

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2009

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, February 5, 2009, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Members Present: Thomas Hanson, Donald Perry, Michael Stacy, and Karen Tomesh

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

Members/Staff Absent: George Losby

Minutes: Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2009 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Designation of Beaver Creek Road: Admr. Peterson explained that the west side of Beaver Creek Road from Highway 53 and the east side both have the same addresses. Todd Andrews, Eau Claire County Planning and Development, indicated that the duplication in addresses could cause discrepancies and confusion for the Fall Creek Post Office and emergency responders.

Mr. Andrews mentioned that Eau Claire County Planning and Development plans to review address inconsistencies within the Town this spring.

Supv. Perry moved TO ASSIGN DESIGNATION TO EAST AND WEST BY PUTTING AN E OR W IN FRONT OF BEAVER CREEK ROAD ADDRESSES. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: None.

Checks: Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #18876 THROUGH #18957 TOTALING \$2,240,549.82. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Licenses: Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER'S LICENSES FOR ASHLEY DANEILSON AND STACEY MATENAER. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4, Nay 0

Recycling Update: Admr. Peterson told of one of the waste removal company's license has been revoked by Eau Claire County. The County has asked the Town to impose more strict recycling regulations on garbage haulers. Admr. Peterson has asked John Hibbard, the Town's lawyer, to review the ordinance. He has also asked Jon Tulman from Eau Claire Planning and Development what he would suggest. No further update was available at this time.

Administrator's Report: The Road Crew will be out next week on Birdlawn Road and Shetland Road trimming and cutting back trees in the Town's right-of-way. The crew had been out this week brushing in Timber Ridge Circle. Their last stop at month end will be on London Road where they will work with Xcel Energy to drop the power lines to ensure safe trimming and tree removal.

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Administrator's Report Con't: Admr. Peterson has requested an update on the Town's street lights from Rural Electric and Xcel Energy. He has been reviewing the list as to the necessity of these lights. Disconnecting those that are not necessary would provide cost savings to the Town. The Town would give the residents the option to continue to pay for a light that is going to be disconnected if they wish to keep the light.

MPO is working on updated maps for the Town. However, they are having a few problems getting annexation updates. The maps will be for sale and are expected to be larger in view.

Three parking tickets were issued. One accident was responded to.

This tax season the Town had hardly any complaints. Residents were happy that taxes went down.

The Town's Association meeting held at the Town last week was educational and given to debate. Many Eau Claire County department heads presented information about their department as it relates to Town issues. It was a great turn out; however, a long meeting. The Town has been asked to host the Urban Town's Association meeting late this summer.

Chairman's Report: None.

Supervisor's Report: Supv. Tomesh reported that the Planning Commission met with the City of Altoona last week to review land use discrepancies. Although Supv. Tomesh was unable to attend; Mr. Shea reported that the meeting went well. Supervisor Perry also attended the meeting. They will be holding a similar meeting with Pleasant Valley next Wednesday in Cleghorn at 7:00 P.M. The Planning Commission will have a final draft done by the end of February. They hope to meet with the Board and review the plan before meeting with MSA on March 23rd.

Citizen's Input: None.

Future Zoning Requests: Conditional Use Permit Request for an at Home Massage Parlor on Shellamie Drive.

Closed Session: Supv. Tomesh moved TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY PURSUANT 19.85(1) (C). The motion was seconded by Chrm. Hanson. A roll call vote was as follows: Supv. Perry – Aye, Supv. Stacy – Aye, Supv. Tomesh – Aye, Chrm. Hanson – Aye.
Aye 4, Nay 0

Open Session: Supv. Perry moved TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

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Employment & Compensation: Chrm. Hanson moved OFFER JANELLE HENNING \$60,000 PER YEAR WITH MILEAGE DOCUMENTED AT THE SAME SCALE AS EAU CLAIRE COUNTY WITH THREE WEEKS OF VACATION. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy. A roll call vote was as follows: Supv. Stacy – Aye, Supv. Tomesh – Aye, Chrm. Hanson – Aye, Supv. Perry – Aye.
Aye 4, Nay 0

Adjournment: Supv. Karen moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Hanson. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
Aye 4, Nay 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2009, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Kimberley Bunderson
Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Todd Andrews