

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration: Request from Aaron Barber for a Conditional Use Permit for the Cumulative Area of All Accessory Structures to Exceed 1,800 sq. ft. on a Lot between 1 and 2.99 acres at 6745 S. Lowes Creek Road, Eau Claire

Matt Michels, Senior Planner of Eau Claire County Planning & Development presented the application on behalf of Ben Bublitz the Land Use Manager who submitted the Staff Report. The applicant is looking at building a 3,114 sq. ft. accessory structure to include a shop, bathroom, game room, and storage area. The Staff Report was reviewed and staff does recommend approval. The structure can only be used for personal use with no business activity allowed.

Board members asked several questions of Matt Michels and the applicant.

Aaron Barber, applicant indicated the shop area would be 2400 sq. ft. of the building. Trailers and tractors for his business would be stored in the building. Occasionally would build items for his business in the shop.

Chrm. Solberg opened the public hearing.

Laura Reali, 6685 S. Lowes Creek Road asked questions and spoke in opposition of the request.

Robert Weinstein, 6800 Lowes Creek Court spoke in opposition of the request.

Beau Blade, 6790 Lowes Creek Court spoke in opposition of the request.

Lori Weinstein, 6800 Lowes Creek Court spoke in opposition of the request.

Chrm. Solberg closed the public hearing.

Board members asked questions of the applicant and Matt Michels.

Matt Michels recommended tabling the request until questions could be answered.

Chrm. Solberg moved TO POSTPONE THE REQUEST FROM AARON BARBER UNTIL THE APRIL TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

POSTPONED: Public Hearing & Board Consideration: Request from Walnut Creek Properties, LLC and Jeremy Skaw, Agent; to Rezone 40 +/- acres from Agricultural Preservation to Agricultural Residential, Parcel 1802422608183100001:

Chrm. Solberg moved TO POSTPONE THE REQUEST FROM WALNUT CREEK PROPERTIES, LLC UNTIL THE APRIL TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was

seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Citizen's Input and Action Thereon:

None

February 2026 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS 032260 THROUGH EP032026-7 FOR \$6,249,351.26. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Ball moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR MIKA EDEN TROTTIER, SAMANTHA RAY BROWN, JULIA R. ALGER, REAGAN JO SCHERR, AND MIRANDA J. BOWE; "CLASS A" LIQUOR & BEER LICENSE AND TOBACCO LICENSE FOR MUMAN BROS. WI LLC; DBA MAKs, AND CHANGE OF AGENT FOR KWIK TRIP TO CASSIE M. O'BRIEN. The motion was seconded by Supv. White.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Ordinance 2026-03-19 to Amend Title II, Division 1, Chapter 2, Article 3 – Speed Regulations of the Town of Washington Municipal Code to Amend the Speed Limit on Rainetta Drive to 25 mph:

Admin. Henning indicated this request would be consistent with the rest of the neighborhood speed limit.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE 2026-03-19 TO AMEND THE SPEED LIMIT ON RAINETTA DRIVE TO 25 MPH. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2025 DNR MS4 Annual Storm Water Report:

Admin. Henning reviewed the MS4 Annual Report and highlighted the Town activities in relation to permit compliance. In 2027, we will be inspecting our storm water retention ponds.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE 2025 DNR MS4 ANNUAL STORM WATER REPORT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Ball.

Aye 5 Nye 0

2026 Rain to Rivers Work Plan:

Admin. Henning indicated the work plan is for public outreach and participation regarding storm water. Rain to Rivers membership is for those municipalities who are MS4 storm water permittees.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Administrator's Report:

The Town sent our final submittal on March 5 to the Incorporation Review Board.

City of Eau Claire will be honoring the Regional EMS contract for 2026.

Our Annual Audit was held in office on March 9 & 10.

Election official training was held the week of March 9th & 16th. Voting equipment testing was

held today and will also take place on March 30th. In-person absentee voting will be held March 24 – April 3.

Recent snow storm led to 3 days of clean-up.

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

1 letter sent to Cypress Street regarding no road access; parcel is in the City of Eau Claire; however, road access is on a Town road.

1 letter sent to Beverly Hills Drive regarding items on front yard.

Chairman's Report:

Thanked Supv. White for his time on the Board.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. White stated it has been an honor to work with the Board and Town staff.

Supv. Tomesh suggested salaries for the Town Board be reviewed before next year.

Supv. Ball is impressed with the Town's snow removal operations.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

2 rezone requests

1 conditional use request

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE AT 5:00 PM ON APRIL 16, 2026
AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD, EAU CLAIRE

Jackie Vold, Clerk

Attendance: Matt Michels, Aaron Barber, Jaye Barber, Melissa Reilly, Laura Reali, Phyllis Seymour, Sharon Seymour, Robert Weinstein, Beau Blade, Susan Thiess, Jeff Thiess, Lori Weinstein, Steven Wagner, Wyatt Eiden