

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
April 18, 2024

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

A quorum being present, Chrm. Solberg called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 21, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:**

None

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration from C M Rentals, LLC to Rezone 3.27 Acres from C3 to Planned Unit Development at 5500 Friedeck Road, Eau Claire:**

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development introduced the application. This is an existing commercial facility in the C3 District. This is the first utilization of a PUD District under the new County Code. This request is due to having three separate uses on the parcel. The applicant is looking for approval of the rezoning and the general development plan. Green Fleet, possible future retail space, and an auto dealer are the three separate businesses on the property. Staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in their report.

Supv. Tomesh asked about changes to lighting to address light pollution concerns addressed from the Wild Rose Lane neighbors in the past.

Scott Knepper, applicant stated they will work with the County regarding lighting.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against. The Town Office did not receive any correspondence.

Dan Baumann, 4014 Talmadge Road asked some general questions of Matt Michels regarding other properties.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM C M RENTALS, LLC TO REZONE 3.27 ACRES FROM C3 TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AT 5500 FRIEDECK ROAD, EAU CLAIRE WITH ADDITION #3 UNDER THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO REVIEW EXTERIOR LIGHTING WITH THE COUNTY AND ADJUST FIXTURES AND LEVELS AT NIGHT TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION IF POSSIBLE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**March 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks**

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 031067 THROUGH 031130 FOR \$103,781.54. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE CLASS “B” BEER AND CLASS C WINE LICENSE FOR HOTPOT & BARBEQUE SUSHI, LLC; AGENT, TINGCAI ZHOU. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Resolution 2024-04-18 to Approve 2024 Redistricting Plan to Adjust Town Ward Boundaries:**

Admin. Henning indicated this is required to the amended ward boundaries due to the State redistricting.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-04-18: 2024 REDISTRICTING PLAN TO ADJUST TOWN WARD BOUNDARIES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Ordinance 2024-04-18 TO ADD NO PARKING ON ALF AVENUE FROM MILLER STREET TO LAMONT STREET:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-04-18 TO ADD NO PARKING ON ALF AVENUE FROM MILLER STREET TO LAMONT STREET. The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Ratify Plan Commission Appointments:**

Supv. Tomesh recommended reappointing three-year terms for Greg Fahrman and Dustin Hurtgen as Plan Commission Members to be ratified by the Board.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO RATIFY THE THREE-YEAR TERMS OF GREG FAHRMAN AND DUSTIN HURTGEN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Appointment of Supv. White to the Board of Review:**

Chrm. Solberg requested appointment of Supv. White to the Board of Review.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPOINT SUPV. WHITE TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Proposal from Becker Professional Services Incorporation Feasibility:**

Admin. Henning stated the proposal before the Board is in phases. Phase Two would look at some case studies and involve holding a listening session with Town residents. Additional phases

are also outlined. The Board discussed the proposal.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE PHASE TWO OF INCORPORATION FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL FROM BECKER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrator's Report:**

April 2 Election; 1,791 votes were cast, which was 30% of eligible voters and 36% of registered. Deputy Clerk, Jackie Vold has attended Alcohol & Tobacco Licensing Training. Significant changes this year to State law.

Attended WI State Herbicide Application training with the Road Crew Foreman.

Attended Erosion Control and Storm Water training with the Road Crew Foreman.

Eau Claire County has passed an ordinance for ATV/UTV use. They are asking the towns to operate under the same ordinance for enforcement. This does not reflect ATV/UTV routes on individual town roads.

Awarded the State Local Road Improvement Supplemental Funds for the 2025 Balsam Road project. It is at a 70/30 split; with the State covering 70%.

Finishing sweeping Town roads.

Sold the Town sweeper at auction and we will obtain the new Town sweeper in May.

Crack filling program is underway, with half of the roads complete.

Preparing for our road construction schedule, with paving likely in July or August on Schumacher, Hobbs, and Maplewood Court.

**Chairman's Report:**

Completed the Board of Review training and certification along with Admin. Henning.

Discussion with WI Dept. of Administration and Admin. Henning regarding Incorporation.

**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 6:32 p.m.

THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON MAY 16, 2024  
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Dan Baumann, Dori Pulse, Tina Ball, Scott Knepper, Brian Herbison Matt Michels