

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 2, 2009

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Michael Stacy, Karen Tomesh, Charles Bauer, Donald Perry

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Diane Krinkie

Members/Staff Absent:

A quorum being present Chrm. Peterson called to order the Bi-monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2009 BI-MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye: 5 Nay 0

### Public Hearing:

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing for a rezoning request by Arden L. & Patricia A. Thorsbakken to rezone from RH to C-2 General Business District, on Willow Creek Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Todd Andrews from Eau Claire County Planning and Development presented an overview of the analysis and staff recommendations. The staff conclusions and recommendation concludes the purpose of the proposed C-2 District and the uses allowed in this district would be inappropriate for this location. Staff also concludes this rezoning would not be consistent with the purpose of the zoning ordinance.

The proposed Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan designates vacant land to the north and south of this location, outside of the existing residential neighborhood at this site, for commercial development. Allowing commercial uses would be disruptive to this neighborhood so the staff is recommending denial of this rezoning request.

Mr. Thorsbakken distributed information packets to each Board member, then addressed the Board regarding his rezoning request. Mr. Thorsbakken expressed concerns related to the taxes for this property; Chrm. Peterson suggested he contact the Assessor for further discussion.

No one spoke in favor.

David Spalding resides at 4204 Tamara Drive, Eau Claire, WI spoke in opposition of the rezoning request and stated he has concerns to what type of establishments would be allowed in the area and increased traffic flow on Tamara Drive if this request is approved.

Kathleen Smith resides at 4001 Tamara Drive, Eau Claire, WI spoke in opposition of the rezoning request and stated she has concerns related to the increased traffic flow on Tamara Drive if this property is rezoned commercial.

**Public Hearing:** (cont)

Chrm. Peterson called the public hearing closed for further discussion by the Town Board.

Supv. Perry moved TO DENY THE REZONING REQUEST FOR ARDEN L. & PATRICIA A. THORSBAKKEN FROM RH TO C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, ON WILLOW CREEK ROAD, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701 BASED ON THE FACT THE REQUEST IS NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE UPCOMING LAND USE PLAN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nay 0

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development to operate a motor vehicle/parts/storage/towing business and a convenience-grocery store at 6391 State Highway 93 (official address change) from 4079 Deerfield Road, the Corner Store.

Todd Andrews from Eau Claire County Planning and Development presented an overview of the analysis and staff recommendations from the Eau Claire County Planning & Development Department. The staff conclusions and recommendation concludes that the proposed convenience store and automotive storage and towing business meet the standards for conditional use permits and are consistent with the purpose of the zoning ordinance. Staff recommends approval of this conditional use permit.

No one spoke in opposition.

Chrm. Peterson called the public hearing closed for further discussion by the Town Board.

Chrm. Peterson requested Sharon Thobaben obtain more information from Randy Goss in relation to the business use of the conditional use permit.

Supv. Perry moved TO TABLE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SHARON THOBABEN AND RANDY GOSS TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE/PARTS/STORAGE/TOWING BUSINESS AND A CONVENIENCE-GROCERY STORE LOCATED ON STATE HIGHWAY 93, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5, Nay 0

**US Hwy 53, Old Town Hall Road to Otter Creek Road (Presentation):**

Jeff Abboud from the Department of Transportation distributed a conceptual plan for a possible future official mapping scenario along Highway 53 corridor South of Interstate 94 interchange to Board members.

Admin. Henning stated the parcel of land involved in the mapping scenario has been petitioned for annexation. Chrm. Peterson suggested the information be further reviewed by the Board while waiting to hear the outcome of the annexation, at that time it would be brought back to the Board for further review.

