



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Listening Session

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 5:00 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 34 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. **Discussion – Short Term Rental Ordinance:** Egan stated guidelines for the meeting, which is the second Listening Session on the Short Term Rental Ordinance. No action will be taken at this meeting. Attendees should respect other's opinions. Attendees should raise their hand to be recognized and state their name and address prior to commenting. The following are some of the concerns/questions raised by residents regarding the ordinance:
 - How to find out if a property is rated R1 or not
 - What constitutes an outdoor event; may be restrictive for major events such as weddings
 - Add a clarification on change in property manager contact information, i.e. permanent change
 - Lack of language on garbage pickup regulations
 - If adopted, will the ordinance single out short term rentals? What about permanent residents who do not follow noise or garbage regulations?
 - Add "consecutive" to 6 or fewer day rental period.
 - How did the board determine the criteria for revocation of the short term rental permit
 - Clarifications on septic requirements
 - Add website links on ordinance to county ordinances and Wisc. State Regulations, where noted
5. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Egan, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Nancy Sobraliski – Town Clerk

Approved: 9/11/2023