

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 3, 2008

A quorum being present Chrm. Hanson called to order the bimonthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Members Present: Thomas Hanson, George Losby, Donald Perry, and Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Kimberley Bunderson, Janelle Henning, and Micheal Peterson

Members/Staff Absent: Michael Stacy

Minutes: Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2008 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.
Aye 4, Nay 0

Public Hearing
Hite Trust: Chrm. Hanson opened the public hearing for rezoning requested by Hite Trust from the A1 (Exclusive Agricultural District) District to the A2 (Agriculture-Residential District) District. The property is located on the north side of County Road I/Otter Creek Road, immediately northeast of the intersection of County Road I/Otter Creek Road and County Road IJ, 20.06 acres.

Jon Tulman, Eau Claire County Planning and Development, reviewed County Staff recommendations which were to deny the request for the reason that rezoning to the A2 would not be consistent with the purposes of the zoning ordinance. The Staff believes that conflicts could arise between agricultural areas and future home owners.

Mark Erickson, from Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc., spoke for Hite Trust and asked for the Board to table the item since no one from the Hite family was present at the meeting. In addition, he was unaware of the information the County had presented.

Seven area residents spoke in opposition. They thought the land needed to be preserved as agricultural use to benefit the local farmers. Also, they stated they had moved to the country to not have close neighbors. They feared that many houses would be built if the property was rezoned.

Supv. Perry moved TO DENY THE REZONING REQUEST BY HITE TRUST FROM THE A1 DISTRICT INTO THE A2 DISTRICT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.
Aye 4, Nay 0

Eagles View
Estates Preliminary
Plat Review: Admr. Peterson presented to the Board his recommendation which was to deny the proposed preliminary plat. He stated his opinion, which has been the same for years, that all the plots should be consistent with the Joanne Lane development by facing north/south and that there needs to be a road connecting County KB and East Shore Drive.

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Eagle View
Estate Cont.:

Bob Janke, realtor, spoke on behalf of the Hellmans. He indicated he wanted to keep the value of the expensive home in tact by keeping the large lot size surrounding the house. He also pointed out that adding a connecting road would be expensive to the owners and the road would run right through their existing barn.

Four residents spoke in opposition due to the increase of traffic that would be on Joanne Lane if more houses were built on East Shore Drive without a connecting road. Joanne Lane has an enormous amount of daily traffic on it. They were concerned with the road's safety with the new Altoona Bike Trail being added to Joanne Lane.

Supv. Losby moved TO APPROVE THE EAGLES VIEW ESTATES PRELIMINARY PLAT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry. The motion did not carry and was denied.

Aye 1, Nay 3

Clerk/Treasurer's
Report:

Clerk/Treasurer Henning spoke of the April 1, 2008 election. There were 15 poll workers. 981 ballots were cast.

The amended budget was handed out for the Board's review.

Clerk/Treasurer Henning reminded the Board that April 17, 2008 is the Town's Annual Meeting.

Checks:

Supv. Losby moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #17941 THROUGH #18018 TOTALING \$275,942.21. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Licenses:

No licenses requested.

Adoption of the
Annual MS4 Report:

Chrm. Hanson moved TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL MS4 REPORT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Administrator's
Report:

The road crew did go out plowing again. Admr. Peterson felt on election day when schools were cancelled it was necessary for them to go out and clean up areas, even though the snow had melted fast.

The road crew has been out sweeping for the past two weeks in the urban areas. The Town agreed to do more sweeping for compliance with their MS4 Report requirements.

Chairman's Report:

Chrm. Hanson inquired about the Town's street light policy from Admr. Peterson.

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Supervisor's Report: The Planning Commission's next meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen's Input: None.

Future Zoning Requests: Admr. Peterson asked the Board to come into the office and look at Eau Claire County's proposed zoning code amendments.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Annual Meeting, Bike Trail Plowing, Web Page, Annual Calendar of Events.

Adjournment: Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Aye 4, Nay 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY,
APRIL 17, 2008, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Kimberley Bunderson
Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Roy Anderson, Ed & Ginny Bartch, Bruce Burandt, Dale Cornell, Tom Duerst, Mark Erickson, Mark Gilbertson, Bob Janke, Tyson Lang, Noel & Shirley Larson, Brian Nodolf, Randy Olson, Todd Olson, Rita Raihle, Harold & Nancy Rosentrater, Mike Sokup, Jon Tulman, Darold & Laurie Zich