



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, October 7, 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 10 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 September 9, 2024:** Motion Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the September 2024 treasurer's report.
7. **Town Foreman Report:** During the month of September, the crew removed downed trees from the roads, performed road patching, installed firelane signs in the Lake Forest area, and road signs on Shangri La Rd. Due to winter hours at the transfer station, signage has been updated to reflect the Monday closure. On October 9, the buoys are scheduled to be removed with the assistance of ERCLA. Going forward, we need to discuss future plans and alternatives on managing the buoy installation and removal, including the potential of hiring professional services i.e. a dock removal business.
8. **Buoy Program Update:** Linn advises a meeting is scheduled in November with Jared Adamovich and Mark Brenner to determine the buoy replacements for 2025. A small buoy map update is needed due to placement of new buoys after the current map was produced.
9. **ERCLA donation – Jody Voight, ERCLA VP Operations:** Chuck Berg, ERCLA President and Jody Voight, ERCLA VP Operations: presented a \$5,000 donation to the town for financial support of the buoy program.

10. **Oak Wilt Update:** Linn advises a resident on Bass Lake has removed two trees with confirmed oak wilt disease; we now have 9 documented cases in the town. Linda Williams, WDNR Forest Health Specialist, was consulted. An injectable treatment application is available and effective, however, it is costly. The town needs to continue to educate property owners on proper tree removal times to minimize the risk of spread of the disease.
11. **It is anticipated that a 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.** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
 - a. Highway Worker Opening
12. **Adjourn close session pursuant to Wi Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c) and return to open session:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
13. **The board may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session.** Motion Egan to proceed with an offer of employment and onboarding Doug Valeria for the highway working opening, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
14. **Topics for Annual Newsletter:** Deerskin River silt remediation project, oak wilt education, chairman's message, and "how taxpayer money is spent".
15. **Topics for Town E-News:** Nothing notable.
16. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Granat, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved.
17. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Egan, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk

Approved: 11/06/2024