

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2022

Members Present: Andrea Kott, Jane Mueller, Micheal Peterson, Karen Tomesh, Jeffrey White

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 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for Conditional Use Permit from Nathan Anderson to Operate a Tourist Rooming House at 5678 Mischler Road, Eau Claire:

Ben Bulitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County introduced the application. The applicant is looking to rent out the lower level of his home for medical, educational, and business travelers on a limited term basis. Parking is not allowed on the road. Staff does recommend approval with the conditions outlined in the Staff Report.

Cliff Albertson, 5508 Mischler Drive called the office in support of the request.

Mark & Annis Williams, 5520 Woodcrest Highlands emailed with questions; the email was forwarded to the Town Board.

Nathan Anderson stated he is looking at short term stays.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FROM NATHAN ANDERSON TO OPERATE A TOURIST ROOMING HOUSE AT 5678 MISCHLER ROAD, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a request from Daniel & Kara Schilling for an Accessory Structure greater than 1,200 sq. ft. at 4150 Tamara Drive, Eau Claire:

Ben Bulitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County introduced the application. The applicant is proposing an addition of 500 sq. ft. to an existing building on the property for a total of 1,742 sq. ft. Staff does recommend approval with the conditions outlined in the Staff Report.

The Board asked several questions of the applicant.

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

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM DANIEL & KARA SCHILLING FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. AT 4150 TAMARA DRIVE, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Rezone Request from ECS Old Town Hall LLC, Peter Gartmann, Agent; to Rezone 10 Acres from Agricultural Residential (A2) to Commercial Highway District (C3) at the corner of Old Town Hall Road / Sheeder Road, Parcel 18024-2-260902-320-0002:

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County introduced the application. He reviewed the surrounding zoning. The proposed land use would be storage units. Staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in their report. Adequate screening is required.

The Board asked several questions.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Cody Filipczak indicated storage units are what they are planning on building.

Jay & Laura Plummer, 4869 Shellamie Drive submitted a letter with concerns regarding lighting.

Admin. Henning lives across the road from the proposal. County Code does require screening; the Town does have experience with the developer.

Molly Menard, 5139 Old Town Hall Road spoke in opposition; owns land just east of the property. Concerns regarding transient people and crime; would prefer residential housing.

Sean Bohan, Engineer with Advanced Engineering Concepts spoke in favor. The property is in the sewer service area and cannot be subdivided without being annexed to the City and is across the road from existing C3 zoning.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REZONE REQUEST OF 10 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2) TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY DISTRICT (C3) AT THE CORNER OF OLD TOWN HALL ROAD / SHEEDER ROAD, PARCEL 18024-2-260902-320-0002. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input:

None

May 2022 Financial Statement

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 029906 THROUGH EP06-2205 FOR \$88,843.10. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Annual Licenses:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ANNUAL LICENSES AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED) AND DENIAL OF BARTENDER LICENCE FOR CHELSEY P. KENDZIOR AND KRISTEN A. ALBA. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Ordinance 2022-06-16 to Add No Parking on Elderberry West Termini:

Admin. Henning indicated that Paul Kohler has asked the office to address the parking problems on the end of Elderberry. The Sheriff's Department cannot address the problem without an ordinance in place of no parking. It is also a problem with buses and fire trucks not being able to turn around.

Paul Kohler, 1766 Elderberry Lane shared many of the problems that have taken place on the road.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-06-16 TO ADD NO PARKING ON ELDERBERRY WEST TERMINI. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Ordinance 2022-06-16B to Consider 45 mph Speed Limit on Schultz Road:

Admin. Henning indicated this is a cut across road and there has been more residential development on this road. It would be commensurate with other roads in the area.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-06-16B TO AMEND THE SPEED LIMIT ON SCHULTZ ROAD TO 45 MPH. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Resolution 2022-06-16 to Adopt ECC Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2022-2027:

Admin. Henning indicated that the County's Recreational Plan is updated every five years. It does not obligate the Town to anything but outlining our parks and facilities. It does allow us to apply for grants.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-06-16 TO ADOPT ECC OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, 2022-2027. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Road Department is currently replacing culverts along Mueller Road in advance of the paving projects. Ditch mowing continues on all Town roads.

Working on Election prep for the August 9th Partisan Primary.

City of Altoona is holding a public hearing for updating their Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman's Report:

Gave background to the Elderberry cul-de-sac.

The Town has spent many hours on the Stewart/Hauge annexation petition.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Kott asked about the City of Altoona boundary agreement.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Discuss/Consider Convening in Closed Session for Purposes of Conferring with Legal Counsel About Strategy Regarding Current or Likely Litigation Pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(g):

Supv. Tomesh moved TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Roll Call Vote: Supv. Kott – Aye
Supv. Tomesh – Aye
Supv. Mueller – Aye
Chrm. Peterson – Aye
Supv. White – Aye

Supv. Kott left the meeting when closed session began.

Motion to Reconvene to Open Session for the Purpose of Discussion and Possible Consideration on the Matter Entertained in Closed Session:

Supv. Mueller moved TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 21, 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: Nathan Anderson, Arleth Anderson, Paul Kohler, Paula Menard, Molly Menard, Sean Bohan, Sam Gartmann, Daniel Schilling, Scott Knepper, Cody Filipczak, LaVerne Stewart