

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 4, 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, December 4, 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, and Janelle Henning

Members/Staff Absent: Micheal Peterson

Minutes: Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2008 BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.
Aye 5, Nay 0

Minutes: Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2008 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.
Aye 5, Nay 0

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Clerk/ Treasurer Henning reported that the final numbers have been calculated for the tax rates. All four districts have a minimal change.

Checks: Chrm. Hanson moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #18591 THROUGH #18640 TOTALING \$132,342.52. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.
Aye 5, Nay 0

Licenses: Chrm. Hanson moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER'S LICENSE FOR JAMIE HALL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.
Aye 5, Nay 0

State Investment Fund Transfer: Supv. Losby moved TO TRANSFER FUNDS (\$62,937.86) FROM THE STATE INVESTMENT FUND #2 TO THE EQUIPMENT FUND (8430) TO OUTFIT THE NEW DUMP TRUCK. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.
Aye 5, Nay 0

Administrator/ Clerk/Treasurer Appointment: Supv. Losby moved TO APPOINT JANELLE HENNING AS CLERK/TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2009. The motion was withdrawn by Supv. Losby.

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE MERGE OF CLERK/TREASURER AND ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND APPOINT JANELLE HENNING EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2009 WITH SALARY AND BENEFITS TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE. The motion was withdrawn by Supv. Perry.

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK/TREASURER APPOINTMENT POSITION THAT WAS APPROVED AT THE PRIOR MEETING, WITH JANELLE HENNING BEING APPOINTED TO THAT POSITION, WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT APRIL 7, 2009, WITH SALARY AND BENEFIT PACKAGES TO BE ASSIGNED AT A LATER DATE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The roll call vote was as follows: Supv. Losby – Aye, Supv. Perry – Aye, Supv. Stacy – Aye, Supv. Tomesh – Aye, and Chrm. Hanson – Aye.
Aye 5, Nay 0

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Administrator's report: Admr. Peterson submitted a letter to each supervisor stating his recommendation for appointments of Road Crew Foreman to Clay Brooks and Deputy Treasurer to Kimberley Bunderson, both effective April 7, 2009.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ADMR. PETERSON'S LETTER AS SUBMITTED ON DECEMBER 3, 2008. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy. Aye 5, Nay 0

The Board agreed to look at a salary range for these positions at a later date.

Chairman's Report: None.

Supervisor's Report: Supv. Perry reported on his meeting with the Superintendent of the Eau Claire Area School District. He said that they will have a \$5 million budget deficit in 2009 even after budget cuts. He also explained that Eau Claire County is looking to build a new jail. Given the levy limits imposed on these municipalities, many are incurring significant debt that will eventually affect the Town of Washington. Supv. Perry suggested to the Board the possibility of forming a consortium with Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, the Eau Claire Area School District and the surrounding towns to gather ideas on how to obtain more funding from the State and perhaps change the tax structure. Supv. Perry asked for feedback from the Board on this topic.

Citizen's Input: None.

Future Zoning Requests: None.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Township Fire Department Station 2 – Exterior Sign

Adjournment: Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Aye 5, Nay 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Kimberley Bunderson
Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Charlie Bauer, Derek Laughren