

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2018

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

Staff Present: Janelle Henning, Jackie Vold

Members/Staff Absent: Micheal Peterson

A quorum being present, Supv. Stacy called to order the monthly Town Board meeting of the Washington Town Board at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the Town Municipal Building, 5750 Old Town Hall Road.

Minutes:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE September 20, 2018 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Public Hearing & Board Consideration of a Rezoning Request from Chase & Heather Hurtig to Rezone 11.6 Acres from Residential (RH) to Agricultural Residential (A2) at 4884 Priory Road, Eau Claire:

Matt Michels, Senior Planner with Eau Claire County Planning & Development. He reviewed the application and location through a PowerPoint presentation. The applicant would like to have a hobby farm with animals. The request is consistent with the neighborhood. Staff does recommend approval. Supv. Stacy opened the public hearing.

Heather Hurtig stated that they would like to have a pony and possibly a few other animals.

Supv. Stacy closed the public hearing.

Supv. Tomesh moved APPROVE THE REZONING REQUEST FROM CHASE & HEATHER HURTIG TO REZONE 11.6 ACRES FROM RESIDENTIAL (RH) TO AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL (A2) AT 4884 PRIORY ROAD, EAU CLAIRE. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

The September 2018 Financial Statement was reviewed.

Checks:

Supv. Mueller moved TO APPROVE CHECKS #PR0918-09 THROUGH #027416 FOR \$436,152.74. The motion was seconded by Supv. Tomesh.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Licenses:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE THE BARTENDER LICENSES FOR LORENA GARCEAU. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Appointment of Additional Election Inspector for the 2018-2019 Term:

Admin. Henning indicated that we have a need for an additional Election Inspector for the November 6 Election and she has received the necessary training.

Supv. Solberg moved TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA STREY AS AN

ELECTION INSPECTOR FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM . The motion was seconded by Supv. Mueller.

Aye 4 Nye 0

Approve Eau Claire County Recycling Special Charge for 2018 Tax Bill:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO APPROVE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE OF \$12.00 FOR THE 2018 TAX BILL. The motion was seconded by Supv. Solberg.

Aye 4 Nye 0

2019 Budget Discussion:

Admin. Henning reviewed the draft budget summary and details with the Board. A significant change for 2019 is the Capital Improvement Projects. Proposing to increase the tax levy in 2019 to \$1,200,000; the increase is suggested due to the EMS funding and consideration for a part-time Road Department employee. The Board discussed whether to take the maximum allowable increase per the allowable new net construction amount on the levy limit worksheet and agreed to do so. The revenues are remaining static. Parking violations will no longer be a revenue for us as the County is now handling parking tickets. Interest rates are going up. Highlights on the expenditure side: the increase under Elections of \$5,000 in anticipation of going to electronic poll books and the software to support them, the Public Safety will no longer have police salary, gas, oil and supplies, increase under EMS for ambulance service, no new cemetery equipment next year, trading in a skid steer and purchasing a roller, increase in salaries to include a part time employee, street outlay is reduced, rehabilitation of the parking lot, and retrofit the Fire Department with LED lighting.

Administrator's Report:

In-person absentee voting began on October 15 and will run through November 2. General Election is November 6 and is staffed.

Attended the WTA Conference in Stevens Point October 14-16. Advocating for Town Board members to be a part of their Town Advisory Council; they do a lot of lobbying on our behalf. The increase in the State Road aids is due in part to their lobbying efforts. The Administrator encouraged the Board to be involved.

Brushing operations are continuing.

Shouldering on Voight and will be back on Holum to address erosion.

3 letters sent for parking on Timber Ridge Circle.

1 letter sent for unlicensed SUVs on E. Hamilton Avenue in the yard.

Chairman's Report:

None

Supervisor's Report:

Supv. Mueller asked about landlocked property.

Citizens Input:

None

Future Zoning Requests:

None

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

Budget Hearing

Adjournment:

Supv. Tomesh moved TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

THE BOARD'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 15, 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, Heather Hurtig, Chase Hurtig, Joel Tomesh