

Town of Washington

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Minutes

Special Town Electors Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Present: Jim Spring – Chairman; Keith Numrich –Supervisor, Steve Burr– Supervisor, Lanae Slizewski – Treasurer, Michele Sanborn– Clerk. There were also (29) 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 Numrich to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Burr, all voting aye, approved.
4. Electors Vote to Allow the Town of Washington Board to gift 5 acres of land to the Joint Municipal Fire Department for future construction of a storage building and fire station #2: Discussion was held. Michael Andersen, fire chief, was present at the meeting to explain what the fire department plans to do with the land. The entrance for the fire department will be on right hand side of town dump road sharing the entrance with the transfer station. The property is 3 acres along the road and 2 acres deep. Ken Anderson asked if 5 acres would be enough, Michael Andersen said he believes at this point it would be enough but knows there is always the option to come back to the town if they find they need more. Richard Nelson asked how many acres of land the Town owned near the transfer station. Board said approximately 77 acres. Ken Anderson asked that the deed for the land have a clause that if the fire department no longer wish to use the property it would get deeded back to the town. Ken also asked that if there are any timber sales off the property that could be given back to the township. Board stated that the property was logged 10 years ago so there is not value in timber. Jim Egan stated he felt that the safety benefit on response time is more valuable than the reduction in insurance to property owners. Jim Bonson reminded the residents that they own a share in the fire department commission as well as the township so they would be ultimately gifting it back to themselves. Motion Ken Anderson that the Town gift 5 acres of town land to the joint municipal fire department as described above and that a provisional clause be added if the fire department no longer has use for the land that the land revert back to the Town of Washington, seconded, Jim Egan, further discussion held. Vote was called for to have residents stand in favor; 20 aye, 0-nay, 7 not eligible to vote. Approved. After vote was taken Keith Numrich explained to the residents what the cost of maintaining roads is to the Town. The board may look to ask to exceed the levy limit at budget time.
5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk

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