**Approval of purchase of remnant piece of property on Old Town Hall Road by ECE LLC:**

Admin. Henning reviewed a letter which was received from Rick Lambrecht of Mega Foods. Mega Foods had purchased the property at the end of Old Town Hall Road near the Mega Mart from Frank Carr last year. The small remnant piece of land near Old Town Hall Road attached to the larger piece of property they purchased last year. Mr. Lambrecht from Mega Foods and Dennis Johnson from Ayres would like to present an offer to purchase the piece of land with intentions of mining the hillside and putting in two pads for commercial development in the future.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE REMNANT PIECE OF PROPERTY ON OLD TOWN HALL ROAD. The motion was second by Supv. Tomesh

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrators Report:**

Mayer road was paved on June 25 and Graff Road was paved Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Culverts will be installed on Giese and Timber Ridge Circle the week of July 6 and will be paved mid-July.

The State budget was approved; the threshold for prevailing wage has been reduced from \$234,000 to \$25,000. This reduction will have a direct impact on the road schedule for 2010. The Town of Washington anticipates it will add approximately \$20,000 to the road building schedule for 2010.

The Town has installed a new computer server and upgraded the Peachtree Accounting software to the current version.

The Town of Washington approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Altoona in relation to a parcel on Prill Road. The Town approved the agreement based on the assumption the resident was working with the City of Altoona to develop the Intergovernmental Agreement. The resident contacted Admin. Henning and states they have no intention of signing the Intergovernmental Agreement, therefore the agreement is null.

Notice for the Comprehensive Plan hearing was published in the Leader Telegram on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> the Public Hearing is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Admin. Henning is currently drafting an Illicit Discharge and Detection Program to meet the Storm Water Management requirements. The Town of Washington will be required to monitor both major and minor outfalls on an annual basis. The outfalls have been located and identified, the road crew will observe these outfalls during the dry conditions to see if there are illicit discharges to the storm water. In addition, the Town of Washington will need to draft an ordinance in relation to inspecting properties for illicit discharges. Admin. Henning will be working on language for the ordinance and will present it to the Board.

Road damage was reported on South Elco Road. The company who created the damage has paid to have the road repaired.

The Government Accountability Board will be hosting listening sessions throughout the state in regards to early voting. One of the sessions will be held at the Town of Washington on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Admin. Henning will be attending the UW-Green Bay Institute the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

There were no parking tickets issued. Two letters were sent to residents in regard to grass complaints; one letter was sent regarding road damage on Andrew Drive.

**Clerk/Treasurer's:**

No Report.

**Checks:**

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #19333 THROUGH #19365 TOTALING \$17,319.09. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**License:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER'S LICENSES FOR GINA GONZALEZ, BRIANA LAHNER, LUIS PIMENTEL, and KYLE REITER. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Chairman's Report:**

Chrm. Peterson attended a Legislative Breakfast meeting on Monday with leaders from Madison.

Chrm. Peterson reviewed the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Towns of Wheaton, Brunswick, Pleasant Valley, Seymour, Union and Washington. Within the next two weeks this agreement will be presented to Darryl Tuffe.

At the Fire Board meeting it was announced there is a new schedule being drafted for equipment replacement.

Chrm. Peterson appeared in court regarding the complaint related to John Schumacher's bulls; John Schumacher was not present at the hearing. The fine was four hundred and forty eight dollars; the Town was awarded by default.

**Supervisor's Report:**

No Report.

**Comprehensive Plan Update & Review**

Public Hearing will be at our next Board meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Approve Permit for Use of Town Meeting/Training Room**

The following changes will be made to the verbiage on the current form:

Verbiage change from: Room use of 4 hours or more \$100.00; to: Room use of more than 4 hours \$100.00

#4 will read: This is a non-smoking facility; no smoking allowed within 25 feet of the building.

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE PERMIT FOR USE OF TOWN MEETING/TRAINING ROOM. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Citizen's Input:**

None.

**Future Zoning Requests:**

August 6<sup>th</sup> – hearing a Conditional Use Permit for Paul Madsen – planned unit development.

**Items for Next Meeting Agenda:**

Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 6, 2009, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Diane Krinkie  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Terry Biesterveld, Pat Thosbakken, Arden Thorsbakken, John Kocmoud, Todd Andrews, Jeff Abboud, Dorothy Lipetzky, John Lipetzky, Kathy Smith, Patricia Spaulding, David Spaulding, Sharon Thobaben, Tammy Williamson