



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

August Board Meeting: Monday, August 9, 2021

Board Members Present: Jim Egan –Chairman, Art Granat –Supervisor, Carole Linn –Supervisor, Katie Hayes – Treasurer, Michele Sanborn – Clerk, Nancy Sobraliski – Deputy Clerk. There were also (5) 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:** Sanborn verified that 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 meeting minutes from July 12, 2021 and July 22, 2021:** Motion Linn to approve minutes from town board meeting, July 12, 2021 and special board meeting July 22, 2021, seconded Granat, all voting aye, approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer presented July report.
7. **Town Foreman Report:** Post-storm clean-up was approximately 15 hours; however clean-up is continuing and will take approximately 2 more weeks. The brush site has been open and continues to be heavily utilized. Requests for dead end and no parking signs have been fulfilled and stolen signs have been reported this month. Boat patrol has been on the water and additional buoys may be needed.
8. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Clerk presented operator license application for Ava Gelling. Applicant has completed server course, paid her fee and completed the application. Motion Egan to approve operator license for Gelling; seconded Linn, all voting aye.
9. **Fire Station 2 Update:** Michael Anderson, Fire Chief, confirms the ISO (Insurance Services Office) certification was submitted and approval can take up to a year; however he wanted to confirm Fire Station 2 is open for business and residents can contact home owner's insurance companies for notification of available fire services in the Town of Washington. The address is 1844 Rangeline Rd.
10. **Notice to recruit fire personal for Fire Station 2:** Current volunteer assignment is 4 people and additional volunteer firefighters are needed for Fire Station 2. Mr. Anderson requests notification via Town of Washington E-News and any additional public notifications to be posted for recruitment purposes for additional staff.

11. **Military Road Update:** Project started August 9 and the road remains open to local traffic and the Post Office has been notified of the project. Estimated completion is 45 days.
12. **Brush Site Update:** Due to heavy usage from July storm damage, the brush site has remained open and will be re-evaluated during the week of August 16 to determine continued hours of operation.
13. **Discussion on Town Equipment Needs:** Town Foreman conveyed the need for an additional backhoe for the Town of Washington. At the current time, he needs to contract services if additional work is needed beyond current capacity. The Town Foreman will provide additional information at budget time.
14. **Update on Internet Grant:** Egan discussed the approval of American Rescue Plan Act funding to Sonic Net per the Special Board Meeting on July 22, 2021. Additionally, he advises fiber optic rather than broadband appears to be the current choice for internet expansion and additional discussion will be occurring with providers to ensure understanding of the requirements for fiber optic utilization for this expansion.
15. **Adopt a Road Update:** Due to continued inactivity with the volunteer coordinator on record, the Town of Washington will need to recruit a new volunteer coordinator for this program. Linn advises an inventory of all the signs needs to take place. A new search will commence immediately.
16. **Topics for Town E-News:** Fire Department open for business and recruiting volunteer firefighters, winter hours for the transfer station, and seeking a volunteer to assume the role of coordinator for the Adopt a Road program.
17. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved
18. **Adjournment:** Motion Egan, seconded Linn, meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Nancy Sobralski~ Deputy Clerk
Approved: 8/30/2021