



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, August 3, 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 (Excused)	Town Supervisor
Carole Linn	Town Supervisor
Tiffany Bolte	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 25 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 - Egan All voting aye - approved
5	Approval of the previous minutes from July 6, 2026	Motion - Egan Seconded - Linn All voting aye - approved
6	Treasurer Report	Bolte presented the July 2026 treasurer's report
7	Town Foreman Report	Egan provided the town foreman report. No parking signs were installed on Everett Rd near Marina Bar. The town crew performed grass cutting, brushing, and patched shoulders, but with storm on July 27, much of the work needs to be redone. The brush site has been extremely busy and was open last week for usage, however, resumed normal hours this week.
8	Vilas County Updates	Tomlanovich was excused and provided a written report for Vilas County updates, which was read aloud by Egan. Weber advises he met with Land Information department and previewed the new mapping software, which will be released on the Vilas County website, in approximately 6 months.
9	Fire Department Update	Jim Randall provided the July 2026 Fire Department Report. The total calls for the month were 53 calls and the Town of Washington accounted for 25 calls.

		Jim Randall explained the fire department is pursuing a resolution and subsequent referendum to increase the tax levy for fire protection and emergency services for the City of Eagle River and Towns of Washington, Lincoln, and Cloverland. The fire department believes an increase in the tax levy will be needed to provide 24/7 coverage, replace aged equipment, and enhance firefighter training and safety, etc. The tax levy increase is a total of \$1,300,000 across all municipalities. Based on equalized property values, the Town of Washington responsibility would increase from approximately \$167,000 to \$465,000. The fire department is doing mass communications within the affected communities. The fire department is asking for the referendum question to be placed on the November 2026 ballot. A special meeting for the Town of Washington will be held August 13 at 5:00 pm to for the board to vote on the resolution which is the precursor to a referendum.
10	The Crossings at Lake Forest - Update	As discussed in July, Dalmark Corp has notified the town they will be pulling out of the project. The DNR had an onsite visit on July 7, however, no representative from Dalmark was present. Findings from the DNR include: the undeveloped land had a 3-year permit for phase 1, which has expired. Dalmark must stabilize the area by September 15 to be in compliance with DNR regulations. Additionally, the recently added piers are not in compliance with DNR regulations. Egan advises he has received a few phone calls from interested parties who may be interested in future development of this site. Linn followed up with the Vilas County Health Department regarding the abandoned excavation holes referencing the Vilas County Human Health Hazards Ordinance. The concern was forwarded to Vilas County Corporation Counsel for possible enforcement action.
11	Final Approval – Resolution 2026-02 – Request for Discontinuance of Two Unimproved Public Ways	Andrew McGill, attorney for the interested parties, was in attendance and requested the town provide final approval of the resolution. Motion - Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – approved
12	Final Approval – Resolution 2026-03 – Request for Discontinuance of Two Unimproved Public Ways	Andrew McGill, attorney for the interested parties, was in attendance and requested the town provide final approval of the resolution. Motion - Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – approved
13	Traffic at Rangeline Rd & Eagle Waters Ln	Egan explained that he received an email regarding the intersection of Rangeline Rd & Eagle Waters Road. The resident questioned the right turn no stop when going north on Rangeline Rd and the possibility of changing to a 3 way stop. At this time, no changes in traffic obedience

		will be done.
14	Town Legal Counsel	Egan advises Steve Garbowicz announced his retirement at the end of 2026. Egan has identified two additional contacts and will pursue communication to seek interest for new legal counsel for the town in 2027.
15	Room Tax Commission Representative	Sue Saxhaug, a member of the Room Tax Commission, will be relocating. Egan recommends the town maintains her as our representative for the Room Tax Commission.
16	Planning Committee Representative	Phil Epping, a member of the planning commission, will be relocating. A replacement will be pursued at a later date. Motion Egan to accept resignation Seconded – Linn All voting aye - approved
17	Buoy Program Update	Linn provided the buoy program update. She reiterated the loss of lights and guards this year. The group is exploring the feasibility of utilizing either paid or volunteer divers to recover lost lights and guards.
18	Authorizing Resolution WDNR Surface Water Grant Application	Linn presented a WDNR authorizing resolution for the Surface Water Grant application supporting a bathymetric study, the first step toward addressing sediment issues in the Deerskin River. The resolution authorizes a town representative to submit financial assistance documents to the DNR. Motion – Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – approved
19	Approval of Operator Licenses	Sobralski presented operator licenses for Owen Libby. Applicant completed the application, paid the fee and passed the background check. Motion – Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – approved
20	Topics for E-News	Fire department updates, winter transfer station hours, and brush site closing reminder.
21	Approval of Bills	Motion – Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
22	Adjournment	Motion - Egan Seconded - Linn All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Date of Approval – 09/01/2026