



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, January 6, 2025, 5:15 pm, at the Washington Town Hall

Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

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Board Members Present:

Jim Egan	Town Chairman
Art Granat	Town Supervisor
Carole Linn	Town Supervisor
Tiffany Bolte	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 11 other people in attendance	

Meeting Minutes:

1	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm
2	Pledge of Allegiance	Recited by all
3	Verification of Postings	Sobralski 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 - December 6, 2024	Motion - Granat Seconded - Linn All voting aye - Approved
6	Fire Truck Obligation - One Time Increase to Tax Levy in 2026	A resolution will be presented to the board in October 2025 to increase the tax levy for the fire truck purchase - \$213,480.00 due in January 2026. The approved resolution and anticipated approval by town residents will occur at the November 2025 Special Elector meeting.
7	Treasurer's Report	Bolte presented the December 2024 treasurer's report.
8	Town Foreman Report	Sand usage was high in the month of December, but minimal plowing was needed. Most of the month of December was utilized for small equipment repair and renovations for working on equipment in the town shop.
9	Oneida County Ambulance Fee	Egan summarized the current status of the ambulance agreement as requested by Oneida County. Our ambulance consortium (City of Eagle River, Towns of Lincoln, Cloverland, and Washington) has conveyed we will not be signing the 5-year agreement with Oneida County for ambulance services. The consortium has an existing agreement with Aspirus for ambulance services and any mutual aid services provided by Oneida County is deemed as such and we should not enter into the agreement as presented by Oneida County.
10	Snowmobile Ordinances	Egan states the Town of Washington has an existing ordinance on record which states if the trails are not open, then snowmobile usage on town roads is not allowed.

11	Deerskin River Update – Larry Springer	Springer attended a zoom meeting on December 16, 2024 for a governor listening session; the goal was to communicate the silt build-up issue on Deerskin River. Springer has reached out to Senator Felzkowski to assist with a records request to the DNR for all previous dam removal activity and other DNR records on file. Tom Tiffany’s office has also been advised of the situation and Springer is requesting a letter of support for state funding for remediation efforts; using previously passed resolutions as a guide for funding support at the state level. Senator Baldwin will be contacted this month. Springer is asking the town to assist in informing town residents of the situation to initiate a letter writing campaign to state officials in support of the funding request. to spread the word and aid in promoting letter writing to our local representative in support of the funding request.
12	Pond Hockey – Approval of Liquor License	Sobralski presented the liquor license application for pond hockey – submitted by Roger Rosenthal – president and agent. The Sno Eagles have paid the application fee and passed the background check. Motion Egan to approve Sno Eagles liquor license for the pond hockey event. Seconded – Granat All voting aye – Approved; Linn abstained
13	Snowmobile Usage on Chain O’ Lakes Rd – January 25 – Roger Rosenthal	Request from Roger Rosenthal, president of Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, for use of Chain O Lakes Rd on January 25 for a Sno-Eagles event. The Town of Washington has an existing ordinance which allows for this usage, provided the trails are open. Motion - Egan Seconded – Granat All voting aye – Approved; Linn abstained
14	Snowmobile Routes – Roger Rosenthal	Roger Rosenthal requested the town consider leaving more snow on the road shoulders of the shoulder unplowed on lesser utilized roads for safer snowmobile operation. Discussion ensued about existing ordinance, current lack of snow, snowmobile impact on local economy, and negative impact on vehicle traffic with more snow on the road shoulders.
15	Topics for Town E-News	Pond hockey weekend and notification about one way traffic, driveway access, tax levy increase for fire truck purchase, snowmobile traffic on Chain O Lakes Rd on January 25, Subaru ice driving weekends from Feb 11 to March 1, and February 18 election.
16	Approval of Bills	Motion - Egan Seconded - Linn All voting aye – Approved
17	Adjournment	Motion - Egan Seconded -Granat All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Date of Approval –