

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2009

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Diane Krinkie

Members/Staff Absent:

A quorum being present Chrm. Peterson called to order the bimonthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:34 p.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2009 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Administrators Report:

Adm. Henning reviewed highlights related to the Administrators Report. The Town lifted the road weight bans on April 15th. The road crew has continued with brushing projects and has begun sweeping of neighborhoods. A Belly broom has been rented from Aring Equipment and will be picked up tomorrow to begin sweeping the country roads April 20th thru April 24th. The Cemetery and grounds work is in full session in preparation for spring/summer activity. Issued 6 parking tickets, the new ticket books have been inventoried and issued for use.

Admr. Henning commended the Town staff for their superb performance the week of April 6th. The Town was visited by Joseph Coughlin of the Wisconsin Business Group inquiring as to our 2009 road programs in relation to prevailing wage laws. The 1996 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck was sold by bid on March 30th for \$1,710.00.

Monthly pay rate for the board supervisors whose term began April 14, 2009 is \$300.00. The monthly pay rate for the board chair whose term began April 14, 2009 is \$550.00. Board member's monthly payroll is prepared and mailed on the last weekday of the month. Dual signature requirement for Town checks is being executed by Admr. Henning and Kimberley Bunderson, Deputy Treasurer. There is a provision if Admr. Henning or Kimberley Bunderson is not available. Diane Krinkie, Deputy Clerk has the ability to sign the checks. The checks are reviewed by the Board at each Board Meeting and reviewed by Supv. Stacy on a monthly basis.

Supv. Stacy requested Admr. Henning research a recent traffic accident on US Highway 12 and Hwy SS. Admr. Henning contacted Capt. Pettis with Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office. The recent accident was caused due to inattentive driving. This intersection features a turn lane for increased safety for those turning on Hwy SS. A report of incidents on and near this intersection was presented for review.

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Administrators Report: (cont)

Supv. Stacy requested research into the possibility of having more than 5 board members on the Town Board. In the case of the Town of Washington, WI State Statute 60.21 does not allow for more than 5 Board members on the Town Board.

The Town of Washington has received two complaints of noise associated with dirt bike riding in the area of Sandy Ridge Lane and Surrey Lane. These complaints have been forwarded to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office.

In Chrm. Hanson's absence, Admr. Henning attended a meeting on April 9, 2009 with Attorney Hibbard and the five other Towns to review materials submitted by various AICP certified planners. Interviews will be held Thursday, April 23rd at the Town of Washington for two candidates at 5:00p.m. and 6:00p.m.

Admr. Henning attended a Storm Water & Erosion Control Ordinance Workshop on April 14th in which Eau Claire County presented their ordinance in relation to the storm water permitting process for construction projects. The information was valuable due to construction projects in the Town are regulated by the Eau Claire County ordinance and our Storm Water Permit with the DNR references this relationship.

A copy of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments correspondence from Darryl Tufte was distributed for reference. The amendments will modify language in the Land Use Chapter pertaining to non-sewered development and commercial or industrial development within the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction.

The City of Altoona has drafted an Extraterritorial Agreement in reference to a land division and subsequent parcel of land less than 10 acres on Prill Road. The draft is currently being reviewed by Attorney Hibbard. This item will be on the agenda for the May 7th meeting. The draft will be put in your Board packet for review for the next meeting.

Admr. Henning met with Fire Chief Running and Battalion Chief Dokkestul in regards to the building and any outstanding issues. A communication protocol was established to allow for effective communication with the fire department. Admr. Henning extended an invitation to the Fire Department be involved with the Town Newsletter and Website.

Admr. Henning reported on the burning barrel permit process. The Town needs to review this policy as it relates to the fees collected and the effectiveness of the program. The Burning Barrel Permit will be on the May 7th agenda for further discussion and possible action.

Clerk/Treasurer's:

The March 2009 financial statement was submitted for review.

Checks:

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #19114 THROUGH #19171 TOTALING \$44,087.10. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Licenses:

No report.

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Chairman's Report:

Chrm. Peterson suggested having the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the Bi-Monthly Board meetings. It will be added to the agenda beginning with the May 7th meeting.

During upcoming public hearings the podium will be used for any citizens who would like to discuss their concerns. For the citizens who want to be heard but prefer not to use the podium, or speak during the meeting, they will have the opportunity to complete a form which will be available to them at the back table when they sign in. Deputy Krinkie will collect the forms and give them to Chrm. Peterson to address during the meeting.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Stacy discussed the possibility of giving Board members the opportunity to work with groups and committees i.e., Fire Department, City of Eau Claire, etc. Supv. Stacy stated it would give the Board a clearer understanding of the various groups and the Board would be more actively involved. This item will be placed on the May 7th agenda for further discussion and consideration.

Supv. Perry stated it would be informative to have a calendar of events reflecting meetings that may be pertinent to the Town.

Supv. Tomesh reported the Town of Washington Planning Commission held their meeting on Monday, April 13th. The next step is to have a meeting with the Town Board and the Planning Commission on May 7th. This meeting would be an informational meeting and will be open to the public. MSA and the County will be at the meeting to answer questions related to the planning process. After the May 7th meeting, questions and concerns would be compiled and brought back to the committee for any changes. Once changes are made it would go through the notification process which is required. We are tentatively looking at the second board meeting in June to formalize and finalize the plan.

Supv. Perry – Several individuals on County II want the speed limit reduced back to 45 mph. Residents need to bring this before the County; the Town Board could hear their concerns and recommend the County hear their concerns. Admr. Henning will contact Marcus Evans at Eau Claire County regarding the resident's requests to have the speed limit reduction from Hwy 93 to Hillview Road.

Supv. Bauer – Happy to be on the Town Board and represent the Town of Washington.

Citizen's Input:

Citizen Dennis Sherman at 7378 Hwy 53, Eau Claire asked the Town Board about the association between the Township Fire Department and the Town of Washington. Chief Running explained to Mr. Sherman that the Township Fire Department is a separate entity and is staffed and equipped by the Township Fire Department, Inc. There are 5 stations serving 5 townships.

Future Zoning Requests:

May 7th rezoning for Ron Steinke on 9760 Zimmerman Road, Fall Creek.

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Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

Meg Marshall of the Clear Water Eau Claire Sustainability Task Force requested to be on the May 7th agenda to give a presentation on sustainability. The presentation would be about 25 minutes. The May 7th agenda includes the informational review of the Comprehensive Plan. Admr. Henning will contact Meg Marshall to schedule her sustainability presentation for the May 21st meeting.

Adjournment:

Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Aye 5, Nay 0

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

Diane Krinkie
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Fire Chief Running, Battalion Chief Darrell Dokkestul, Jim Murray, Amanda Mboga,
and Dennis Scheuermann