

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2022

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

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 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

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Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit request from Raether Properties, LLC and Sean Bohan, Agent; for a church at 6286 State Road 93, Eau Claire:

Ben Bublitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County introduced the application. The structure would be approximately 60,000 sq. ft. to house worship space, classrooms, nursery, offices, etc. There are wetlands on the property that would not be disturbed. Attendance is estimated at 200-500 people on a Sunday morning. The proposed structure would have an access off of Deerfield Road/II and a connection behind Down to Earth Garden Center. Access off Deerfield would be reviewed by Eau Claire County Highway Department. Setbacks and drainfield areas were reviewed. Staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in their report.

The Board asked several questions.

Sean Bohan, Engineer with Advanced Engineering Concepts addressed access, intersections, possible turn lanes, and storm water facilities.

Bridget Balts, W3065 Cty Rd Z - spoke on behalf of the church. No plans for other educational gatherings outside of Sunday morning and possible Vacation Bible School for a week in the summer. Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Admin. Henning received two phone calls: one from Lisa Sproul, 5975 Wild Rose Lane – concerned with queing and stacking of cars coming out of the facility to Highway 93;

Karen Adank, 3412 Brookwood Drive – stated there are two churches on Highway 93 and doesn't see a need for another one.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Admin. Henning asked for the typo in condition #11 be corrected to church not campground.

The Board discussed changes to the conditions outlined in the Staff Report.

Supv. Tomesh recused herself from discussion and vote.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FROM RAETHER PROPERTIES, LLC AND SEAN BOHAN, AGENT; FOR A CHURCH AT 6286 STATE ROAD 93, EAU CLAIRE WITH CONDITION #7 REGARDING SERVICES HELD INSIDE STRUCTURE BEING REMOVED FROM THE STAFF REPORT AND CONDITION #11

BEING CORRECTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit request from Michael Larson to Operate an RV Park at 7421 Nine Mile Creek, Eau Claire:

Ben Bulitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County introduced the application. The application is for a campground consisting of 8 campsites. The parcel was recently sold showing two lots with lot one being the proposed campground and the unplatted land was sold to a different party. This existed prior to zoning and subdivision code at the County. There is a creek through the property with steep slopes. The proposed site plan for the campground was reviewed. The applicant is looking at putting tiny homes on the sites within the next 1-3 years. County Code states they must be portable and no more than 400 sq. ft. to be considered a camping unit. Staff does recommend approval with the conditions outlined in the Staff Report. There is a known water table contamination issue in the area from the old landfill to the south. There are a number of shared wells in this area. The report from the Health Department is not available yet. The County Highway Department did issue an access permit to the property.

The Board asked several questions.

Ben indicated that non-permanent overnight use is not define in County Code or how long someone can stay. Supv. Tomesh asked to add in a condition regarding storm water retention. Supv. Mueller and Chrm. Peterson stated the Board did not have enough information regarding the water issue, potential contamination to the creek, and a clearer definition of what tiny homes are and what is allowed in order to make a decision. Supv. White asked why there is not a shower building and a tornado shelter.

Supv. Mueller moved TO TABLE THE REQUEST CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM MICHAEL LARSON TO OPERATE AN RV PARK AT 7421 NINE MILE CREEK, EAU CLAIRE UNTIL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S REPORT IS RECEIVED.

Supv. Tomesh amended the motion to ADD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY ON THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT A CAMPSITE CAN BE LEASED BY A CAMPER AT A CERTAIN SITE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Supv. Mueller left the meeting.

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit request from Todd Kostman for an Accessory Structure greater than 1,200 sq. ft. at 1620 Birch Hills Drive, Eau Claire:

Ben Bulitz, Land Use Manager with Eau Claire County introduced the application. The applicant is proposing a 32' x 44' private garage at 1,408 sq. ft. The exterior will match the existing home. Admin. Henning received one letter in favor of the proposal.

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

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM TODD KOSTMAN FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. AT 1620 BIRCH HILLS DRIVE, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input:

Karen Hurd, 835 S Liberty Street, Fall Creek – candidate for 68th Assembly District introduced herself to the Board.

June 2022 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 029954 THROUGH 030001 FOR \$89,158.84. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR KASSIA LEA KESSLER, ZENAS UNDERWOOD, JANET POPE, MCKENNA E. ERICKSON, MARY M. LADISA, ELIXABETH L. PARKER, AMY CB BUSHEE, JESSICA G. MAEDKE, DAWN J. PASSSINEAU, ANDRIA E. RICE, JENNA V. WELKE, MARISA C. BOLLINGER, JESSICA L. CHAMBERLAIN, AND MICHAEL L. DAVIDSON. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Transfer of ARPA Funds to LGIP Assigned Fund:

Admin. Henning indicated that this transfers the ARPA funds from our operational account into our LGIP #10 ARPA funds.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO TRANSFER THE ARPA FUNDS of \$401,456.24 FROM ACCT #8440 TO LGIP #10 ASSIGNED FUND. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Rest Haven Cemetery Rates Increase:

Admin. Henning indicated our contractor has increased his rates and this is a reflection of that.

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE REST HAVEN CEMETERY RATES INCREASE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Kott.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

On Friday, July 15 the City of Eau Claire was served with a lawsuit in relation to the annexation of the Stewart/Hauge property. The City has 20 days to respond to the complaint.

Road Department has prepped Mueller Road and is ready for Monarch Paving to complete the reconstruction. It is anticipated to take place in mid-August.

The Maintenance employee that was hired in the spring has left. A candidate for the position will be job shadowing next week.

Chairman's Report:

Has received positive feedback from residents regarding the lawsuit.

Suggested wage increases for the Town employees; it is difficult to find new employees who are looking for higher wages than are currently offered to our existing employees.

Supervisor's Report:

None

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 18, 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: Dennis Behrens, Vivian McDonald, Robert McDonald, Missy Kostman, Todd Kostman, Brenda Watt, Richard Watt, Bridget Balts, Michael Larson, Charlotte Erickson, Henry Erickson, Carol Draeger, Peggy Mueller-Carlson, William Carlson, Ron Hays, Linda Hays, Debbie Kacvinsky, Jim Kacvinsky, Scott Eslinger, Melissa Eslinger, Debbie Planert, Angelia Flihr, Terry Planert, Mike Koehler, Quinten Timme, Mike McCluskey, Stephanie Yarrington, Sean Bohan, Pat Strauch, Karen Hurd, Ben Bublitz, Kathy Watt, Susan Schaffer, Katie Wolff, Kaleb Oemig, Brodi Schulz, Bill Schulz, Matt Cadman, Jamie Radabaugh, Michael Machak