

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 20, 2018

Members Present: Micheal Peterson, Jane Mueller, Robert Solberg, Michael Stacy, Karen Tomesh

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: None

A quorum being present, Chrm. Peterson called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

**Minutes:**

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2018 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

**Supv. Tomesh arrived to the meeting.**

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration of a Rezoning Request from Larry Zimmerman and Peter Gartmann, Agent; to Rezone 55.53 Acres from Agricultural & Agricultural Preservation (A1 & AP) to Agricultural Residential (A2) on Highway 53, Eau Claire; Parcels 024-1014-03-000, 024-1014-08-030, 024-1015-01-000 and 024-1015-01-010:**

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development. He reviewed the application and location through a PowerPoint presentation. The applicant is looking to divide the property in half for two brothers to have equal shares and indicated in the application that it would remain in agriculture. Staff recommends A3 zoning which has a 20 acre minimum and is more consistent with the request and with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The County does have concerns regarding the A2, five acres minimum request for possible future development and access on highway 53.

Pete Gartmann with Real Land Surveying, Agent for the applicant – Stated A-2 is consistent with other properties in the area. He is looking at the Future Land Use for the Town and what land use could be for the future.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing.

Don & Diane Brott, 7590 Siewert Road – are in favor of the request. No intention of developing.

John Matthews, Highway 53 – asked about the minimum acreage for A2

Kathy Brice, 5421 Highway 53 – asked about difference in acreage for A1, A2, and A3. She supports A3 to limit increased traffic on Highway 53.

Pat Matthews, Highway 53 – opposed to A2 as the land is prime agricultural land.

Al Zimmerman, 5747 Highway 53 – opposed to rezoning.

Chrm. Peterson closed the public hearing.

Supv. Solberg moved TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF EAU CLAIRE COUNTY TO REZONE 55.53 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL & AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION (A1 & AP) TO AGRICULTURAL A3 (20 ACRES MINIMUM) ON HIGHWAY 53, EAU CLAIRE; PARCELS 024-1014-03-000, 024-1014-08-030, 024-1015-01-000 AND 024-1015-01-010. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Public Hearing & Board Consideration for a Conditional Use Permit for the Non-Commercial Raising of Three Pygmy Goats from Kyle & Laurissa Grimm, Applicants and Jennifer Strozinsky,**

**Agent at 6975 Highway 93, Eau Claire:**

Jared Grande, Land Use Supervisor with Eau Claire County Planning & Development introduced the application. He presented a PowerPoint presentation. The request is to raise three pygmy goats which would be 0.3 animal units. Pygmy goats are very small and would have minimal impact on the land. The property is 2.8 acres and is zoned Residential which requires a conditional use for the request. A fence would be constructed for the area where the goats would be kept. Staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in their report.

Jennifer Strozinsky, 6975 State Road 93 – indicated the compost will be manure, wood shaving, hay or straw and grass clippings that are mixed and it breaks down quickly.

Chrm. Peterson opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition. Chrm. Peterson closed the public Hearing.

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE NON-COMMERCIAL RAISING OF THREE PYGMY GOATS FROM KYLE & LAURISSA GRIMM, APPLICANTS AND JENNIFER STROZINSKY, AGENT AT 6975 HIGHWAY 93, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**The August 2018 Financial Statement was reviewed.**

**Double Days Corrective Action Update, Owner:**

Kevin Patterson addressed the Board. He indicated that he spoke with Lt. Schalinske regarding changes and reviewed them with his staff. Watched his cameras, removed two problem employees and clientele have improved. Hired two new bartenders recently.

Admin. Henning spoke with Lt. Schlinske and there has been no contacts with the establishment by law enforcement since that last Board update.

