

Town of Washington

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Minutes

Town Board Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2016

Present: Jim Spring – Chairman; Keith Numrich -Supervisor, Steve Burr- Supervisor, Lanae Slizewski – Treasurer, Michele Sanborn- Clerk. There were also (12) other people in attendance.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all
3. Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman: Motion Burr to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
4. Approval of the previous minutes: Motion Burr to approve minutes from September 7th, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
5. Approval of Operator Licenses: Clerk stated that she has received an operator application for June Clure. Applicant has completed her application, paid the fees and local background checks have been done. Motion Burr to approve operator license for June Clure, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
6. Approval of Variance for Jeffery Killips at 1865 Rangeline Rd: Jeffery Killips is adding an addition on his house and is requesting a variance. House is located on the corner of Rangeline and Scattering Rice Lake Rd. Distance from center of road to each corner of addition is not recorded on the diagram. Spring will get the measurement for clerk, Motion Numrich to approve variance with condition of measurement given to Clerk prior to variance letter being written, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved.
7. Discussion on Propane Heat and Telephone at Transfer Station: Telephone has been canceled. 500 gallon propane tank is currently empty and the propane heat is not being used. Workers use a portable heater to heat the shed. Spring suggested to not fill propane tank but keep tank for a year to see if it would be missed.
8. Discussion on Letter from Sheriff's Department Regarding ATV Signage: Clerk read out loud letter from Randy Schneider, Vilas County Recreation Deputy. Holly Tomlanovich spoke of the changes requested by Deputy Schneider. Further discussion was held. Keith will follow up with Randy.
9. Report on Road Meetings: Lack of funding for town roads at the State level. North of Hwy 64 seems to be the cut off for funding. State plans to postpone a few big interchange projects around Milwaukee and Madison to help fund the Town roads this year. By putting these projects of the State would provide funding of approximately \$88 per mile to Towns. This would give the Town of Washington approximately \$7,000. Currently blacktopping one mile of road costs approximately \$136,000. The

- State plans would just postpone the reduction in funding back a year. Spring suggested that residents contact their State government officials and voice their opinion.
10. 2017 Budget Workshop: Discussion was held. Funding for road work in 2016 went over budget. Additional 2016 funds from unused highway expenses of \$25,000 will be transferred to cover part of the (\$35,637.41). Remaining \$10,637.41 will be deducted from capitol improvement town shop carryover. Board will be looking to ask residents for increase in levy amount to help cover the cost of maintaining town roads.
 11. Public Comments
 - a. Bob Backus asked if the board would consider requiring ATV's to have their lights on when traveling on town roads. Holly Tomlanovich stated that UTV's have to have lights on by law, ATV's do not.
 - b. Holly Tomlanovich spoke on the letter received from the State denying use of the bridge on Hwy 70 E for ATV use. Holly is asking the business directly affected by the denial to contact the state.
 - c. November Town Board meeting will be on November 14th.
 12. Consideration of Resignation of Town Board Member: Steve Burr has handed in his resignation due to the fact that he has moved out of the Township. Motion Spring to accept resignation, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
 13. Appointment to Fulfill Vacancy of Board Member: Motion Spring to nominate Jim Egan to fulfill the vacancy of supervisor, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. Clerk verbally swore Jim Egan in as Town Supervisor.
 14. It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Numrich to convene into closed session, seconded Spring, all voting aye, approved.
 - a. Promotion and/or Compensation of Employees
 15. Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) and return to open session. Motion Numrich, seconded Egan, all voting aye, approved.
 16. The board may consider ratifying any action taken in closed section. Motion Spring to increase Paul Chlapecka wages by 1.25 to 23.69 and Bill Ellis wages by 3.69 to 22.69 to compensate for health insurance and end of probationary period, seconded Egan, all voting aye, approved.
 17. Approval of Bills: Motion Numrich to approve bills, seconded Egan, all voting aye, approved.
 18. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk
Approved: _____