



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, August 7, 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 11 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 July 10, 2023:** Motion Linn, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved.
6. **Trex Program – Karen Thyne:** As presented at previous meetings, Rich Kuethe has been involved with gathering information on the plastic bag recycling program with Trex. Karen Thyne explained how the program works in other communities and commended Rich on his pro-active approach for garnering support for participation for Town of Washington residents. The program runs on a 6 month cycle and the goal is to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags and in return, Trex awards the participating community with a Trex park bench. Rich advises he has been collecting plastic bags for 12 days and collected 181 pounds so the 500 pound minimum is very achievable. The transfer station will continue to collect plastic bags and participation should yield park benches to be placed within the township.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Bolte presented the July 2023 treasurer's report.
8. **Town Foreman Report:** The crew has been working on tree limbs from storm damage, minor repairs on equipment, and driveway permit approval. The brush site has three occurrences where inappropriate items were dumped. We have obtained the license plate numbers and the Sheriff's Department has made contact with the violators to retrieve the materials for proper disposal; all three incidents were resolved successfully with items removed from the brush site.
9. **Plow Truck – Quote for 9-foot wing installation:** Received one quote from Burke Truck (\$20,608) and waiting for two more bids. However, due to winter approaching and the need for the wing, it may behoove the town to proceed with the Burke Truck quote and order the equipment. Motion Granat to amend previous truck money allocation of \$80,000 to \$80,608, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved. Paul will proceed with the wing purchase and installation by Burke Truck.

10. **Buoy Program Update:** The Eagle River Tourism grant money was received – \$7625.00. Total cost for the new buoys was \$10,432.43; carryover money will cover the difference – \$2807.43, thus no taxpayer money was used for the new buoys. Linn advises she is working with ERCLA to start a buoy replacement sequence in 2024 for replacement of buoys in poor condition.
11. **Safety concerns on the roads in the vicinity of Eagle Lake & Eagle Lake Boat Landing:** Discussion involved a resident concern for safety on West Eagle Pines Rd and Boat Landing Rd. There has been increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic in this area due to Peaceful Pines Campground and Eagle Lake Boat landing usage. The DOT is responsible for speed limits but placement of no parking signs in certain areas was discussed. After further discussion, no parking signs will be placed on both sides of West Eagle Pines Rd east of Boat Landing Rd, the south side of West Eagle Pines Rd west of Boat Landing Rd, the east side of Eagle Pines Rd, and the east side of Eagle Boat Landing Rd. By prohibiting parking on these roads, it will eliminate blind spots at the intersections, minimize road blockage in the event of emergency vehicle usage, and minimize the safety concerns. Motion Egan to proceed with placement of no parking signs on the roads as discussed, seconded Granat, all voting aye; approved.
12. **It is anticipated that a motion will be made and seconded to convene into a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, and compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has the jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Motion Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
 - a. Consideration of compensation of Town Employees
13. **Adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) and return to open session.** Motion Egan, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
14. **Board may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session:** Due to the commendable performance by Rich Kuethe, motion by Egan to increase rate of pay from \$18/hour to \$20/hour, effective August 1, 2023; seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved.
15. **Topics for Town E-News:** Trex program, reminder of address change for the town treasurer and public awareness needed for construction vehicles and additional traffic on Rangeline & Eagle Waters Rd.
16. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Linn, seconded Egan, all voting aye; approved.
17. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn Granat, seconded Linn, all voting aye; approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk

Approved: 9/11/2023