

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 16, 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 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. White moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 18, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

Dori Pulse, 5905 Crocus Lane – Questions about Village options sheet and any proposed maps ahead of the Listening Session in June.

Public Hearing & Board Consideration from Ronald Farmer to Rezone 1.28 Acres from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to Agricultural Residential at 6395 US Highway 53, Eau Claire:

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development introduced the application. Property is at the corner of US Hwy 53 and Bowe Road. The request is to gain access for a driveway so a family member can build a home on the lot; in order to do so there needs to be consistent zoning. It is surrounded by A2 properties. There is no agricultural impact. Staff recommends approval.

Ron Farmer indicated he would like to give his granddaughter 5 acres or land to build on.

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

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM RONALD FARMER TO REZONE 1.28 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (AP) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2) AT 6395 US HIGHWAY 53, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

April 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 031131 THROUGH 031182 FOR \$216,212.12.

The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

None

Amend Municipal Code Appendix A Fee Schedule to Include Background Checks:

Admin. Henning indicated this would be to allow the Town to charge the liquor license applicants the fee we are charge by the WI Dept. of Justice to conduct the required background checks.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE BACKGROUND CHECKS AT THE DOJ RATE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Temporary No Parking on Patton Street:

Admin. Henning indicated this is due to the reconstruction of State Street from May 13 – October 31, 2024.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-05-16 FOR TEMPORARY NO PARKING ON PATTON STREET DURING THE STATE STREET RECONSTRUCTION FROM MAY 13 – OCTOBER 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

Board of Review was held on May 7. Two objections were heard and the assessor's valuation was upheld on both.

The MPO is initializing the Comprehensive Plan Update regarding the SSA. The Town has a representative seat on the Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee. Admin. Henning will sit on the TAC Committee with Chrm. Solberg as a backup.

Looking at revising the Town Weapons Discharge Map to make changes regarding open discharge in areas where there are now residential developments.

Discussed possible road extension on Zimmerman Road by Ron Steinke with road dedication to the Town.

1 letter sent to boat and trailer parked on road at 6708 Timber Lane.

Compiling information in regards to Incorporation.

Chairman's Report:

Comments regarding the WQM TAC Committee and State Street reconstruction. In the Eau Claire County presentation regarding State St, it indicates that the City utility extension with the State St reconstruction makes the road (in the Town) an excellent candidate for a jurisdictional transfer to the City of Eau Claire.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Mueller gave update on the County Groundwater Committee meeting.

Supv. White was part of his first Board of Review meeting.

Future Zoning Requests:

Steinke Farm Consolidation and rezone

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 20, 2024
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold

Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Matt Michels, Dori Pulse, Deb Farmer, Ron Farmer, Mike Kuhn