



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, July 6, 2026, 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 - Excused	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 15 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 Chain O Lake Mart, 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 June 2, 2026	Motion - Linn Seconded – Granat All voting aye - approved
6	Treasurer Report	Bolte presented the June 2026 treasurer's report
7	Town Foreman Report	The town crew was busy in June and completed road sweeping and gravel replacement and re-grading for areas affected by heavy rain, including the canoe landing on Rangeline Rd. This site should be accessible to residents. Wisconsin Forestry service called the town foreman to advise North Military at the Town of Phelps line has gravel washed out. Pitlik & Wick began work today (7/6/2026) on the East Bass Lake Rd culvert failure. Because the original culvert is less than 36 inches in diameter, the project does not qualify for state funding, so the Town of Washington will be responsible for the full cost, estimated at approximately \$52,000. Lynx Lake culvert may be resolved, new cage was built, beavers have been removed. Egan requested that no-parking signs be installed on Everett Rd near Marina Bar to reduce roadway congestion if emergency service vehicles are dispatched.

8	Vilas County Updates	Weber advises no Vilas County meetings are scheduled in July. Zoning approved a resolution which will be forwarded to Vilas County for approval on the county position for data centers, wind turbines, etc. As recently published in the News Review, discussed triplex purchase for newly hired Vilas County employees.
9	Fire Department Update	Jim Randall presented the June Fire Department Report, and the Town of Washington had 11 calls. From a year-to-date perspective, the total number of calls is 152 and in 2025, 83 calls.
10	Hwy G Landfill Update	Hwy G compactor had an epic failure – 31 tons of garbage had to be moved to allow for assessment and remediation. Five acres need to be graded and seeded with estimates over \$20,000. Phelps and Conover pulled out of Hwy G consortium due to possible long-term liability/lawsuits. The towns can continue to use the landfill, but the cost may be higher in the future. The site has passed a recent DNR inspection.
11	Oak Wilt Update	Linn advises we have been monitoring oak wilt presence in the Town of Washington. We have 13 documented cases, oak wilt continues to spread, and treatment is costly and not highly effective. Additional information and a map of the documented locations can be found on our website.
12	The Crossings at Lake Forest – Liquor License	Egan advises the liquor license should be cancelled due to the status of the property. Motion Egan to rescind the liquor license for the 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027 licensing period. Seconded – Granat All voting aye - approved
13	The Crossings at Lake Forest – Status of project development and pier installation	Egan advises that Dalmark Corp has verbally notified us they will be pulling out of the project. Dalmark and the DNR have a scheduled meeting on July 7 to discuss the current pier installation. At this time, it is the town's understanding the property will be for sale.
14	Variance discussion of property on Chain O Lakes Rd	A town resident made an inquiry about variance request for a property on Chain O Lakes Rd. Egan advises there was a variance approval done in August 2019. The resident at the property has been advised that cones need to be placed on the roadway when work vehicles are present. A culvert was placed in the driveway to help with water flow. The Town of Washington does not have any concerns with this property.
15	Approval of Operator Licenses	Sobralski presented operator licenses for Cassandra Reid and Madeline McLaughlin. All applicants completed the application, paid the fee and passed the background check. Motion – Linn Seconded – Granat All voting aye – Approved

16	Revision – Operator License Application	Sobralski presented a revision for the operator license to ensure clarity regarding DWI offenses. Motion Egan to approve the revision for the operator license. Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
17	It is anticipated that 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. a. Personnel Matters	Motion – Egan Seconded – Granat All voting aye – Approved
18	Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1) (c) and return to open session.	Motion – Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
19	The board may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session	The personnel handbook will be updated to include appropriate disciplinary action in the event of performance issues, unexcused absences, etc.
20	Topics for E-News	Speed limits adherence and driver caution for bikers and walkers on town roads.
21	Approval of Bills	Motion – Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
22	Adjournment	Motion - Egan Seconded -Linn All voting aye – Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Date of Approval – 08/03/2026