

Town of Washington

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Minutes

August Town Board Meeting: Monday, July 31, 2017

Present: Jim Egan~ Chairman, Keith Numrich -Supervisor, Carole Linn- Supervisor, Katie Hayes~ Treasurer, Michele Sanborn- Clerk. There were also (9) 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 Numrich to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
4. Approval of the previous minutes: Motion Linn to approve minutes from July 10, 2017, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
5. Town Foreman Report: Paul stated the month of July was spent patching on South Military Rd, rebuilding part of North Military, continuing working on road sign compliance, taking an inventory of what buoys are in need of being replaced (approx \$4,000), rebuilding a 700ft portion of Spring Meadow Road and following up on Military Road Grant agreement. Town crew, along with Jim Egan are going to attend training in Tomahawk on the WISLAR program, State required road maintenance software.
6. Approval of Operator Licenses: Clerk presented an operator license for Linda Strauss. Linda has paid her fees and local background check has been run. Motion Numrich to approve operator license for Linda Strauss, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
7. Approval of Variance for Chris Westfall: Corner of Eagle Park Ln and W Eagle Pines Rd: Paul has inspected the job site. Further discussion held. Motion Numrich to approve a variance of no closer than 60ft from center of Eagle Park Ln to edge of building, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
8. Discussion on Traffic on West Eagle Pines Rd: Correspondence was received from Mark Ganske, resident on Eagle Pines Rd. Mark is concerned about the traffic between the boat landing and Eagle Park. Mark suggested that portion of the road be closed to vehicle traffic. Linn spoke with the County regarding the request to close a portion of the road. Linn also suggested that a "Boat Landing Ahead" sign be placed near the intersection of Eagle Pines Rd. Further discussion held. Motion Linn to approve the placement of a boat landing ahead sign at Eagle Park Ln and Chain O' Lakes Rd, on the north side of the road, seconded Numrich, all voting aye approved.
9. Discussion on Road Sign Compliance: Egan noted the Town needs to follow up with the County regarding the letter for road sign compliance. Paul has been creating a list of road names that will need to be replaced. There are around 150 road names signs currently on the list. Paul also stated that the cost of the double-sided fire numbers is

- the same price as the ones the Town currently purchases. Board would like to start changing over to the new signs effective from this day forward.
10. Discussion on Dog Ordinance: Melissa Klessig, Animal Control Officer was present at the meeting. The Town's animal control ordinance dates back to 1978. Egan would like the new ordinance to be simple and easy to understand. Board would like to have Melissa help with the construction of the new ordinance. Clerk will research other townships to obtain samples. Hope to have a new ordinance for the November meeting.
 11. Discussion on 2017 Road Projects: Keith talked to Pitlik today. Pitlik stated they hoped to begin the town road projects as soon as August 4th.
 12. Discussion on Utilization of Electric Emails: Town is looking to develop a way to communicate with residents within the township other than the once a year newsletter that goes out with the tax bills. Information that would be included in such emails would be notices like the brush site is open and road limits are on. Linn thought this would be an appropriate time of year to reach out to residents to obtain email addresses. Quote was obtained from Constant Contact, an electronic email marketing platform. They are offering a 25% government discount with a prepay 12 months price of \$180 for 0-500 contacts. Motion Linn that the Town move forward with developing an email communication list with the town residents, seconded, Egan, all in favor, aye. Approved.
 13. Discussion on Changes to ATV Ordinance 2016-1: County would like the Town to follow the same schedule as the County for opening and closing dates, May 1st through Oct 31st. This would affect residents' ability to engage in certain wintertime activities. For example, it would prevent the ice fisherman using their ATV's to access fishing sites. The board is not in favor of these limitations. Other changes discussed were definitions of route, descriptions deleted due to state law changes and more detailed conditions in section 4. Clerk will amend and send to Garbowicz for his final approval.
 14. Adopt a Road Program: Adopt A Road program needs an overhaul. Board is looking for a volunteer to oversee the project. Notice has been posted on website.
 15. Approval of bills: Motion Linn to approve bills, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
 16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 6:15pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk
Approved: _____