

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2023

Members Present: Jane Mueller, James Rolbiecki, Robert Solberg, Karen Tomesh,

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Jeffrey White

A quorum being present, Chrm. Solberg called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Individuals who spoke regarding the landfill contamination and the lack of proper disposal and the illegal dumping of leachate into streams that feed into Lake Altoona from Daniel Burns. They asked the Town to be aware of the issue and put pressure on the DNR to help residents get answers to their questions and concerns regarding groundwater quality. The DNR has not tested anyone's water; it is up to individuals to pay for testing. Asking for annual testing of the wells in the area. Spoke of the affects of heavy metals in the water.

Michele Skinner, 7121 S. Shore Drive, Altoona

Katie Kunkel, 7485 Elayne Drive, Eau Claire

Mike Lampshire, 7535 Elayne Drive, Eau Claire

Bob Skinner, 7121 S. Shore Drive, Altoona

Jon Thorpe, 7474 Lakeview Drive, Altoona

Kristen Dexter, 7410 Lakeview Drive, Altoona

Richard Arnold, 1925 Roy Street, Eau Claire

Jeff Goettl, 2120 Moonlight Bay Drive, Altoona

Individuals who spoke regarding the City of Altoona annexation of land along Nine Mile Creek Road. The proposed development of Whitetail Woods is a concern to Town residents. The preliminary plat shows 171 lots with high density and connection to Town roads of Oakcrest, Briarcliffe, and Red Pine. Residents asked the Town Board to deny any connection to Town roads.

Kim Lynum, 6780 Nine Mile Creek Road, Eau Claire

Matthew Miller, 1320 Oakcrest Drive, Eau Claire

Wayne Johnson, 1670 Red Pine Drive, Eau Claire

Chris Sarnecki, 1310 Oakcrest Drive, Eau Claire

Karrie Eisold, 1347 Oakcrest Drive, Eau Claire

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 20, 2023 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration from Chris & Ingrid Silewski and Kris Sivertson, Agent to Rezone 35.48 Acres from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural District (A3) on S. Elco Road, Fall Creek; Parcel #18024-2-270832-130-9001:

Matt Michels, Eau Claire County Planning & Development Senior Planner introduced the application. The proposal is to add approximately three acres to the existing five acre parcel from Agricultural Preservation to Agricultural Residential (A2) with a five acre minimum; and rezone the rest of the

property from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural Residential (A3) with a twenty acre minimum. AP has a 40 acre minimum which these lots do not currently meet and this rezoning would bring the lots into conformance with the lot size requirements. No additional lots are being created.

Staff does recommend approval.

Kris Sivertson, agent stated he may come back with another rezone request in the future to add additional acreage to their parcel.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition.

The Town office received a letter from John Drawbert in support of the application.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM CHRIS & INGRID SILEWSKI AND KRIS SIVERTSON, AGENT TO REZONE 3 ACRES +/- ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) AND TO ADD 3+/- ACRES TO THE EXISTING 5 ACRE PARCEL AND REZONE THE REMAINING 32.33 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (A3) ON S. ELCO ROAD, FALL CREEK; PARCEL 18024-2-270832-130-9001 . The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration from Jane Mueller to Rezone 48.04 Acres from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural District (A3) at 7525 Mueller Road, Fall Creek: Parcels 18024-2-260832-220-0002, 18024-2-260829-330-0002, and 18024-2-260829-340-0001:

Matt Michels, Eau Claire County Planning & Development Senior Planner introduced the application. The road creates and land division already. The request would allow for two separate lots and zoned appropriately due to the road dividing the lot. The wetland delineation has been done and does allow for a driveway through the DNR permit following their regulations. The application is consistent with the Future Land Use maps for the County and the Town. Staff does recommend approval. Jane Mueller stated that the land to the north has steep slopes and would not allow more than one home.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition of the request.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM JANE MUELLER TO REZONE 48.04 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (A3) AT 7525 MUELLER ROAD, FALL CREEK; PARCELS 18024-2-260832-220-0002, 18024-2-260829-330-0002, and 18024-2-260829-340-0001. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. Supv. Mueller abstained from voting.

Aye 3 Nye 0

July 2023 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS EP0723-6 THROUGH 030689 FOR \$308,172.85. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR AMY CB BUSHEE, ANDRIA E. RICE, JENNA V. WELKE, RAEGAN A. MAHON, DESIREE A. BROWN, BRANDON M. WEKKIN, MADISON M. FORMEISTER, TYLER J. KLUTH, SARA S. CHAUSE, CHRISTINE E. DAVIS, TEGGIN M.S. RADDE, MARIA G. BERQUIST, DESIREE M. LELAND, AND BRANDON M. GUZMAN. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE TOBACCO LICENSE FOR YALLA TOBACCO. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Comprehensive Revision to Eau Claire County Zoning Code: Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning & Development:

Rod Eslinger shared an overview of the comprehensive revision. The process started in 2018 and was adopted by the County on July 28, 2023. Towns under County zoning have one year to adopt the new zoning code and remain under the old code until they do. Some highlights of changes include: accessory structures in residential districts allowed up to 1,600 sq. ft. before a conditional use permit would be required, short-term rentals are listed as permitted uses in all districts, raising of poultry is permitted in residential districts through a permitting process with the Eau Claire County Health Department, road setbacks reduced to match highway department requirements, conservation subdivision ordinance was developed.

Resolution 2023-08-17 to Adopt the Comprehensive Revision to Eau Claire County Zoning Ordinance:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-08-17 TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE REVISION TO EAU CLAIRE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Road paving projects are completed. The shouldering and landscaping portion will be completed by the end of August. The chip seal program has been completed as well.

The building expansion is near completion. The audio/visual portion will be done by Audio Architechts sometime in September.

The Town aquired 17 acres on Whitetail Drive that went to tax deed a few years ago and is public land. Bow hunting is allowed on Town owned property and a bow hunter has asked and been granted permission to hunt there.

Researching ambulance service options. Eau Claire County developed an EMS Study Committee. If ambulance service is levied through the County they fall outside of levy limits.

The City of Altoona and the developer has been furnished a letter stating that the Town would not allow connection to Town roads for the Whitetail Woods development. The Town attorney will send a response to the developer and the City as well.

The DNR did approved the expansion of the SSA for the City of Eau Claire.

Chairman's Report:

Received several calls and emails regarding the landfill issue and the City of Altoona annexation.

Fire Board has agreed to renting out one side of the duplex. The cost replacing fire trucks every 25 years is becoming prohibitive through the funding we currently have.

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 7:02 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold

Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Matt Michels, Rod Eslinger, Katie Kuenkel, Rebecca Lampshire, Michael Lampshire, Mike Peterson, Kim Lynum, Charlene Lynum, Duane Wolter, Debbie Planert, Angie Fliehr, Beth Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Kim Kaio, Karrie Eisold, Tom Webb, Deryl Winrich, Kris Sivertson, Callie Lager, Todd Nelsen, Michele Skinner, Bob Skinner, Lois Sieve, Fred Kappus, Sally Kappus, Jon Thorpe, Brad Merkel, Charleen Merkel, Karen Nelson, Kristen Dexter, Mark Nodland, Sue Meyer, Lance Maske, James Larsen, Kathy Novacek, Kristy Goettl, Jeff Goettl, Ronda Gappa, Michael Gappa, Matthew Miller, Chris Sarnecki, David Fitzgerald, Catherine Larsen, Richard Arnold