

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2025

Members Present: Jane Mueller, James Rolbecki, 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, January 16, 2025 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 19, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit from John Arnette to Allow for a Two-Family Dwelling Unit at 2511-2513 Blakeley Avenue, Eau Claire:

Ben Bubilitz, Eau Claire County Land Use Manager introduced the application. The request is to build a duplex in an R1 District. He reviewed the area and the site plan. Each unit will be 2 bedrooms with a single car garage. It will be connected to the City of Eau Claire sewer and water services. Staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in their report.

John Arnette indicated the driveway will be concrete. Each apartment will be handicap accessible with no steps and no basement.

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

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM JOHN ARNETTE TO ALLOW FOR A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT AT 2511-2513 BLAKELEY AVENUE, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

None

ATV/UTV Route Application by Big Creek ATV/UTV Riders:

Admin. Henning reviewed the map of proposed routes that were listed in the Big Creek ATV-UTV Riders application. The routes were reviewed with law enforcement and the Town of Pleasant Valley due to joint jurisdiction on some of the roads. Town Staff is recommending approval of the majority of the routes. Recommendations were reviewed on the map and on Staff Report (see attached). Routes that were recommended to deny were: Hillview Road, Talmadge Road north of CTH II, and Trilogy Road. N. Elco Road to be approved to travel south only. Signs would be paid for by the club and Town staff would place the signs

Chrm. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE ATV/UTV ROUTE APPLICATION BY BIG

CREEK ATV/UTV RIDERS WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY ADMIN. HENNING (SEE ATTACHED) AND SIGNS PAID FOR BY THE CLUB AND PLACED BY TOWN STAFF. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Use of Town Hidden Valley Lot, Whitetail Drive:

Admin. Henning outlined the potential options the Town Board could consider regarding the outlot owned by the Town. The neighborhood is in the process of forming a homeowner's association in order to enforce the covenants that were originally adopted in 1991.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ALLOW ADMIN. HENNING TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF THE OUTLOT TO HIDDEN VALLEY, INC. (WHITETAIL DRIVE) WITH EACH LANDOWNER HOLDING A FRACTION OF THE DEED AND ABILITY FOR ALL SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS TO USE THE PARCEL AS A COMMON AREA. The motion was seconded by Supv. Rolbiecki.

Aye 5 Nye 0

December 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 031544 THROUGH EP0125-4 FOR \$6,171,286.79. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR DANETTE L. LUBS, CASSANDRA ZWONIARKIEWICZ, RILEY J. NICKS, KORINA S. MICKELSON, MAYSA L. CLEMENS, JOHN T. MARAK, JADEEE A. JONES, JUSTIN C. VOLK, AND SANDRA M. ADAMS. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

There will be a Statewide Primary Election on February 18th for a State office.

We will meet with the City of Altoona in February for introductory conversation regarding a boundary agreement.

Orchard Hills group paid their 2nd installment; next year will be their final payment to the Town.

Balsam Road development will bring forth a preliminary plat to the City of Eau Claire, the Town Plan Commission, the Town Board, and Eau Claire County P & D Committee in February. As per our ordinance, the development will have three community septic systems.

2024 Town audit has begun, Baker Tilly was onsite in January and will be onsite two days in March.

Need to consider a Weapons Discharge Map update; several subdivisions have been built since the last update. Look at amending the subdivision ordinance to require looking at the weapons discharge area at the time a development takes place.

Chairman's Report:

Having conversations with Dick Harkness regarding the needs of the Lowes Creek Little League ballfields.

Attorney Manthe sent a letter to the court requesting a hearing date for the village petition.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Mueller has received calls regarding power lines coming through Brackett area.
Supv. White has also spoke to Dick Harkness.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 20, 2025
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Ben Bublitz, John Arnette, Marsha Arnette, Sue Zimmerman, Jerre Zimmerman,
Travis Hagen, David Dohms, Diane Froseth, Duane Froseth, Kent Anibas, Thomas Lee,
Dan Baumann, Don Andre, Ben Bublitz, Kelly Svoma, Bev Christianson