



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, commenced immediately following Annual Meeting

at the Washington Town Hall

Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

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Board Members Present: Jim Egan –Chairman, Carole Linn – Supervisor, Art Granat –Supervisor, Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk, and Tiffany Bolte – Town Treasurer. There were more than 30 people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Verification of Postings:** Sobraliski stated the agenda was properly posted at the Wild Eagle Corner Store, MJ's Wayside, the Town Hall and on the Town's website. Local news media were notified more than 24 hours in advance.
3. **Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman.** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
4. **Approval of the previous minutes from March 4, 2024:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the March 2024 treasurer's report.
6. **Town Foreman Report:** New employee started on March 18 and was able to assist with snow plowing activity in the last month. Road limits will be coming off on April 17 with the exception of a few town roads, as posted. The town crew has been busy servicing equipment in preparation of spring activities, approving driveway permits and a variance request. The intersection of Deerskin Rd and Rangeline Rd is now a 4-way stop due to increased traffic in this area.
7. **Discussion – Wooded Lane:** Resident questioning why Wooded Lane is a private road and asked for consideration of road repair at the intersection of Everett Road and Wooded Lane.
8. **Deerskin River – Larry Springer:** Mr. Springer spoke on this topic during the Annual Meeting. Motion Linn to provide monetary support for the initial study in the amount of \$2,000, seconded Granat, all voting aye, approved.
9. **CWPP Update:** Linn provided an update during the Annual Meeting. HIZ letters to Carpenter Lake residents will be mailed June 1. Mailings will be done by the town this year. WDNR will reimburse printing and mailing costs.

10. **Proposed Wake Boat Ordinance to be Presented to the DNR for Approval:** Several residents spoke about a proposed wake boat ordinance. Questions and concerns included several public sessions in the last few months and the inability to provide public input during these sessions. Short term rental owners should provide education to renters on the expectations of wake boating. Loss of revenue by area business if wake boats are not allowed on the chain. In addition to wake boats, pontoon boats and fishing boats may be part of creating artificially enhanced waves and wake boats should not be targeted in this ordinance. Linn raised concerns that the wakeboard ordinance was written by a group representing one side of the issue; said group provided the required condition report; said group provided the transmission letter, and said group offered pro bono legal services if needed. Linn expressed concern about the town's inability to regulate waterways and ordinance enforcement. Motion Linn to table this ordinance and allow the town more time for research, seconded Egan, all voting aye, approved.
11. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Sobralski presented licenses for Brianna Ullsperger and Kristen Dunow. Applicants have completed the application and server course, paid the fees, and passed the background checks. Motion Egan to approve the operator license; seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved
12. **Topics for Town E-News:** Brush site opening (when confirmed), summer hours for the transfer station, and reminder of the new 4-way stop at the intersection of Deerskin Rd and Rangeline Rd.
13. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Egan, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
14. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Egan, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Approved: 05/06/2024