

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BI-MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2009

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Charles Bauer, Donald Perry

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Diane Krinkie

Members/Staff Absent: Karen Tomesh, Michael Stacy

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, November 5, 2009, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Supv. Bauer moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2009 BI-MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 3 Nay 0

Public Hearing:

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing for a rezoning request for John & Helen Drawbert to rezone a 5 acre parcel from A-1 District to the A-2 District located at 3697 S. Elco Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742.

Rod Eslinger 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 the proposed rezoning is not consistent with all of the standards for rezoning land from the A-1 District to another district, and that the rezoning is not consistent with the purposes of the zoning ordinance. Staff is recommending denial of the rezoning request.

Admin. Henning received two calls regarding the rezoning application. One call was from Marvin Schumacher to inquire about the application; he did not speak in favor or opposition. The second call was from Sue Larson, 4895 Markgraff Road. She has land near the area on S. Elco Road and spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Admin. Henning stated after reviewing the application it is clear there will be continued agricultural use on the 5 acres as well as the adjacent area, the potential agricultural conflict will be minimized, and the request is consistent with the Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, Henning recommended approval of the rezoning application.

Helen Drawbert, 3697 S. Elco Road, Fall Creek, WI: Helen Drawbert introduced her brother Kris Sivertson. He and his wife will be building their home on the 5 acres. Helen stated they are very good stewards of the land they own. Next year the 35 acres surrounding the 5 acres will be planted with sunflower crop.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF 5 ACRES FROM A-1 DISTRICT TO THE A-2 DISTRICT LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PARCEL OF 27.8.32.1-3 on South Elco Road. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 3, Nay 0

Administrators Report:

Chrm. Peterson and Admin. Henning attended the Wisconsin Town Association meeting on October 29, 2009 in the Town of Union. The Trip Committee (the town road improvement program) was established. Admin. Henning will be sitting on that committee.

Admin. Henning received a notice of appeal from the Department of Revenue in reference to the objection of assessment filed by Jeffrey White; this will be heard at the Department of Revenue and the decision will be forthcoming.

John Stockham sent a counter-counter proposal from the Towns, et al to the City of Eau Claire on Friday, October 23, 2009. Admin. Henning stated as of today no feedback has been received.

There have been three parking tickets issued: two for parking in a no parking zone and one for parking on an unimproved surface; one letter written for sight obstruction of Stein and Grover Road, one letter written related to dogs running at large on Whitetail Drive.

The road crew received a thank you note from the residents at Corydon Park regarding the great job they did on the Corydon Park project.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Checks:

Supv. Perry moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #19627 THROUGH #19684 TOTALING \$127,647.25. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 3 Nye 0

License:

Supv. Bauer moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER'S LICENSE FOR ALEX R. LARSON. The motion was seconded by Supv. Perry.

Aye 3 Nye 0

Town Holidays:

Admin. Henning addressed the current draft revision of the Employee Handbook which included town paid holidays of ½ day on Christmas Eve and a full day on the day after Thanksgiving. This was reviewed at the October 22, 2009 Board meeting. It is anticipated the Employee Handbook will be approved in January 2010. Admin. Henning requested the Board consider approving the new town holiday schedule effective November 5, 2009 to include these upcoming holidays in 2009.

Supv. Bauer moved TO APPROVE THE NEW TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE INCLUDING ½ DAY ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5, 2009. seconded by Supv. Perry

Aye 3 Nye 0

Chairman's Report:

Chrm. Peterson attended the Wisconsin Town Association meeting on October 29, 2009 at the Town of Union. Chrm. Peterson also attended a meeting held by Baker Tilly. They have been employed by the State and funded by Towns, Cities, Villages to look at ways to work together and accomplish tasks more economically.

Chrm. Peterson thanked Supv. Perry for all the work and the time commitment given while working on the Eau Claire County Comprehensive Plan 2009-2030 project.

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Perry brought the final draft copy of the Eau Claire County Comprehensive Plan 2009-2030 and asked Board members to review it for any errors omitted from previous meetings, and to let him know if any changes should be made.

Supv. Perry stated he received several comments regarding what a great job the road crew did with the plowing of the roads during the snowfall on Friday, October 23, 2009.

Citizen's Input:

None.

Future Zoning Requests:

None.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

Prior to the Board meeting, the Budget Hearing and the Special Meeting of the Electors will be held. Rep. Jeff Smith will hold a listening session at the Town of Washington at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Supv. Perry moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Aye 3 Nye 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:15 P.M. ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Diane Krinkie,
Deputy Clerk

Attendance: Rod Eslinger, Helen Drawbert, Kris Sivertson