

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 7, 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 Bi-monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2009 BIMONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye: 5, Nay 0

Public Hearing:

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing for rezoning request by Ronald & Donna Steinke to rezone 1.5 acres from A1 District to the AR District. The property is located at 9760 Zimmerman Road.

Todd Andrews from Eau Claire County Planning and Development presented an overview of the Staff Recommendations from Eau Claire County Planning Department. Staff concluded the proposed rezoning petition is not consistent with all the standards for rezoning and recommends that the Board recommend denial of the rezoning petition to the County Board. (see attached Eau Claire County Planning Department Staff Recommendation)

Mr. Steinke addressed the Board regarding his rezoning request. Mr. Steinke stated the property is not near a flood plain, however, he has applied for a waterway to be installed and is expecting approval next week and would be installed this fall.

No one spoke in opposition.

Chrm. Peterson called the public hearing closed for further discussion by the Town Board. Supv. Perry stated Mr. Steinke was working on meeting the conditions for approval and did not see any reason for denial of the zoning request.

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE REZONING REQUEST BY RONALD & DONNA STEINKE OF 1.5 ACRES FROM A-1 DISTRICT TO AR FLOATING AGRICULTURAL – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5, Nay 0

Burning Barrel Permits:

Admr. Henning reviewed the Section 8 Burn Barrels, and the Annual Burning Barrel Permit along with the current application process and the \$25.00 fee breakdown.

Admr. Henning stated it was determined in January 2009 the program would be put on hold to evaluate it effectiveness prior to continuing the program.

Burning Barrel Permits: (cont)

To date the Town has received \$1,300 in Burning Barrel Permits for 2008 and 52 burning barrel permits issued. There has been some consideration given to having the inspector receive a portion of the \$25.00 fee for his time, travel, and inspection of the barrel which is up for consideration.

Battalion Chief Darrell Dokkestul and Firefighter Mick Henning stated the Fire Department would recommend the burning barrel permit stay as established. The Fire Department believes this process is an effective educational tool for residents which allow residents to ask questions in which they gain a thorough understanding of burning rules and regulations.

Supv. Bauer moved TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE ANNUAL BURNING PERMIT WITH A TEN DOLLAR ANNUAL INSPECTION FEE WITH THE FEE SPLIT TWENTY FIVE PERCENT TO THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON AND SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Supv. Perry moved TO HAVE THE CURRENT FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT BE DISPERSED IN THE PERCENTAGES MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE MOTION. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Employee Handbook & Personnel Section of the Town of Washington Municipal Code:

Attorney John Hibbard reviewed the Employee Handbook and the Personnel Section of the Town of Washington Municipal Code. Attorney Hibbard recommended reviewing both Employee Handbook and the Personnel Section of the Town of Washington Municipal Code, with an Official Standing Committee, Town Board, or Admr. Henning.

It was determined at a previous Board meeting Admr. Henning would work with Supv. Tomesh and Attorney Hibbard to determine any conflicts or overlaps in the documents. During the review of the documents the Clerks Association and the Towns Association will be utilized as resources. The proposed revisions will be brought to the Board for recommendations and approval.

Administrators Report:

Admr. Henning reported on the progress of the road construction projects. Sweeping is complete on Country Roads and the grinding of road surfaces will begin the week of May 11. Admr. Henning advised the Board if they receive calls from residents regarding road construction to encourage them to call the office for further details.

Cemetery activity has increased with setting headstones and plant stands along with tree removal near Graff Road.

Ordinance enforcement included the issuing of 4 parking tickets, received 8 complaints: 1 – dead animal, 2 – hunting, 2 – suspicious persons, 2 – abandon vehicles, and 1- obstructing drainage.

The request to reduce the speed on Hwy 11 from Talmadge Road to Hillview Road was referred to the Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner. An engineering survey will be completed and the Commissioner will contact the Town upon completion.

Property owners (Ohnemus) on U.S. Hwy 53 came into the office regarding the FEMA flood plain survey. Admr. Henning requested if Board members receive questions regarding this issue to please forward these requests to the office.

Administrators Report: (cont)

The draft of the Temporary Use Ordinance 18.30.280 by Eau Claire County will be presented for review and comment at the May 21st meeting.

Revocation Hearing for the Conditional Use Permit-2006-45 for Clifford and Debra Spickler, 1500 Birch Hills Drive will be held May 12, 2009.

Deputy Clerk Krinkie is establishing an area on the web page highlighting area meetings.

Extraterritorial Agreement with City of Altoona & Town of Washington Resident on Prill Road:

Admr. Henning forwarded the Extraterritorial Agreement to Attorney Hibbard for review. After review, Attorney Hibbard did not see any barriers to not approve the request.

Supv. Perry moved APPROVAL OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL AGREEMENT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Prevailing Wage Law Resolution:

Supv. Bauer moved APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO WISCONSIN PREVAILING WAGE LAW. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Clerk/Treasurer's:

No report.

Checks:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #19172 THROUGH #19230 TOTALING \$82,970.97. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE CLASS B BEER ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SUPERMERCADO SANDOVAL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Chairman's Report:

Chrm. Peterson met with the Towns on April 23rd regarding the appointment of John Stockham as an AICP Planner for the Towns.

During the Fire Board meeting it was determined the part-time dispatchers covering for vacation time throughout the year would receive \$12.00 per hour.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Tomesh stated she will not be in attendance at the June 4th meeting.

No other reports.

Comprehensive Plan Update & Review:

Supv. Tomesh stated the open house is scheduled for May 21st 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Washington. The Plan Commission members will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. to discuss and address questions, comments or concerns from residents. The Plan Commission is hoping to pass a resolution which Supv. Tomesh will bring to the Town Board for review and consideration. The Public Hearing for the adoption of the plan will be held on July 2, 2009. The announcement regarding the Comprehensive Plan open house will be included with the Bi-monthly Board agenda for the May 21 meeting.

Citizen's Input:

Mr. Bunderson asked about an appeal timeframe for employees. Chrm. Peterson referred to the employee handbook.

Future Zoning Requests:

No future zoning requests.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

Meg Marshall of the Clear Water Eau Claire Sustainability Task Force will give her Sustainability presentation at the May 21st meeting.

Hiring Process for Deputy Treasurer Position:

Admr. Henning reviewed the proposed hiring timeline, wage range, and list of qualified applicants to be reviewed and interviewed. Admr. Henning with Supv. Bauer and Supv. Stacy will review the resumes.

Supv. Perry motioned to CONVENE A COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATOR HENNING AND TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO REIVIEW THE EXISTING GROUP OF CANDIDATES FOR THEIR AVAILABILITY AND IF THE COMMITTEE SEES FIT TO MOVE FORWARD WOULD FOLLOW THE HIRING TIMELINE PROPOSED. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 5, Nye 0

Adjournment:

Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY,
MAY 21, 2009, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Diane Krinkie
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Monroe & Jean Yule, Ron Steinke, Tom Piercy, Tom Mallney, Darrell Dokkestul, Todd Andrews, Labby Bain, Laurie Anderson, Leo & Marlene Bunderson, Kelly Sandoval, Mick Henning