



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, July 10, 2023, 5:15 pm, at the 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 – Town Treasurer. There were 10 other people in attendance.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:15 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 June 5, 2023 – Board Meeting and Meeting to Adjourn Board of Review to a Later Date:** Motion Linn, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the June 2023 treasurer's report.
7. **Town Foreman Report:** The Town Crew has finished brushing and patching roads. The Crew also completed shoulder repair work on Anvil Lake Rd which was more complex than anticipated. Installation of road and firelane signs was performed in June. Brush site traffic and usage has been lower this year than previous years. Transfer station was extremely busy over the 4th of July holiday and Republic Services brought in additional overflow containers to manage capacity. Republic Services did note that all townships in the area had the same experience with high utilization over the holiday.
8. **Trex Program – Karen Thyne:** Ms. Thyne was not present at the meeting so no additional discussion was held. However, Egan noted there may be additional opportunity for town residents regarding the recycling of plastic bags for the Trex Program. Rich Kuethe will follow up with Ms. Thyne to ensure she is available for a future meeting.
9. **Short Term Rental Ordinance – Listening Session scheduled for August 1:** Egan noted the next listening session is scheduled for August 1. Postcards were mailed to town residents for awareness and the draft ordinance is posted on our website. No action will be taken at the August 1 meeting.
10. **Town of Washington signing authority for US Forest Service (CWDG Grant):** Linn continues to perform administrative work for this grant. Linn was recently advised by the US Forest Service that the town needs to designate someone from the governing body to act as the facilitator and execute any and all documents necessary to work with the Forest Service and the grant. Motion Egan to appoint Carole Linn as the Town of Washington/Vilas County designee to act on behalf of the Town of Washington and execute any and all documents related to the USFS CWDG, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.

11. **Amendment to Chapter 11 – Hunting Ordinance:** Amended the title of the ordinance and Section 11.05 to prohibit the discharge of firearms and/or bows and arrows on certain real estate owned by the Town. Resident comment for board consideration to allow archery hunting in the month of October. Motion Egan to approve Chapter 11 – Hunting Ordinance as amended, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved; Linn voting nay.
12. **Discussion around potential needs for a new ordinance – No Parking Ordinance:** The topic of no parking on town roads surfaced during discussions on the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Because parking concerns will be addressed in the Short Term Rental ordinance, a separate No Parking ordinance will not be developed at this time.
13. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update – Deerskin Lake Assessments:** Linn reported the Deerskin Lake assessments were completed with a total of 90 property owners participating in the program. The success of the program was due to the high participation from residents and the assistance of 16 firefighters – 5 representatives from the Forest Service, 4 representatives from the DNR, 2 representatives from the ERFD, and 5 representatives from the BLM Engine Crew Billings, MT. Mike Sanders from Deerskin Lake Association commented that residents were extremely pleased and appreciated the information garnered from the assessments.
14. **Discussion – WVIC Recreational Facilities Assistance Program – Deerskin Lake pier:** The Wisconsin Valley Improvement (WVIC) Recreational Facilities Assistance Program advises there is funding available for approved sites to improve waterway access. Preference is given to programs with a 50/50 match. Linn will write the grant and Deerskin Lake Association will fund the grant match.
15. **Shangri La Road Boat Landing:** Granat received a phone call regarding the poor physical condition and possible need for repair on the Deerskin Lake boat landing on Shangri La Road. Discussion indicated this boat landing is suited for canoe and kayak launching and not boat launching. There may be a possibility this site could be added to the WVIC Recreational Facilities Assistance Program. Mike Sanders will take this topic to the Deerskin Lake Association for feedback as there already is public access to the lake at the Deerskin Lake landing.
16. **Topics for Town E-News:** Reminder to residents to maintain accurate mailing addresses, aquatic weed disposal, and open position at the Transfer Station.
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 6:03 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Approved: 8/7/2023