

Town of Washington

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Minutes

Town Board Meeting: Monday, August 1, 2016

Present: Jim Spring – Chairman; Keith Numrich –Supervisor, Steve Burr– Supervisor, Lanae Slizewski – Treasurer, Michele Sanborn– Clerk. There were also (14) other people in attendance.

1. Call to order 6:00 pm
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 July 6th, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
5. **Town Foreman Report:** Town foreman report will be presented by the Town Board as the board will not require Paul to attend meetings. Deerskin road project is almost complete. The crew continued to work on storm cleanup, road grading and patching and thistle spraying. Ken Anderson reported there is a tree blocking view near the intersection of Eagle Lake Park and Chain O'Lakes Rd. Russ Oberg commented on the pushing back of downed trees vs hauling away.
6. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Clerk stated that all applicants have completed applications and local background checks have been done. Blue Heron is sending check for applications. Motion Burr to approve operator licenses pending payment received for Jennifer Sites Hayden and Christina Peterson, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
7. **Approval of Garage Variance for Ted Burns at 1301 Waterman Ln:** Spring and Numrich have both spoken with the owner and inspected the jobsite. Burns is looking to build a garage and needs a variance of 50' from center of road to the edge of new garage, Motion Numrich to approve the variance of 50' from center of road, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved.
8. **Discussion on Membership to WI Independent Assessing Officers Association:** State is pushing for county wide assessment which would take all local control away from the Town's. Independent Assessors are fighting against county wide assessment. They have hired a lobbyist to represent the WIAOA organization and are look for local support in the way of membership dues of \$100 annually. Motion Numrich to approve membership to WIAOA, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved.
9. **Discussion on Land for Fire Department:** Discussion on fire station 2 to be located near the transfer station off Town Dump Rd. Fire station would share the driveway with the

transfer station. Fire department is trying to acquire a piece of the land from the Town, approximately 5 acres. At the advice of the town's attorney it was stated that the Town should give the fire department the land instead of selling it to them for limited amount of funds. Land can only be given by the board with permission from the town electors. Town will schedule a special meeting of the town electors prior to the September monthly board meeting. If it passes the fire department would also need to approve the acquisition. Ground could be broken as early as spring 2017. Motion Burr to hold a special electors meeting prior to the September monthly board meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 7th, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.

10. **Discussion on Adopt a Road Picnic:** Due to lack of volunteers the Town will not be holding adopt a road picnic this year. Board will be looking for someone to take over adopt a road program at the annual meeting. Jim Egan suggested putting the request in the annual newsletter that goes out with the taxes and post it on the website.
11. **Resolution 2016-5 Funding for Wisconsin Transportation System:** WTA is looking for support to help the future of funding for town roads through the State funding system. Clerk read out loud the resolution. Motion Numrich to accept resolution 2016-5 as presented by Clerk, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved. (See Attachment A)
12. **Approval of Changes to the Town Standard Operation Procedure Manual:** Changes consisted of addition of \$30 monthly payment to employees who wish to use their personal phone for Town use and call time pay. Also a few other minor wording changes. Motion Burr to accept changes as presented, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
13. **Resolution 2016-6: Borrowing Resolution:** Treasurer read out loud the borrowing resolution with mBank in the amount of \$70,000 @ 2.5% interest rate. Payments to be made in 4 payments plus interest over 2 years. Final payment being made by August 31, 2018. Motion Burr to accept resolution as presented, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. (See Attachment B)
14. **Resolution 2016-7: Intent to Participate in the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan:** Clerk read out loud the resolution. Carole Linn and Steve Burr will be representatives on the Wildfire Protection committee. Motion Numrich to accept resolution 2016-7 as presented, second Spring, all voting aye, approved. (See Attachment C)
15. **Discussion on Phone at Transfer Station:** Spring suggested that we cancel the phone service at the Transfer Station as the employee who works there carries a cell phone. Hours of the transfer station will be put on the answering machine at the Town Shop. Savings will be approximately \$54 per month. Clerk to contact Frontier to cancel phone service.
16. **Public Comments:**
 - a. Steve Linn asked about a stand at the compactor bin. Transfer station attendee stated it is his job to help residents and the stand is not needed.
 - b. Ron gave update on airport.

17. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Numrich to approve bills, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved.

18. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk

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