

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 16, 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 5:00p.m., on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit from Russel Peloquin for an Accessory Structure Greater than 1,200 sq. ft. at 6715 Carol Street, Eau Claire:

Ben Bublitz, Eau Claire County Planning & Development Land Use Technician introduced the application. The applicant has an existing shed on the property and this proposal will put the total accumulative accessory structures at just over 1,400 sq. ft. There is drainage way through the wooded area of his property; however the building will be located on the high end near the home and would not be negatively impacted by the additional accessory structure.

Russel Peloquin indicated the building will have vinyl siding and shingles to match the house. Building will be used to store his camper and pontoon.

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

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM RUSSEL PELOQUIN FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. AT 6715 CAROL STREET, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizens Input:

Ronald Brantner, 6716 Carol Street asked about when Carol Street will be on the road schedule for repairs and why a culvert was not put in. Admin. Henning indicated that an engineer did review the road and a culvert was not able to be put in.

The November 2021 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Board Consideration of Resolution 2021-12-16B: To Conditionally Approve Preliminary Plat for Cliff Properties West:

Admin. Henning reviewed the preliminary plat for Cliff Properties West. An evaluation needs to be done regarding access for Lot 12 which is near the crest of the hill on Talmadge Road.

Matt Appel, Civil Engineer with Advanced Concepts indicated it is under consideration based on the market to combined Lots 11 & 12 and 13 & 14, to make three larger lots. This would be indicated on the final plat.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-12-16B -

PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR CLIFF PROPERTIES WEST. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Checks:

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 029491 THROUGH #EP1221-5 FOR \$63,048.06. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Kott moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR CHELSEA D. RACHAL AND STEFANIA M. DRAGHICCHIO. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Appointment 2022-2023 Election Inspectors:

Admin. Henning indicated a new two-year term for election inspector appointments. All individuals on the list are residents of Eau Claire County. They all showed an interest in working elections or their names were submitted by a political party for appointment.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPOINT THE 2022-2023 ELECTION INSPECTORS AS SUBMITTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Ordinance 2021-12-16: To Establish Fire Inspection Duties:

Chrm. Peterson indicated that by State Statute fire inspections are to be conducted twice a year unless otherwise indicated by ordinance. Many of the commercial business have no changes or violations year to year and this would allow the Fire Department to inspect their establishments once a year. Those businesses that have had violations or the Fire Department has had problems with in the past will still be inspected twice a year.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-12-16 TO ESTABLISH FIRE INSPECTION DUTIES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Resolution 2021-12-16: Support of Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward! Certification:

Admin. Henning stated this resolution would assist the Town and other partnering entities with applying for grants for broadband.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-12-16: SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD! CERTIFICATION. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Tax collection began December 13, with approximately \$700,000.00 collected thus far.

One of the boilers in the building has a hole. It is under warranty so the parts are covered for the repair. The other three boilers are showing the same wear but will not be repaired under warranty unless they are leaking.

Met with representatives from Charter regarding broadband.

Road Department is working on right-of-way clearing on Hillview, Kern, Hubbard and Davis.

Many trees down over the roads after storm overnight Wednesday and into Thursday this week. Clean-up will continue with that through next week.

Three snow plow events and three additional sand events.

Preliminary Plat for Prill Ridge Acres is on hold due to the City of Altoona exercising their extraterritorial jurisdiction on not allowing additional splits on this parcel. The applicant will need to work this out with the City of Altoona in order for it to come forward to the Town Board.

Complaint regarding the lack of sidewalks on London Road from E. Hamilton to Sessions near the Kwik Trip on Mall Drive. There is sidewalk on the Kwik Trip property. It was reviewed when the road was resurfaced but will be reviewed again. It is a challenging stretch due to a hill and ravine.

2 letters sent for parking in road on Frase Court and Whitetail Drive.

Chairman's Report:

Update the Board on the Township Fire, Inc. and the continual need for new volunteer fire fighters.

Supervisor's Report:

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

Supv. Kott was contacted by a resident on Fairfax regarding a neighbor parking across a sidewalk and garbage bins out too early.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 20, 2022
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Ben Bublitz, Russel Peloquin, Matt Appel, and Ronald Brantner