



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 5, 2023, commenced immediately after
Board of Review Meeting to Adjourn at a Later Date
Washington Town Hall
Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

Board Members Present: Jim Egan –Chairman, Art Granat –Supervisor, Carole Linn – Supervisor, Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk, and Tiffany Bolte – Deputy Treasurer. There were 19 other people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
3. **Verification of Postings:** Sobraliski stated the agenda was properly posted at the Wild Eagle Corner Store, MJ's Wayside, the Town Hall and on the Town's website. Local news media were notified more than 24 hours in advance.
4. **Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman.** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
5. **Approval of the previous minutes from May 8, 2023 and May 10, 2023:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Appointment of Town Treasurer:** Due to the resignation of Katie Hayes, Town Treasurer, Egan recommends the appointment of Tiffany Bolte to the position of Town Treasurer. Bolte has trained with Hayes over the past year. Motion Egan to appoint Tiffany Bolte as Town Treasurer, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the May 2023 treasurer's report.
8. **Town Foreman Report:** Paul Chlapecka was excused for tonight's meeting. Egan shared that 75% of the town have been brushed, but the crew stopped brushing due to the dry conditions. Buoys were installed in May.
9. **Discussion of navigational buoys on Catfish Lake:** Julie Brenner spoke for Mark Brenner on behalf of ERCLA. Mark Brenner met with Tim Price from the DNR and discussed additional "slow-no wake" and navigational buoys on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. One area of concern is past the Chanticleer going into Voyageur Lake. Mr. Price would not support the addition of "slow-no wake" buoys in that area. The second area of concern is located in Catfish Lake, just upstream of the Hwy 70 bridge in the area of the sandbar. Price supports the addition of 1 red and 3 green navigational buoys that would better delineate the channel thus helping prevent boats from entering the popular sandbar/swimming area. A hearing for additional navigational buoys is not needed by the Town of Washington, and ERCLA is

willing to purchase the buoys upon approval by the DNR. Linn to complete the application for DNR approval.

10. **Open sealed Bids for Road Work:** One bid was received for the Military Road Project. The bid on file, from Pitlik and Wick was opened and reviewed by the Board. The work will include road work on 1.1 miles of Military Road and 2 to 3 new culverts. The bid total was \$228,207.00. Motion Egan to accept the bid, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
11. **Approval of Liquor, Beer & Wine License for period 2/23/2023 thru 6/30/2023 – North Development LF, LLC – The Crossing at Lake Forest:** Sobralski presented liquor license application for North Development LF – LLC – The Crossing at Lake Forest for stated period. Motion Egan, seconded by Linn, all voting aye; approved.
12. **Approval of Liquor, Beer, & Wine Licenses for period 7/1/2023 thru 6/30/2024:** Sobralski presented list of liquor, beer and wine license renewal applications (Attachment A). There is one agent change at The Chanticleer. Motion Egan to approve agent change for The Chanticleer and licenses as presented, seconded by Linn, all voting aye; approved.
13. **Approval of Cigarette Licenses for period 7/1/2023 thru 6/30/2024:** Sobralski present the list of cigarette renewal applications (Attachment B). Motion Egan to approve licenses, seconded by Granat, all voting, aye; approved.
14. **Approval of Operator Licenses:** Sobralski presented new operator license applications for Karsen Daus, Sydney Peirce, Sherri Braasch, and Jennifer Mooney. Applicants have completed the applications and server course, paid the fees, and passed the background check. Motion Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
15. **Short Term Rental Ordinance – discussion of next steps based on Listening Session (5/10/2023):** Egan stated the attendees at listening session on May 10 were very respectful of other’s opinions and viewpoints. The Board is currently reviewing the concerns raised during the session and additional email communications received after May 10. Legal counsel has advised some revisions to the draft ordinance which include but are not limited to providing a copy of the Vilas County public health, septic, and fire department inspections, providing a map of each property indicating designated parking spaces for guests, reducing local property manager location to 25 miles from the rental property, and adding a clause for failure to pay room tax may result in the forfeiture of the license/permit. Several residents in attendance at tonight’s meeting had additional questions about R1 rental laws, short term rental requirement not to exceed 180 days, citation enforcement, and noise enforcement; also clarification and/or definition is needed for outdoor events. Linn will revise the draft ordinance (based on legal counsel recommendations and listening session) and forward the ordinance to legal counsel for additional review. The Board is considering another listening session for the revised draft ordinance prior to adopting the ordinance.
16. **Topics for Town E-News:** Reminder on tax payments and traveling via ATV/UTV’s.
17. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
18. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Approved: 7/10/2023