



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, May 6, 2024, 5:15 pm, 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 3 other people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
3. **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.
4. **Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman.** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
5. **Approval of the previous minutes from April 16, 2024:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the April 2024 treasurer's report.
7. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
8. **Town Foreman Report:** Road limits have been removed from all town roads. Pitlik & Wick has been working on North Military Rd and will assess Deerview Rd for the potential of filling potholes. Crew has been busy with road sweeping and preparing the brush site for opening on May 10. The grader is not in working condition, but the crew plans on installing new parts this week to get the equipment operational. Transfer station is now open on Mondays for the summer season. Bouy staging to occur on May 7 and weather dependent; buoy placement to follow.
9. **Deerskin Project Update:** Larry Springer advised the town board that ERCLA will not be signing the contract for the study nor providing financial support. Linn is contacting legal counsel to inquire if the town can sign the contract, serve as a depository for donated funds, and distribute the funds accordingly.
10. **Exterminator for Town Hall – Fly Issue:** Due to continued experiences with fly infestations during the Spring and Fall, Egan reports he will be calling a few professional companies for quotes to spray the town hall.
11. **Stewardship Plan Update – Forest Management Plan:** Linn reports the Town of Washington forest management plan is not complete. Linn was advised by Ryan Brown, WDNR Forestry Technician, the draft plan is in progress, but unfortunately has been delayed due to DNR staffing changes.

12. **Buoy Update:** Linn reports residents with the Town of Lincoln would like to add additional "slow-no wake" buoys on the Wisconsin River and inquired about the possibility of using Buoy Fund monies. Linn advised this fund was for the maintenance and replacement of existing buoys, and therefore, funding would need to be obtained elsewhere. Linn provided guidance on ordering the buoys. She also advised Three Lakes Steel is going out of business, so she is obtaining quotes from 2 other businesses for the buoy light housing.
13. **WRS Eligibility for Life Insurance:** Sobraliski reports Employee Trust Funds (ETF) performed a recent reconciliation of all benefits for employees eligible for Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). Because the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer are eligible for WRS, life insurance coverage via ETF should also be offered. Due to this employer error, Sobraliski will submit the necessary paperwork to ETF to rectify the situation.
14. **Approval of Operator License:** Sobraliski presented an operator license for Gaige Marien. Applicant has completed the application and server course, paid the fee, and passed the background checks. Motion Egan to approve the operator license; seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved
15. **Topics for Town E-News:** Firework permits, save the date for August election, boating safety, reminders to drive safely on Rangeline Rd and Eagle Waters (due to increased traffic) and reminder of the animal control town ordinance – specifically animals must be under control at all times.
16. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk
Approved: 6/10/2024