

# *Town of Washington*

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## Minutes

### October Town Board Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2017

Present: Jim Egan~ Chairman, Keith Numrich -Supervisor, Carole Linn- Supervisor, Katie Hayes~ Treasurer, Michele Sanborn- Clerk. There were also (6) other people in attendance.

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order 5:15pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all
3. Approval of the agenda: Motion Numrich to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
4. Approval of the previous minutes: Motion Numrich to approve minutes from September 11, 2017, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
5. Town Foreman Report: Paul stated the month of September was spent finishing up road construction, hanging signs for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, brushing roads, shoulder work, repairs on Reschan Ln, removed buoys and insulated the ceiling at transfer station hut.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Eagle River Airport: Ken Anderson stated runway is open.
  - b. Animal Control Officer: No updates
  - c. Ambulance Committee: Egan stated the budget is down this year by \$6,667.52. Reduced fees are due to fewer calls and running with a tighter budget. There were approximately 218 calls in Eagle River pertaining to people falling out of bed. Ambulance can't charge for this type of calls.
7. Approval of Operator Licenses: Clerk presented operator licenses for Angela Want, Nicole King and Richard Haag. All applicants have paid their fees and local background check have been run. Clerk stated that Richard Haag has not fully completed his application as one of the questions was unanswered. Clerk spoke to Blue Heron and they will have Richard's completed application turned in on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion Linn to approve operator licenses as presented by Clerk pending issuance to Richard Haag until his application has been completed, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved. Discussion was also held on expanding background checks to include out of state. Clerk will research costs.
8. Discussion Doug Johnson Variance Approval: 3647 Chain O'Lakes Rd: Doug Johnson has requested a variance for a storage shed. The Town had previously given him a variance for the home he built in May 2012. Vilas County's ordinance does not regulate setbacks off of Town roads. The Town of Washington currently does not have an ordinance pertaining to setbacks on town roads therefore Egan told Mr. Johnson to move forward with his project. The Town will look to develop an ordinance to regulate setbacks on town roads.

9. Discussion on Hut at Transfer Station: Insulation has been added to the ceiling of the transfer station hut.
10. Non-Compliant Septic: Veatch 1332 Everett Rd: Dave Saddenwasser with Vilas County Zoning was present at the meeting. John Veatch, resident of 1332 Everett Rd, has a septic that is non-compliant and has been ignoring request to have it replaced since 2015. The County is moving forward with having the judge place an order to have the County replace the septic. The costs would then be added to the tax bill as a special assessment. Egan has spoken to WTA legal counsel and they agreed that the service to the property could be added to the tax bill. Motion Egan to approve special assessment cost of a new septic for Mr. Veatch, seconded Linn all voting aye approved.
11. Approval of CWPP Projects for 2018: Carole has completed application for Wildfire Risk grant. Paul suggested adding signs to the brush dump letting people know what can and cannot be left. There have been some issues of people leaving stumps but the signage would help. Dave, with Zoning, mentioned that stumps are approved for fill at gravel pits. Talk of moving brush dump to the transfer station but Egan felt it was more efficient for the residents to have it at the gravel pit. Brush dump will officially close October 31<sup>st</sup>. Some of the projects noted in the grant application are 1.) contract a chipper to reduce fuels at a cost of \$3,000 2.) Smokey the Bear sign which will be placed at fire station #2 on Rangleline Rd 3.) Trifold educational display to be placed and staffed at community events 4.) Spring newsletter and fall postcard as well as on going website updates and electronic communications of wildfire information. Grant funding will be \$8,610 with no additional costs to the town.
12. Discussion on Placement of Camper on Property on Carpenter Lake: Dave with Zoning stated the County will allow camping on property that has been issued a home building, septic and well permit. The resident would then be allowed to have the camper on the property for up to one year while construction is going on. If a septic and well permit is issued for a garage unit the resident would need permission from the town to place a camper on the property, the same with vacant land. This gives the town the ability to set time limits, specify dates or to simply prohibit the use of campers. In the past the board has made it a policy to only allow camping on property where construction has begun and a septic and well permit has been issued. The town plans to continue with their policy and only allow permission when septic, well and housing permits have been issued. Clerk will follow up with request from Mary Corbisier.
13. Update on Ordinance Review: First step is to meet with the Town attorney to clarify the process before the town can move forward with the process.
14. 2018 Budget Workshop: Discussion was held.
15. It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Numrich, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
16. Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) and return to open session Motion Linn, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.

17. Board may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session. Motion Egan to increase wages for Paul and Bill by \$2.00 an hour, seconded Numrich, all voting aye, approved.
18. Approval of bills: Motion Numrich to approve bills, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
19. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_