



# Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

## Minutes - **UNAPPROVED**

### Annual Town Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:00 pm at the Town of Washington Town Hall,  
Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd**

**Visit the town website for more information**

**[town-of-washington.org](http://town-of-washington.org)**

#### Board Members Present:

Jim Egan	Town Chairman
Art Granat	Town Supervisor
Carole Linn	Town Supervisor
Tiffany Bolte - Excused	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 21 other people in attendance	

#### Meeting Minutes:

1	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
2	Pledge of Allegiance	Recited by all
3	Certify Qualified Electors	Egan reviewed protocol for who can vote at the annual meeting. Egan requested electors to raise their hand to be called on and state their name for proper recording of the meeting minutes.
4	Approval of Agenda	Motion – Pat Weber Seconded – Larry Springer All voting aye – Approved
5	Review and Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2025 and November 18, 2025	Motion Holly Tomlanovich to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded – Pat Weber All voting aye - Approved
6	Treasurer’s Annual Report	The treasurer’s report was read aloud by Treasurer Bolte. As a reminder, Bolte requests tax payments to be mailed to the PO Box, as found on the tax bill. Motion Holly Tomlanovich to approve treasurer report - Seconded – Sue Saxhaug All voting aye - Approved
7	Clerk’s Annual Report	The clerk’s report was read aloud, by general topic, by Clerk Sobralski. Sobralski advised the beginning and ending balances correlated to the Treasurer’s Report which verifies the Town of Washington expenses and revenues have been balanced for calendar year 2025. Motion Pat Weber to approve Clerk’s Report Seconded Nancy Moriarity All voting aye

8	Committee Updates	
	Walter Olsen Memorial Library	JoAnn Gelling provided statistics for 2025. The library received a grant to create a “job pod” which allows for privacy for people seeking employment. Another grant was funded for refurbished laptops, which are available at the library and JoAnn encouraged residents to take advantage of this offering.
	Eagle River Union Airport	No report available
	Joint Municipal Fire Department	Jim Randall, the new fire chief, updated town residents regarding call volume for medical assists, vehicle accidents, etc. Many activities throughout the year including receiving a grant for ice castle equipment, the new fire truck was received in January 2026, six people in EMS class for first responder duties, and simulated fire training was performed. The fire department continues to sell old equipment to raise funds to supplement the budget.
	Eagle River Room Tax Commission & Chamber of Commerce	Sue Saxhaug reports total room tax receipts were \$757,000 with Town of Washington contribution amounting to \$389,000. Commission grants were awarded to Trees for Tomorrow, the fire department for the ice castle equipment, bike crossing, and ULERCL for milfoil remediation. Grant awards since 2022 have amounted to \$300,000.
	Animal Control	Egan advised Mika Justice has assumed animal control officer responsibilities. No report available.
	Adopt A Road	Jill Faulker provided updates for the Adopt A Road program. If town residents are interested in adopting a road, please see the town website for additional information.
	Deerskin River Project	Larry Springer updated town residents on the status of the Deerskin River Project. Most recent reports include the governor veto on needed funds to remediate the area. Next option was a stand-alone bill but the bill never came out of the committee. At the current time, Springer is working on a grant with the DNR to fund a bathymetric study. Sediment sampling to be determined. Funding will be targeted for the 2027/2029 bi-annual budget submission with the State of Wisconsin.
	Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes	Linn reports ULERCLC is a commission formed for purpose of managing milfoil on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. The commission was founded in 2007 and began managing 300 acres of invasive milfoil and utilizing herbicide treatments until 2015. Since then, management of milfoil is performed via hand-harvesting. Milfoil has been increasing since 2019, and 164 acres of milfoil were

		documented in 2025. In 2026, the commission budgeted 15 days of hand-harvesting, at a cost of \$2500 per day. Linn encourages everyone to visit the Eagle River Chain Commission website for more information: <a href="http://eagleriverchaincommission.org">eagleriverchaincommission.org</a> .
	Community Wildfire Protection Plan	Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been in existence since 2017. The program is totally grant funded and includes home ignition zone assessments, roadside chipping, and brush site chipping. In 2026, the western half of Bass Lake will have the opportunity for home ignition assessments. Roadside chipping will be available for all residents on Bass Lake.
9	Any matter which can legally be acted on at the Annual Meeting	Holly Tomlanvoich made a motion to increase board member salaries by an additional \$300/month. Seconded – Nancy Moriarity All voting aye – Approved  Nancy Moriarity thanked the town board and staff for all the work that is being done on behalf of the town residents.  Kayak/canoe launch on Rangeline Rd is severely rutted. The town will review the situation and remediate if possible.
10	Date and Time - 2027 Annual Meeting	Tuesday, April 20, 2027 – 5:00 pm
11	Adjournment	Motion – Holly Tomlanovich Seconded – Ellen Block All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk  
Date of Approval –