

Town of Washington

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Minutes

Town Board Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2017

Present: Jim Egan~ Chairman, Keith Numrich -Supervisor, Carole Linn- Supervisor, Katie Hayes~ Treasurer, Michele Sanborn- Clerk. There were also (22) other people in attendance.

1. Call to order : Meeting was called to order 5:15pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all
3. Approval of the agenda: Motion Linn to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
4. Approval of the previous minutes: Motion Numrich to approve minutes from June 5, 2017, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
5. Town Foreman Report: Paul stated the month of June was spent on storm clean up, grading and gravel work on North Military Rd, patch work on South Military, completed mowing prior to July 4th, fixed Nine Mile Rd, worked on sign compliance and shoulder washouts. Paul also stated that the international truck broke down and they picked up the new lawn tractor. Ken Andersen mentioned that there is mowing to be done on Bald Eagle Ln. Board stated that there is an exotic weed (Lupine) growing in that intersection that can not be cut. Also, the intersection belongs to the State.
6. Overview on Procedure to Develop Code of Ordinances: Ted Ritter: Ted Ritter, St. Germain Town Supervisor, was present at the meeting and spoke about the procedure that St. Germain went through to develop a code of ordinances. Ted is sharing his knowledge of ordinances with Carole and helping her develop a code of ordinances for the Town of Washington. Ted outlined the procedure on how enforce ordinances.
7. Approval of Resolution 2017-4: Ordinance Review: Clerk read out loud ordinance. Motion Linn to approve the resolution as presented by Clerk, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. (See attachment A)
8. Discussion on Timber Sale Plan: Scott Foster: School is moving forward with publication of timber sale. Final bid will be set on July 31st. Bid advertisement will run for three weeks commencing in early August. Bid opening set for August 22nd with board approval on August 28th. Logging should begin early in September. Project end date is within 2 years. Board thanked Jill Nemeck for helping out with this project. She has gone above and beyond her duties. Town will look to publish bid within the same time frame as the school with bid opening at the September meeting.
9. Discussion on Spring Meadow Creek Dam Project: Scott Anderson: District Wildlife Biologist, Scott Anderson, from the US Forest Service was present at the meeting to update the Town on the progress of the removal of the Spring Meadow Creek Dam. Removal of the dam is thought to help enhance trout fishing in the creek. Removal of

the dam will begin in the spring of 2018 and will be fully funded by the US Forest Service. Once the dam is taken out the spring will be left for approximately a year in order to flush itself. Dredging will begin 2019 to 2020 and will be funded from the income collected through the trout stamp. Dredging takes approximately 2 years. Motion Egan to approve the removal of the Spring Meadow dam, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.

10. **Approval of Garage Variance:** Allen Decker 3740 Hemlock Ln: Paul and Numrich have both been out to inspect the job site. Further discussion was held. Motion Numrich to approve the variance for Allen Decker based on the sketch provided by Decker, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved. Specs will be retained in the Clerk's office.
11. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Clerk presented 6 applications she would like the board to consider. All applicants have paid their fees, completed the application process and local background checks have been done. Motion Egan to approve operator licenses for Elizabeth Lumley, Ashley Radmer, Mariah Satran, Michael Mather, Sally Hagen and Frank Kania, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
12. **Discussion on Road Sign Compliance:** Paul (Town Foreman) and Bill (Town Crew) compiled a list of which street road name signs need to be replaced. There are approximately 150 roads signs plus a handful of fire numbers. Cost of each road name sign is \$40. Paul will contact the supplier to see if we can get a break on the cost if we order in bulk. Discussion was held on the double sided fire numbers. Steve Burr, member of the fire department said those signs are preferred by the fire department as they are visible from both directions. Paul will check on the cost of double sided fire numbers compared to the ones the Town is currently purchasing. Question came from the floor asking if it would save the town money to have the home owner install the fire numbers themselves. Paul stated the positioning needs to be specific so it's best that Town install them.
13. **Discussion on Buoy Maintenance and Placement:** Jim Spring has offered to help out with re-positioning buoys to their designated locations during the season. Spring is asking for reimbursement of gas money while maintaining the buoys. Motion Linn to appoint Jim Spring to help out with buoy issues during the season and reimburse him for gas, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. Further discussion was held on the large donations received from the lake associations. Donations have amounted to around \$12,000. This money will be used to replace old and damaged buoys. These monies are not expected on an annual basis as the lake associations are being dissolved and consolidated with the Eagle River Chain O'Lakes Association. Linn is contacting the Chamber of Commerce to see if they can assist with funding in the future.
14. **Discussion on Letter of Support for ATV Use across Hwy 70E Bridge:** State denied the ATV Club's first application to cross the bridge on Hwy 70E. The ATV Club is looking to request a site visitation from the State and needs support from the town. Further discussion was held. Motion Linn to send letter of support to the ATV club, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. Clerk will compose letter to be signed by the Chairman.

15. Discussion on Gravel for Joint Municipal Fire Department : Tripp Anderson was present at the meeting. The Fire Department is looking to obtain sand and gravel from the town pit. Fire department estimates they need 100 yards of sand and 550 yards of gravel. Fire department is willing to reimburse the town for its costs. Numrich has offered to donate his time to operate the towns loader to haul material across the street to the job site. The fire department is also asking to use the town crew and trucks for a day or so to help in order for them to complete the project quickly as the machines will be leaving soon. Motion Egan to sell the fire department sand at \$2 per yard and gravel at \$8 per yard, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved. Paul said the town crew can haul the sand across to the site. Anderson asked what the town was going to charge for the hauling of the sand. Discussion was held. Cost will be approximately \$400 plus fuel for a days work. Anderson thanked the town for their help and for the gift of land. Egan suggested that the Town would like to be considered for compensation from the Pond Hockey Association for all the support the Town provides for the tournament.
16. Eastern Federal Lands Access Program: Military Road Project: Clerk stated that she received a letter from the US Department of Transportation stating that they have submitted the proposal for the Military Rd project for Fiscal Year 2017-2019. Jim Spring originally wrote the grant in 2015 and resubmitted it again in 2016. There have been a few deaths on South Military Rd and the road is in desperate need of repair. Project is projected to be in the programming stages for the 2019 fiscal year. Paul will complete the necessary paperwork and return to Clerk so she can submit it to the US DOT.
17. Date for August Meeting: August meeting will be held on Monday, July 31st
18. Approval of bills: Motion Numrich to approve bills, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
19. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Numrich, seconded Egan, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk

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