



# Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

## Minutes

**Town of Washington Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 7, 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 Sobraliski	Town Clerk
There were 14 other people in attendance	

### Meeting Minutes:

1	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:16 pm
2	Pledge of Allegiance	Recited by all
3	Verification of Postings	Sobraliski 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 from June 2, 2025	Motion - Granat Seconded - Linn All voting aye - Approved
6	Fire Truck Obligation	As discussed during the annual meeting, a resolution will be presented to the board in October 2025 to increase the tax levy for the fire truck purchase. The original amount was estimated at \$213,480.00, however, due to additional funding sources, our obligation has been reduced to \$201,267.00; due January 2026. The approved resolution and anticipated approval by town residents will occur at the November 2025 Special Elector meeting. This information is posted on the town website and in the town electronic newsletter.
7	Treasurer's Report	Bolte presented the June 2025 treasurer's report.
8	Town Foreman Report	Rock hauling is complete, and the town has 2,000 yards of rock for making gravel for future road projects. Culvert on Lynx Lake and road patching was completed in June. Culverts for Anvil Lake Rd were completed in May, however, we do not have a start date from Pitlik & Wick for the road work. Water is flowing through the culvert on East Cranberry Rd. Beavers have been trapped downstream of the culvert. Beaver dam has been opened, however, not the full width of the stream. Water is backing up upstream. Linn to contact Vilas County for assistance. Two more estimates have been received for roof repair on the old garage.

9	Discussion – Animal Control Office	Egan advises the Town of Washington animal control officer, Melissa McDonald, has resigned her position, effective at the end of July 2025. She is resigning from all town positions. Egan reached out to a contact with the Town of Phelps to inquire if there is interest in assuming this responsibility for the Town of Washington.
10	Status of Building Lighting	The town foreman advises he is waiting for additional estimates.
11	Status of Old Garage Inspection	Egan advises Rick Clem does not inspect commercial buildings, however Nathan Brewer does commercial inspections and will set up time with the town foreman to perform an inspection.
12	Monarch Waystation – Kris Barnekow	Ms. Barnekow and Ms. Brandner were present and provided documentation for a Monarch Waystation on Columbus Rd. The residents are requesting no mowing/cutting in the right of way on Columbus Rd from Deadman’s curve up to Numrich Rd to allow for milkweed growth which will preserve the Monarch butterfly ecosystem. Ms. Barnekow and Ms. Brandner will register and pay for signage for the area to be designated as a Monarch Waystation. Safety is an issue if mowing/cutting does not occur, but because this area has no homes or driveways involved, it was decided the Town of Washington will refrain from right of way work to allow the residents to proceed with a healthy ecosystem effort.
13	Discussion – Numrich Lane	Egan advises there has been a request to repave Numrich Lane, however, there is no money available in this year’s budget.
14	Discussion on Liquor License – The Crossing at Lake Forest and Blue Heron Restaurant	Blue Heron – Egan advises a lease agreement continues to move forward. Motion Egan for final approval of the 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 liquor license. Seconded - Granat All voting aye – Approved The Crossing at Lake Forest – Egan advises legal guidance as well as the organization’s response to our ordinance violation inquiry. Lake Forest response included property status, development timelines and a request to maintain the liquor license. Motion Egan for final approval of 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 liquor license and semi-annual updates will be requested. Seconded – Linn seconded All voting aye – Approved
15	Approval of Operator Licenses	Sobralski presented bartender licenses for Lynn Kenning and Ashleigh Wayne. Both applicants completed the responsible server course, paid the fee, and background checks were provided to the board. Motion Egan to approve operator licenses as submitted. Seconded - Linn All voting aye - Approved
16	Discussion on Land Lease Inquiry – Bug Tussel	The Town of Washington received a request for a land lease for placement of a cellular tower on Forest Lane and Hwy 70. The tower would be for AT&T cellular service. The initial lease term is reimbursement of \$400 per month for the first 5 years with a 2% escalator per year up to 50 years. Typically, these towers are 300 feet in height and require the same circumference footprint. We have requested the representative from Bug Tussel to attend our next board meeting to provide additional information.
17	Topics for Town E-News	Open Book and Board of Review dates.
18	Approval of Bills	Motion - Linn Seconded - Granat All voting aye – Approved
19	Adjournment	Motion - Linn Seconded - Granat All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk  
Date of Approval - 8/11/2025