

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Minutes

Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Rutledge Room in the Community Center

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Gunnlaugsson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call by Town Clerk: In attendance were Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson and Supervisors Liz Holmes, Ron Overdahl, Randy Sorensen and Tom Jordan. All present

4. Town Chairman Remarks: Acknowledgement of a successful summer season which is wrapping up.

5. Approval of Minutes:

1. Town Board Meetings – Aug 16th, 2011 Motion by Holmes, second by Overdahl to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments submitted at this time.

7. Supervisors Response- No comments submitted at this time.

8. APPROVAL OF BILLS and/or Journal Entries- (Including all Town Committee bills) - Motion by Sorensen, second by Holmes to approve bills and Journal Entries. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Overdahl questioned a bill for lodging and expenses for Red Barn musicians. Gunnlaugsson stated he would question with Dan Hansen as to their procedures.

9. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS: Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to accept the submitted activity reports. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Public Works

B. Police

C. Rescue Squad

D. Fire Department

E. Airport

F. Land Fill

G. Financial Report – all committees and Special Accounts

H. Utility District Financial Statements

I. Oral reports from Supervisors: from conversation with their appointed Departments. Monthly update: FYI's

Continued

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Holmes, second by Overdahl to accept communications. After discussion motion carried unanimously.

- 1) DC HWY Dept. LRIP Meeting – Attendance ideas: JRG & TBJ
- 2) Associated Appraisal
- 3) WI Airport Manager correspondence – fuel theft
 - (a) Walt Nehlsen will be pursuing security measures at the airport since this is the second incident.
- 4) Jim Young: Town Building Permit request
 - (a) Jim gave a brief statement regarding the status of his building permit.
- 5) Town Clerk – Citizens Bank update
- 6) Community Center Committee – Recommendation request
- 7) Roberta Phelps – request letter
- 8) Jerry Maiers – Economic Development Committee
- 9) Chari Rutledge letter - Recommendations for Rutledge Room.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Center Facility update.

1. Supervisor Jordan stated LaForce came to the Island, took measurements and will work on a plan for handicap accessibility for Community Center rest rooms.

B. Mining permits update.

1. Gunnlaugsson stated the Town needs a survey of the proposed property to be mined outside the current plan at a cost of approx. \$2,000 plus approx. \$1,960 to amend the plan. This will be budgeted for 2012.

C. Gas & Diesel purchase updates.

1. Update on the fuel cards for town vehicles. Conflicting information regarding fees and charges has been obtained but this will still be pursued.

D. E-cycling update. Norsec Computer Recyclers LLC. Motion by Overdahl, second by Holmes to enter into an agreement with Norsec Computer Recyclers, L.L.C. for collection and removal of electronic recyclables at no cost to the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Update from Gunnlaugsson of E-cycle collections. He will contact Norsec regarding the procedure for the collection of electronics.

12. New Business

A. Application for Operator's License

1. Shirrell Austin. Motion by Sorensen, second by Overdahl to approve the License. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of "No Weapons Allowed" signage in Town Buildings. Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to approve the "No Weapons Allowed" sign. Motion carried unanimously. Display locations in Town buildings to be determined.

C. 2011 Wisconsin Act 23. Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to recognize 2011 Wisconsin Act 23 (the "Photo ID" legislation) requiring a voter to sign the poll list to be issued a ballot during elections. Discussion included options for educating the public since this will begin in 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Airport hangar Lease

1. Jenny Imig/Hangar #8. Motion by Sorensen, second by Jordan to approve Airport Hangar Lease #8. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 2011-8: Employee Grievance Procedure. Discussion / Motion by Sorensen, second by Overdahl to discuss Resolution 2011-8 Employee Grievance Procedure. Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to postpone discussion of this Item until the next Regular Town Board meeting when information will be completed.

F. Resolution 2011-9: Appreciation of Art Work. Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to approve Resolution 2011-9; Appreciation of Art Work. Motion carried unanimously.

~Beginning of Resolution 2011-09~

**Resolution 2011 – 09
Appreciation of Art Work**

Whereas John Davies, a resident of Washington Island, is a highly regarded artist; and

Whereas John Davies has painted portraits of five persons who are regarded as "Island Treasures", namely Jack Hagen, Jim Cornell, Sylvia Nelson, Arbutus Greenfeldt and Arni Richter; and

Whereas John Davies has given these portraits on permanent loan to the Town of Washington; and

Whereas the portraits will be displayed as follows: Jack Hagen in the Rutledge Room, Jim Cornell in the Maritime Museum, Sylvia Nelson in the Library, Arbutus Greenfeldt in the Archives and Arni Richter in the Ferry Office;

Whereas a new portrait of Paul and Jean Rutledge is being painted and being offered to the Town of Washington to join the current collection,

Now therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby resolve to express its' thanks and appreciation to Ham and Chari Rutledge for the permanent loan of this portrait to the Town as a tangible reminder of the heritage we treasure.

