



# Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

## Minutes

### Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, December 2, 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 7 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 November 6, 2024 and Budget Hearing from November 26, 2024:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the November 2024 treasurer's report.
7. **Town Foreman Report:** Equipment is ready for winter and salt and sand has been mixed for winter road usage. During the windstorms in November, approximately 25 fallen trees were removed from the roadways. New employee is doing well.
8. **RC Inspection – Rick Clem:** Rick Clem provided additional explanation for 2024 building inspection price increases. Erosion control has been an issue in the past year, so RC Inspection is now performing a site visit prior to concrete/footing work to ensure erosion control measures are adequate. Motion Egan to approve the 2024 RC Inspection Agency fee schedule, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
9. **Room Tax – Grant Program:** Egan explained recent communications from the Room Tax Commission and the possible development of a grant program to generate additional revenue for the municipalities. However, the consortium of the Town of Washington, Town of Lincoln, and City of Eagle River are still in favor and pursuing an increase to revenue retained by the municipalities rather than the grant program.
10. **Deerskin River Update – Larry Springer:** Springer reported on the outcome of a meeting with the Wisconsin DNR. Due to the DNR's unwillingness to assist with any type of remediation, he will continue to pursue legislative action.

11. **Deerskin River – Approval of Resolution:** Egan read Resolution 2024-01 – A resolution in support for commitment of state funds to complete dredging on the Deerskin River. Motion Egan to adopt Resolution 2024-01, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
12. **Buoy Program Update:** Linn provided a post-season update and recommendations for improvements for 2025. A new crane would provide better functionality and aid in the removal of buoys, but our current boat would not be able to handle a bigger crane. Buoy inventory was completed, and it was determined 14 new buoys are needed and the approximate cost would be \$3,400.00. Motion Egan to purchase new buoys, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
13. **Amendment of Ordinance – Chapter 8 – Alternative Claim Procedure for Refunds of Tax Payments in Excess of Tax Bill Amount:** Bolte explained the revisions to this ordinance. Motion Egan to amend Chapter 8 – Alternative Claim Procedure for Refunds of Tax Payments in Excess of Tax Bill Amount, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
14. **Amendment of Ordinance – Chapter 15 – Adult Entertainment Business Ordinance:** Egan explained the revisions to this ordinance. Motion Egan to amend Chapter 15 – Adult Entertainment Business Ordinance, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
15. **Approval of Fee Schedule:** The fee schedule has been updated to reflect the \$40 fee for tax payments that are returned for non-sufficient funds/closed account. Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
16. **Approval of the 2025 Town of Washington Budget:** Motion Egan to approve the 2025 Town of Washington Budget as presented on November 26, 2024, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
17. **Topics for Town E-News:** Winter snow removal policy, tax payments, 2025 budget, snowmobile routes, and February election.
18. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Linn, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved.
19. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk  
Approved: 01/06/2025