



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:15 pm, at the Washington Town Hall

Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

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Board Members Present: Jim Egan –Chairman, Carole Linn – Supervisor, Art Granat –Supervisor, Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk, and Tiffany Bolte – Town Treasurer. There were 9 other people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:15 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 July 8, 2024:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the July 2024 treasurer's report.
7. **Town Foreman Report:** Brush cutting with the new tractor, tree removal and road grading have been keeping the town crew busy. Brush site activity was slower in the past month, possibly due to warmer weather. Shangri La Rd is not finished and we do not have an estimated completion date at this time.
8. **Update on Deerskin River – Larry Springer:** Larry Springer thanked the Town for the support for the silt problem on Deerskin River. The survey took place on July 26 and Carole Linn attended on behalf of the Town. The final report will be completed at the end of September. Preliminary observations from the Inter-Fluve surveyor are the river upstream is in good condition due to the legacy silt being distributed evenly. Lower Deerskin River has silt measurements from 1 to 3 feet. Next steps will be determined upon recommendations from the final report.
9. **Eagle River Fire Department:** Steve Burr confirmed the Eagle River Fire Department was waiting for the town decision on the land donation. He confirmed the actual costs for building the training pods will be funded by the fire department via budgeted and carryover monies. The length of time to complete the site is expected to be 3 to 4 years. Motion Egan to donate land to the fire department by Fire Station #2, seconded Linn, all voting aye Granat abstained; approved. Additional discussion took place regarding the written agreement and the Town asked for verbiage in the agreement to include the town would not incur additional assessments for the building of the

training site. Amended motion Egan to donate land to the fire department by Fire Station #2 and agreement in writing needs to include the town would not incur additional costs for the site, seconded Linn, all voting aye – Granat abstained; approved.

10. **Deerskin Lake Boat Landing:** In order to receive reimbursement from WVIC for the new pier, the access must be ADA compliant. Finish Line Services can ensure the access is ADA compliant at a cost of \$1400. Egan to contact Mark Sanders on next steps.
11. **Approval of Road Name – Loonlight Cir:** Vilas County is seeking approval of a new private road located off of North Carpenter Lake Rd. Motion Egan to approve Loonlight Cir as the new name of the private road, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
12. **Rescind Liquor License – Frontier Tavern:** Due to an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue/Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit from November 14 to December 18, 2018, a criminal complaint was filed to revoke the liquor license for Carrie Jo Newmann, dba Frontier Tavern, located at 2545 Columbus Rd. Motion Egan to officially notice the revocation and rescind the liquor license for Carrie Jo Newmann, dba Frontier Tavern located at 2545 Columbus Rd, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
13. **Usage of Drop Box for Absentee Ballots:** Sobralski shared recent Wisconsin Election Committee guidance on the usage of drop boxes for absentee ballots. Key takeaways from the guidance includes the recent court decision does permit all municipal clerks to choose to use secure absentee ballot drop boxes in their jurisdiction if they wish, starting immediately. Additionally, the decision explicitly states that it does not require clerks to use drop boxes, the decision indicates the law permits clerks to utilize them if they choose. Sobralski recommendation is to not use drop boxes for absentee ballots. Motion Egan to not utilize drop boxes for absentee ballots, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
14. **Topics for Town E-News:** Reminder of address change notifications, brush site closing date, transfer station winter hours, voter registration information and Cranberry Island perk testing.
15. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Linn, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved.
16. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk

Approved: 9/9/2024