Approved this 20th day of September, 2011.

Joel Gunnlaugsson, Town Chairman

Valerie Carpenter, Clerk-Treasurer

Vote	Aye	Nay
Joel Gunnlaugsson	<u> X </u>	_____
Liz Holmes	<u> X </u>	_____
Randy Sorensen	<u> X </u>	_____

Ron Overdahl
Tom Jordan

 X _____
 X _____

~End of Resolution 2011-09~

G. Possible percent Allocation of Room Tax to WI Chamber. Motion by Holmes, second by Jordan to discuss Allocation of Room Tax Funds.

H. Detroit Harbor Dredging Project. USCG and Harbor Assistance Program.

1. Overview from Brian Hendricks, FOTH Engineering.
 - a.) A study/survey will be done at a cost of \$12,390, funded by the Washington Island Ferry Line to determine a cost estimate involved for the grant application.
 - b.) Hendricks has prepared a Proposal for the Town of Washington to perform the Hydrographic Survey for cost estimates and preparation of the Harbor Assistance Grant Application.
2. Supervisor Overdahl questioned why the Town was committing to the 20% and stated he would like a written commitment from the Washington Island Ferry Line pertaining to their cost responsibilities.
3. Hoyt Purinton stated the Ferry Line intends to be committed to the funding for the survey portion of the Grant.

Motion by Holmes, second by Jordan to proceed with Harbor Grant Application and Hydrographic Survey. Overdahl added to the motion to accept the Ferry Line's offer to pay for the Survey costs. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Stone Crushing operations. Bids from Contractors. Per a request by Gunnlaugsson to withdraw this Item from the agenda; Motion made by Holmes, second by Sorensen to table this Item. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Closed Sessions: As Authorized under section 19.85 (1)(c) of Wisconsin State Statue for the purpose of considering employment, compensation and performance of public employees. Also under section 19.85 e to deliberate and discuss public property purchasing. Discussion on all items only. Adjournment from closed session to follow.

Motion by Holmes, second by Jordan to enter into Closed Session. Motion carried by Roll Call vote at 8:48 p.m. as follows:

Gunnlaugsson – aye
Holmes – aye
Overdahl – aye
Jordan – aye
Sorensen – aye

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS, ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

- Ann Lewis questioned as to when a public meeting would occur with Glacierland RC&D (Resource, Conservation & Development). At the last Regular Town Board Meeting a tentative meeting was scheduled with Glacierland for September 23rd. Gunnlaugsson stated Glacierland's schedule was busy and a meeting would be posted. She questioned the Town Boards' involvement with a private organization.

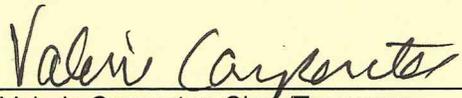
14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. Set meeting dates and times for 2012 Budget workshops. TBD

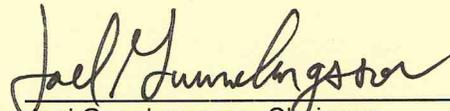
Discussion to tentatively set commencement of Budget workshops to Tuesday, October 4th, 2011. Following meetings are tentatively set for October 4th and 5th, October 10th and 12th all at 6:00p.m. Future meetings will be determined.

2. Regular Town Board meeting: October 18th, 2011, 7:00 pm Rutledge Room

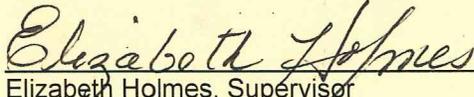
M. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourn 11:00 p.m. after Closed Session.



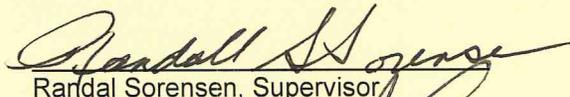
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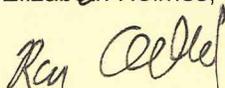
Joel Gunnlaugsson, Chairman



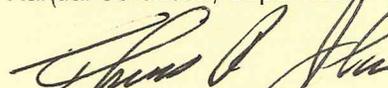
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