

Town of Washington

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Minutes

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Present: Jim Egan~Supervisor, Keith Numrich -Supervisor, Michele Sanborn – Clerk. There were also (15) people in attendance.

1. **Call to order 6:00pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all
3. **Certify Qualified Electors:** 12 eligible, 3 not eligible
4. **Approval of the agenda:** Motion Ken Anderson , seconded Carole Linn , all voting aye by show of hands, no objections, approved.
5. **Review and Approval of minutes: 2016 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Electors Meeting September 7, 2016:** Motion Ken Anderson to approve Annual meeting minutes from April 17, 2016 and Special Town Electors meeting September 7, 2016, seconded Carole Linn , all voting aye by show of hands, no objections, approved.
6. **Treasurer's Annual Report:** Treasurer read aloud annual report. Motion Ken Anderson to accept Treasurer's annual report as presented, seconded Mike Sanborn , all voting aye with show of hands, no objections, approved.(see Attachment A)
7. **Clerk's Annual Report:** Clerk read aloud annual report. Motion Carole Linn to accept Clerk's annual report as presented, seconded Richard Nelson, all voting aye with show of hands, no objections, approved. (see Attachment B)
8. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Eagle River Union Airport – Mark Vander Bloomen:** Ron Lamarche and Mark Vanderbloomen represent the Town. Airport reconstruction to begin July 17th. Additional airport improvement funds will be available in 2018 and will be used to fix up the run ways and put in a self serve fueling station.
 - b. **Landfill Venture Group- Jim Egan:** LVG is made up of 13 townships and the City of Eagle River. Landfill is looking at a 71 acre expansion. This will give the landfill a 70-80 year outlook verses the current remaining life of 10-15 years.
 - c. **Joint Municipal Fire Department – Michael Anderson:** Station 2 to be located in the Town of Washington off Rangeline Rd.
 - d. **Eagle River Room Tax- Steve Linn:** Made of up representatives from Town of Washington, Town of Lincoln, City of Eagle River and two at large members representing the hotel/motel group. Commission meets 4 times a year bringing in a combined annual income of around \$250,000 (4.5% tax rate). Each municipality collects the tax, retains 10 percent and the rest gets paid to the commission quarterly. Town of Washington holds largest amount of contributions to the room tax.
 - e. **Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes- Carole Linn:** Commission was formed to manage aquatic invasive species in the chain of lakes. Commission is made up of representative from Washington, Lincoln, Cloverland and the City of Eagle River.2008 was the first year of treatment. Chain has seen a dramatic reduction in AIS since first treatment. No herbicide

treatment in 2016 just a hand harvest. 2016 survey showed a slight increase in AIS. Another hand harvest is scheduled for 2017.

- f. **Community Wild Fire Protection Plan- Jim Egan:** CWPP started in 2016. Representatives from United States Forest Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Joint Municipal Fire Department and the Town of Washington gathered to develop a 5 year plan to raise awareness of wild fires throughout the town. CWPP plan is completed and posted on the towns website.
 - g. **Walter Olson Memorial Library – Jill Kunes:** Library feeds 6 communities. Construction renovations of a 4500sq ft addition has begun and is due to be completed October 1st. Library retains 3 full time employees and many volunteers.
- 9. Any matter which can legally be acted on at the annual meeting**
- a. Motion Ken Anderson to recommend that the town have an official CPA audit for the years 2016 and 2017, seconded Betty Gussick. Hand count vote = 2 aye, 9 nay. Motion fails.
 - b. 2020 Land Use Plan: Ken Anderson would like us to find out if we can do it internally and not have to pay large sum of money to get it done or if the State is not going to make the plan mandatory.
 - c. Road Limits: Ken Anderson mention he saw semi's driving down posted town roads during limits. Ken questioned why are they allowed to run on the roads and who enforces the road limits? Ken mentioned he would like to see the ordinance governing road limits, ideally he would like to see all the ordinances online.
 - d. High Speed Internet: Jill Kunes asked if the board was checking to see if the town can get high speed internet. Board stated that local government has no control over this issue.
- 10. Time and Date of 2018 Annual Meeting:** Motion Ken Anderson to hold the 2018 Annual meeting on April 17, 2018 at 5:00pm, seconded Steve Linn; 1- nay, 12 aye with a show of hands. Date and time set at April 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm.
- 11. Presentation of Newly Elected Officials :** Clerk presented new board to residents
- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:39 pm.

Michele Sanborn
Clerk
Approved: