

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
February 19, 2026

Members Present: Tina Ball, Jane Mueller, 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, February 19, 2026 at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:**

Supv. Ball moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2026 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 3 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh arrived**

**Recycling Program Update for 2027 – Recycling Eau Claire County:**

Rod Eslinger, Director of Eau Claire County Planning & Development shared changes that are proposed for the 2027 Recycling Program.

Regan Watts, Recycling Coordinator spoke of the cost savings they are proposing for Eau Claire County residents. Recycling is required in Wisconsin. All recycling sites are available to County residents to use. The recycling special charge on tax bills is the main change being proposed for 2027. This special charge covers the electronics program, clean sweep hazardous waste collection, drop off sites, and some staffing. Curbside service through a garbage hauler collects a portion of recycling costs as well in which a portion of that money goes back to Eau Claire County. Currently it is a complicated pay structure that the County would like to simplify. The goal is to simplify the revenue collection model and reduce the overall program expenses to the residents. The garbage haulers would no longer collect a fee for recycling from individual residents. The County would contract directly with the haulers for a set rate; the County would collect the total recycling fee from residents through the special charge on the tax bill and pay the haulers their portion. This will eliminate the fee on individual garbage bills but increase the special charge on tax bills for the service. This would save residents on the overall cost of recycling. This year will be used to educate residents of the upcoming changes; with the goal to implement the changes on the 2026 tax bill.

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

None

**January 2026 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Checks**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS EP-012026-7 THROUGH 032259 FOR \$248,180.66. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR KELLIE L. POWERS, ALICIA M. ROGERS, DANIEL D. DRUNG, AND ANTHONY D. WESNER. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Appoint Board of Review Member:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the ordinance and stated there is an opening due to Jeffrey White not running for office in April. Recommending Jackie Vold to the Board of Review.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE JACKIE VOLD AS A BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2026 Capital Purchase – Boom Tractor:**

Admin. Henning and the Road Crew Foreman looked at several options for replacing the boom tractor. Admin. Henning recommends the 2026 Massey Ferguson bid of \$183,959 with trade-in that was not only the low bid but had the best warranty and maintenance schedule for 3 years.

Supv. Ball moved TO APPROVE THE 2026 MASSEY FERGUSON BID OF \$183,959 FOR A BOOM TRACTOR (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2025/2026 Assigned Funds Transfer:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the funds transfers listed for 2025 for the bobcat and truck chassis; and also due revenues exceeding expenditures in public works and street outlay, and cemetery. For the 2026 budget looking to move some reserve funding to street equipment replacement.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2025/2026 ASSIGNED FUNDS TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**2025 Budget Amendment:**

Admin. Henning stated the 2025 Budget amendments due to revenues and expenses higher in cemetery, fire tax from the State, and interest in our general investment fund and expenses higher for economic development and our land use planning.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED (SEE ATTACHED). The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Administrator's Report:**

1 letter sent to 3603 Pine Place Road for garbage on the front porch. This item has been resolved. Working on paving and maintenance program specifications; bids will go out before the next Board Meeting.

The City of Eau Claire sewer extension for Orchard Hills will begin soon.

Continuing to have discussion on border agreement with City of Altoona.

The 2027 truck replacement must have the chassis ordered now to have it outfitted in 2027.

**Chairman's Report:**

Testified in Madison regarding AB885 regarding the ETJ that cities have.

The Incorporation Review Board held their second hearing today regarding our incorporation petition. The next IRB meeting will be held in April to discuss their findings and make a determination.

**Supervisor's Report:**

None

**Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:**

Conditional Use Permit on S. Lowes Creek Road for accessory structure.

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE 5:00 PM ON MARCH 19, 2026  
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold, Clerk

Attendance: Regan Watts, Rod Eslinger