

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BI-MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2010**

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Donald Perry

A quorum being present, Chairman Peterson called to order the bi-monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2010 BI-MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 4 Nay 0

Checks:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #20273 THROUGH #20317 TOTALING \$37,455.99. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER'S LICENSE FOR ANNE RUSH and OLIVIA LUDKE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Bauer.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Board of Review Update:

As indicated at our May 6, Board meeting, the Board of Review is postponed. We have published a notice that we will be meeting June 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of coming into session and adjourning until August 3, 2010 at which time we will hold the Board of Review from 4-6 p.m.

Open Book:

The annual Open Book will be held on July 21, 2010 from 3-5 p.m.

Hwy 93 Crosswalk:

Greg Helgeson, Traffic Safety Engineer for the WDOT sent an email to Admin. Henning to inquiry whether the Town would like a painted crosswalk on the north side of II, crossing Hwy 93. There will be a pedestrian signal crossing the highway. That is a requirement. The painting of the crosswalk is not a requirement. The WDOT would pay for the initial painting, but then it would be up to the Town to take over the painting of those lines. Once painting is done it has to be maintained. The initial painting is approx. \$1,300 and the life of that is 4-5 years or about \$300 annually. Chrm. Peterson believes it is the State's responsibility. After some discussion, it was agreed not to paint the cross walk, but to evaluate in the future if there becomes a need. The traffic & pedestrian signals will be a great improvement to this intersection.

Intergovernmental Cooperation:

The Town met with the Eau Claire City Council President Kerry Kincaid, Director of Community Development Darryl Tufte, and Mr. Rooney on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Heartland Inn regarding the 33 acre parcel on USH53. Chrmn. Peterson, Admin. Henning, Supv. Perry, Roland Hicks, Douglas Graff, and Darold Mayer attended. Mr. Rooney did not present a change to his plan. The City

Intergovernmental Cooperation (continued):

states there is a need for multi-family development; however, they do want to cooperate with the Town and are concerned as to the lack of multi-modal transportation infrastructure to and from this parcel. Both Comprehensive plans call for commercial development at this location, but the City plan would also allow for residential development. Given the location and highway/interstate access, a strong case can be made as to commercial/light industrial. The County's C3 district would have supported the initial proposal of a pipeline business with stockyard with a conditional use permit. This initial proposal does not fit the City's definition of commercial. The Town does not support multi-family development at this time and has concerns with the conflicts that will arise with this type of development in an agricultural area. Mr. Rooney has 1 year before he could bring back the same proposal or if he makes a significant change, he can bring it back at any time.

Administrators Report:

- Financial Statements for March 2010 and April 2010 were reviewed. (see attachment)
- Pictures were shown regarding the road bed shift on Chokecherry Road to adjust the grade of the hill.
- Pictures were shown regarding the spring drainage issues on Prill Road near Chippewa Valley Growers and the ditching and culvert work completed to alleviate this problem. In addition, the Town removed a 24" culvert an eighth of a mile to the south and installed a 36" culvert to help with the run off coming from the east toward the road bed and take it to the west side of the road. Two more culverts are to be replaced on that road prior to paving.
- The Town restored the ditch line on the hill of Schumacher Road. Matting and riprap was installed.
- The Town is tentatively scheduled to pulverize the roads on the 2010 construction schedule during the week of June 7 with the exception of Prill Road which should begin the week of July 19.
- The Corner Store request for a variance to install an LP filling station was denied by Eau Claire Board of Land Use Appeals due to the fact that they could not demonstrate hardship.
- Bike Trail East of Altoona – Approximately 1 ½ years ago, Mr. Elvig from Altoona Outdoors presented to the Board the proposed bike trail. That plan has changed. Admin. Henning shared with the Board the revised plan. The City of Altoona is working with the Eau Claire County Highway Department to install the bike trail in the CTH KB road right-away. Altoona is attempting to gain easements from Town of Washington residents for sloping from the trail. Residents have contacted the office in regards to concerns with signing the easements. (see attached map)
- A resident on Nine Mile Creek Road will be applying for a conditional use permit for a home occupation. He restores cars. Recently a complaint was filed in regards to sandblasting noise. The conditional use permit will likely be on the agenda for June 3.
- 1 letter was sent to a resident on Sandy Ridge Lane regarding operating motorized dirt bikes.
- Law Enforcement was called to S. Hubbard by the Fire Department for burning without a permit and not attending the fire. A warning was issued.
- Chrm. Peterson will be going to court on May 25, regarding five animal complaint citations.

Chairman's Report:

None

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Tomesh would like to see the Comprehensive Plan added to the Town website and a couple of errors corrected.

Citizen's Input:

Supv. Stacy encouraged residents on Inwood to sign a petition to have the speed limit lowered and bring before the Board. Admin. Henning contacted the County to increase patrol in the area and corresponded with the complainant.

Future Zoning Requests:

Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation – Nine Mill Creek Road.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

None

Adjournment:

Supv. Bauer moved TO ADJOURN. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Aye 4 Nye 0

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010, AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD.

Jackie Vold
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: None