**Checks:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #027315 THROUGH #027378 FOR \$91,341.41. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Licenses:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR ALISHA A. HEIMSTEAD AND ELAINA M. SCHUH AND AN AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE FOR LONDON ROAD LAUNDROMAT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**2019 Wages & Benefits:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the handout given to the Board regarding information for 2019 benefits and salaries including insurance, salaries, WRS, life & disability insurance. The available plans in Eau Claire County have not changed from last year; however, premiums did increase. Admin. Henning proposed an overall 2.2% increase in salary accounts (individual wage changes based on annual performance evaluation); 88% of the average of the two lowest cost plans in EC County, life & disability insurance. Dental insurance offered at 100% covered by the employee.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE AN OVERALL 2.2% INCREASE IN SALARIES; 88% COVERAGE OF THE AVERAGE OF THE TWO LOWEST COST PLANS, LIFE & DISABILITY INSURANCE AND DENTAL INSURANCE OFFERED AT 100% COVERED BY THE EMPLOYEE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**EMS Service Agreement with City of Eau Claire:**

Admin. Henning reviewed the contract. The hospitals will phase out their contribution over the next four years. Over the next ten years our contribution will increase each year.

Supv. Stacy moved TO APPROVE THE EMS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Ordinances:**

**a. Emergency Management**

**b. Continuity of Government**

Admin. Henning indicated that we would like to be a part of the Eau Claire County Emergency Operations Plan and we also need a mechanism to recover costs if we ever had a disaster in the Town of Washington. In order to declare a State of Emergency and have help in recovering costs from the State of Federal Government we need an ordinance that specifies the process and plan. We spell out equipment & labor rates in our Emergency Management Plan which is a required in order to seek such funds. Emergency Powers states that the Administrator, Town Chair or Town Board could declare an emergency which needs to be done within 24 hours of the disaster. Continuance of Government develops a line of succession. The ordinances and the Emergency Management Plan are all related. The Board made some minor wording changes to the ordinances and Emergency Management Plan.

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-09-2018 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-09-2018B – CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT. The motion was seconded by Chrm. Peterson.

Aye 5 Nye 0

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE CORRECTIONS. The motion was seconded by Supv. Stacy.

Aye 5 Nye 0

**Administrator’s Report:**

This year was a re-valuation year for the Town. Open Book was held by the Town assessor’s Jon Palm and Gene Johnson on September 10, 11, and 12. A steady stream of people attended with questions. The average increase in valuation was 15%; it was looking at a 5 year window in which market values went up significantly. Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, September 25. We have two objections that have been filed and several others that may file before the deadline on September 21. Chip sealing program is complete. Received positive comments regarding the fog sealing on Priory Road and Hickory Road.

Voight Road had two additional sub grade areas (460 ft.) that needed to be addressed after the road had been pulverized and graded. It was a very tight timeframe to complete the work due to an oil emulsion that was added to stabilize the base as historically the road has been very soft. Paving needed to be done quickly after the oil emulsion. The added repairs did put us over budget which will require a budget amendment.

7 inch rain since the last Board Meeting which required many repairs to road shoulders and a bank that washed out on Hillview Road that required an excavator to restore the bank.

Fall ditch mowing is being completed. The western portion of the Town and the landfill are done. Storm water basins in Corydon West on Rimridge Road were inspected. They are full of sediment and will be repaired next week as well as one on Brian Street.

R.J. Jurowski Construction is beginning the work on the cold storage building.

Provided the Board with proposed road improvement schedule for 2019.  
3 letters sent for vehicles parked in road on Inwood Drive.  
1 letter sent for loud noises at night at 5220 Clay Street.  
1 letter sent for piles of items in yard at 3313 Miller Street.

**Chairman's Report:**

None

**Supervisor's Report:**

None

**Citizens Input:**

None

**Future Zoning Requests:**

Priory Road from RH to A2 for a hobby farm.

**Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 18, 2018  
AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5750 OLD TOWN HALL ROAD

Jackie Vold  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Attendance: Matt Michels, Jared Grande, Larry Zimmerman, Jennifer Strozinsky, Karen Wirten, John Mathew, Pat Mathew, Kathy Brice, Peter Gartmann, Allen Zimmerman, Carolyn Zimmerman, Don Brott, Diane Brott