

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2022

Members Present: Jane Mueller, Micheal Peterson, Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Aleta Kauffman, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Janelle Henning, Andrea Kott, Jeffrey White

A quorum being present, Chrm. Peterson called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:07 p.m., on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 20, 2022 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 3 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

None

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Rezone Request from Mark Chaput to Rezone 1.449 Acres from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural Residential (A2) on Graff Road:

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development introduced the application. In order to have the proper frontage the zoning on this small strip of land needs to be cleaned up to match the parcel that is A2. This sliver of AP zoning was part of the originally 40 across the road and due to the realignment of the road this now is on the other side of the road.

The Chaputs are looking to subdivide the land and keep it as A2.

Staff does recommended approval.

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

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REZONE REQUEST FROM MARK CHAPUT TO REZONE 1.449 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2) ON GRAFF ROAD. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 3 Nye 0

Supv. White arrived at the meeting.

Resolution 2022-11-17 to Approve a 2022 Payable 2023 Allowable Levy Limit Increase for the Unused Levy from 2022 in the Amount of \$808.00:

Deputy Treasurer Kauffman indicated that the levy increase is allowable under Wis. Statutes. We did not use this amount in 2022 and would now be using it to increase our 2023 Budget.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE USE OF PRIOR YEARS UNUSED \$808.00 LEVY CARRY FORWARD CAPACITY UNDER WIS. STAT. 66.0602(3)(FM) FOR THE 2022 TAX LEVY FUNDING THE 2023 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Adopt 2023 Budget Summary:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2023 BUDGET SUMMARY AS PRESENTED. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Approve Eau Claire County Recycling Special Charge for the 2022 Tax Bill:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE FOR THE 2022 TAX BILL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

October 2022 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS EP1022-1 THROUGH 030200 FOR \$58,984.35. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR AMANDA L. STOLT, CHRISTOPHER L. CALKINS, AND MADYSON K. ROSE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Road crew position has been filled. Jamie Mueller started Monday, November 14. He has many years of excavation and municipal experience including plowing and road maintenance. We are excited to have him on our team. Starting wage within budget.

Equipment replacement: Dodge 4500 orders are 8 months out. We will be ordering our 2023 chassis within the week.

General Election was held on November 8. Turnout in the Town of Washington was high at 67% registered. 4,038 voters that included 1,377 absentee ballots. Election Day went smoothly. A huge thank you to our staff and poll workers for a job well done.

Tax bills are being prepared and mailed on December 10.

The Town newsletter will be in the mail the first weekend of December.

A scheduling conference is being held tomorrow regarding the lawsuit with the City of Eau Claire.

Eau Claire County Groundwater Advisory Committee: the committee has invited towns to their meetings. If there is a Board Supervisor who would like to be a part of the committee, please let Janelle know. They typically meet 4 times a year.

Chairman's Report:

Updated the Board on the Township Fire Dept. Board budget, tower, and calls. Investigating the possibility of going to a Fire District instead of a 501C.

Received a few calls regarding slippery roads.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. White attended the annual WTA Conference; very informative. Thank you to the staff for all their work on the election.

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Mueller moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 15, 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: Mark Chaput, Rosanne Chaput, Dori Pulse, Matt Michels