



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

September 2026 Meeting of the Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, September 1, 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	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 24 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 Lakes 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 of August 3, 2026 and Special Meeting August 13, 2026 and Board of Review August 13, 2026	Motion - Linn Seconded – Granat All voting aye – Approved
6	Treasurer's Report	Bolte presented the August 2026 treasurer's report
7	Town Foreman Report	Storm damage clean-up and road brushing in August. Grading was done on North Military Rd. Brush site is full due to July storm damage. The town found a utility/pick-up truck for the town crew – purchase price is \$60,000 and equipment carryover fund will be utilized.
8	Vilas County Updates	Holly Tomlanovich provided a few updates on grant status. Todd Bierman has resigned and Don Merten will assume his role. Riverside Park discussions on next steps on property status. Pat Weber advises a public hearing will be held on September 23 regarding a possible moratorium on data centers and solar wind systems. Zoning is working on a specific resolution for county board approval. Staffing concerns still exist but Vilas County is working on filling positions to the best of their abilities.

9	Fire Department Updates	August call total was 36 calls with 15 in the Town of Washington. Year to date calls – the fire department has responded to 241 calls.
10	RC Inspections (Rick Clem) – Fee Schedule & Inspection Updates	Rick Clem advises State of Wisconsin updated the electrical code, specifically Wisconsin Admin Code SPS 320.05. Mr. Clem is requesting we amend our current ordinance to include the state updates. Mr. Clem also provided a 2027 fee schedule. Motion Egan to act on amending our ordinance and approve the 2027 fee schedule. Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
11	The Crossings at Lake Forest Updates	On July 30, Vilas County Public Health issued a Notice of Human Health Hazard due to numerous dug foundation holes. The Crossings has 30 days to remediate, and the town is not aware of the status of remediation. Egan advises there is one investment group interested in purchasing the property. Linn advises there was a citation issued by the DNR for erosion control and it is believed The Crossings has until mid-September for remediation. Because of enforcement efforts at the state and local level, the town will continue to monitor.
12	Approval of Updated TOW Emergency Operations Plan	Linn presented an updated Town of Washington Emergency Operations Plan. Last update was done in 2017. Vilas County has approved the updated plan. Motion Egan to approve the updated plan. Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
13	Trex Program & Giveaway	Plastic bag recycling continues to increase at the transfer station. We are tracking for 3,000 pounds of plastic bag collection on a yearly basis. We have been notified that Trex is changing their rewards programs. On a quarterly basis, 25 participating organizations will be randomly selected for awards and every 250 pounds is an entry into the random drawing. Due to our collections, we have a park bench and travel cups to give away. Random drawing was held. Please pick up your prizes at the transfer station! Park bench Winner – Laura Koranda Travel cup winners - Patrick Behrendt, Michael Donker, Jeremy Foytik, Barry Kramer, Robert Lee, Sara Streick, Todd Behling, and Burton Wagner.
14	Deerskin River Project Update	Linn advises the original grant application will not be accepted due to lack of input from the WDNR fisheries biologist. Linn has rewritten the grant focusing on funding the bathymetric study as Phase 1 of the remediation process. It is estimated the bathymetric study will cost \$15,000 and the grant is \$10,000. Additional funding will be necessary.

15	Oak Wilt Updates	Linn advises we have another reported case of oak wilt, located on East Bass Lake Rd. This is the 14 th documented case in our town and the cluster area is around Bass and Cranberry Lake Rds.
16	Approval of Operator License	Sobralski presented operator license for Kimberly Tomaszewski. Applicant completed the application, paid the fee and passed the background check. Motion - Egan Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
17	Approval of Oneida County Invoice – Ambulance Services \$1800.00	On July 27, the town received an invoice from Oneida County for ambulance services. Egan provided background on prior discussions with Oneida County about an ambulance services agreement covering January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028. The Town of Washington did not sign the agreement because it determined the matter should be treated as mutual aid. TOW did not request the call or sign the agreement. Motion Egan to disallow payment at the current time due to no signed agreement. Seconded – Linn All voting aye – Approved
18	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 – Linn All voting aye – Approved
19	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
20	Topics for Town E-News	Address changes for tax bills, election notice, winter hours for transfer station and brush site closing.
21	Approval of Bills	Motion - Linn Seconded – Egan All voting aye – Approved
22	Adjournment	Motion - Linn Seconded -Granat All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Date of Approval – 10/05/2026