & Regulations Update:

Admin. Henning reviewed with the Board the changes in the Rest Haven Cemetery Rules & Regulation. Our main objective in the update is to: address the definitions of cremation and a full body burial and how many separate burials of cremains or full body can be on one space, address who can place a headstone or change an existing on a grave space, encourage owners to put in writing who they are giving permission to be buried on the spaces owned by them, adding some definitions, cleaning up language, and removing language that does not apply to our cemetery.

Chrm. Peterson moved TO APPROVE THE UPDATED RULES & REGULATIONS FOR REST HAVEN CEMETERY. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Road Department has completed the fall sweeping this week.

Completed right-of-way fall mowing. Hauled 600 tons of sand last week. Plowed snow briefly November 14 after a couple inches of snow on main roads and hills.

Winter brushing of right-of-ways will begin and letters were sent to the neighborhoods in question.

Staff continues to compile information for possible broadband expansion. Supv. Mueller, Deputy Treasurer Aleta, and Admin. Henning met with County Staff, Don Mowry and Rod Eslinger on November 16 regarding next steps in the process. Meeting with a Charter Communications representative, Mike Hill in December regarding potentially partnering with Charter and the County to develop a PSC grant. This would need Town Board approval.

Chairman's Report:

Update the Board on the Township Fire, Inc.: replacing gear, continue to campaign for new fire fighters and EMTs.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Tomesh spoke of the County recycling program and the increase in landfill costs, garbage hauler increases in expanses, the amount of dumping in road ditches that costs the Town that would increase without the recycling program.

Supv. Mueller attended the broadband meeting at the County.

Supv. Solberg updated the Board on the Plan Commission's work on Wind Energy. The Commission is currently reviewing other municipalities ordinances.

Citizens Input:

Dori Pulse, 5905 Crocus Lane – addressed her concern of bicyclists on S. Lowes Creek Road in the middle of the road and wanting to see something done for the safety of all concerned.

Future Zoning Requests:

Possible CUP on Carol Street for an accessory structure.

Rezoning on Old Town Hall Road/Sheedar.

Plat for Kelly property on Prill Road.

Plat for Cliff property on Talmadge Road.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Solberg moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 16, 2021
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Dori Pulse