

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2008

A quorum being present Chrm. Hanson called to order the bimonthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:15 p.m., on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

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

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

Members/Staff Absent: None

Minutes: Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2008 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Hanson.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Minutes: Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11 2008 TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Public Hearing:
Knutson Request: Chrm. Hanson opened the public hearing on the request of Vanetta Knutson to create a 10 acre farm consolidation to divide off the house from the principle parcel. The property is located on the south side of Walnut Road, ¼ mile west of North Road, 94 acres.

Todd Andrews, Eau Claire County Planning and Development, reviewed County Staff recommendations which were to approve the conditional use permit with conditions. The conditions included a certified survey map be created, the buyer reads and understands the provision of the Wisconsin Right-to-Farm Law, and the permit is subject to provisions when it lapses, is revoked or expires.

No one spoke in opposition.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CREATE A 10 ACRE FARM CONSOLIDATION TO DIVIDE OFF THE HOUSE FROM THE PRINCIPLE PARCEL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Losby.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Public Hearing:
Pieper Request: Chrm. Hanson opened the public hearing on the request of Donald Pieper for the placement of a pre-occupied dwelling. The property is located a little more than a ¼ mile south of the intersection of Mueller Road on W. Beaver Creek Road, approximately 23.23 acres.

Todd Andrews, Eau Claire County Planning and Development, reviewed County Staff recommendations which were to approve the conditional use permit with conditions. The conditions included a Land Use Permit, Uniform Dwelling Code Permit, Sanitary Permit all be obtained before placement of the dwelling, the structure be inspected by Planning and Development, and the permit is subject to provisions when it lapses, is revoked or expires.

No one spoke in opposition.

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Chairman's Report: Chrm Hanson announced that Supv. Stacy, Clerk/Treasurer Henning, Admr. Peterson, and he attended the Storm Water Management Meeting last Wednesday. Supv. Stacy stated that it was very interesting and educational.

Chrm. Hanson indicated he would like to share, from last month's meeting with the Fire Department, a few answers to the Town's previous questions. He explained that the Fire Department has received a grant for special retardant foam. They will be reviewing their insurance on their trucks and equipment. Also, they are looking into a machine that lays cones and retrieves them on roadways since that is one of the most dangerous jobs a fire fighter has. The State of Wisconsin has recently set regulations for field mazes to be inspected by their local fire department. In addition, the Fire Department is looking into getting Knox Boxes for businesses to hold their keys for easy access in case of a fire.

Supervisor's Report: None.

Citizen's Input: Admr. Peterson told of the email he received from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation that a traffic light will be installed in 2010 at the intersection of Highway 93 and County II.

Restructuring of Town Positions: Chrm. Hanson spoke of how the last several months the Board has been lucky to know of Admr. Peterson's retirement months ahead of time. The Board has been able to discuss and debate on how to cover his position. Chrm. Hanson explained how he has spoken with the Town's Association, the Town's lawyer, and has had some time to consider the possible negativity for reorganizing the Town's positions. He has only found positive responses.

Chrm. Hanson moved TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF POSITIONS AS PRESENTED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2008. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

The item was discussed.

Supv. Tomesh asked a few questions to clarify and understand the minor additions to the job descriptions. She stated that the Town needs to spell out the desirable qualifications for the Administrator Position in the future.

Supv. Perry and Admr. Peterson spoke in favor of the proposal.

Chrm. Hanson suggested that with the new change the Town may need to update and make changes to the municipal code.

Chrm. Hanson moved the previous question and the Board agreed. The roll call vote was as follows: Supv. Stacy – Aye, Supv. Tomesh – Aye, Chrm. Hanson – Aye, Supv. Losby – Aye, and Supv. Perry – Aye.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Future Zoning Requests: None.

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Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Identifying the Staff to Fill the Restructuring of Town Positions in April 2009,

Adjournment: Supv. Stacy moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Aye 5, Nay 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2008, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Kimberley Bunderson
Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Charlie Bauer, Tony Cerrato, Vanetta Knutson, Virginia Larson, Derek Laughren,
John Ruesch