

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Regular Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 15th, 2013

7:00 p.m. Rutledge Room

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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Gunnlaugsson led the meeting with the Pledge.
3. Roll Call by Town Clerk: In addition to Gunnlaugsson, Supervisors Liz Holmes, Kirby Foss and John Rader were present by roll call. Supervisor Randy Sorensen was excused.
4. Town Chairman's Remarks: Gunnlaugsson made the following comments:
 - o The dredging is 13.75% completed.
 - o The clearing is done at the new sand pit. The Town has received the mining permit from the DNR.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Holmes, second by Rader to accept the following submitted minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - RTBM 8-13-2013
 - STBM 8-30-2013
6. Public Comments: No public comments were submitted at this time.
7. Supervisors Response: No supervisor comments were submitted at this time.
8. Approval of Bills, Journal entries and Bank Reconciliations: Motion by Holmes, second by Foss to approve all submitted bills, journal entries and bank reconciliations. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Department Activity Reports: Motion by Rader, second by Holmes to
 - A. Public Works
 - B. Police
 - C. EMS
 - D. Fire Department
 - E. Airport
 - F. Landfill
 - G. Financial Reports - including all Committees
 - H. Utility District
 - I. Oral Reports from Liaison Supervisors/Assigned Departments.

10. Communications: Motion by Foss, second by Holmes to approve all submitted communications. Motion carried unanimously.
 - A. DC Zoning Permit Issued
 - B. Thank you letter, DDBBQ
 - C. Supervisor Holmes - Boyer Bluff Public Access
 - Holmes addressed the access and condition of Boyer's Bluff park/access. She stated it needs cleaning and the cable at the bluff's edge should be replaced.
 - D. Airport Operations Seminar debrief. Mike Berger, Chairman of Washington Island Airport Committee attended an Airport Land Use Seminar and submitted a report of his findings at the meeting.
11. Old Business:
 - A. Dredging Update. See supervisor's comments.
 - B. Paving and aggregate update.
 - Gunnlaugsson stated 20 plus piles of logs are left from the sand mine clearing. Requests for Proposals will be accepted for the logs. Signs are being made to label the piles.
 - The county and town cannot pave private driveways so residents will need to work with private contractors.
12. New Business:
 - A. WIFD / EMR agreement w/Door County. Motion by Rader, second by Foss to approve the (EMR) First Responder agreement dated October 6th, 2013 of \$150.00 per person from Door County to compensate for insurance considerations. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Operator's License Approval/Kristina Schneman. Motion by Foss, second by Holmes to approve the operator's license for Kristina Schneman. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. WI Foundation / Rec. Center requests.

Carolyn Foss, Helena Meyer and Daniel Westbrook gave a history of the W.I. Foundation in conjunction with the Rec. Center. Due to a depletion of the foundation funds since 2009 attributed to a significant depression in the stock market and needed capital improvements to the building and infrastructure, the funds are projected to run out in approximately 3 to 5 years.

 - Does the town want the foundation to continue to spend down the endowment thus becoming, in the end, a town financial entity?
 - Does the Town want to share costs in the interim period while the Foundation works to increase its endowment?
 - Will the Town join the foundation in seeking funding and operation grants to increase the cash flows?
 - Will the Town work with the Foundation to keep the Rec. Center?

- Supervisors responded that it is acknowledged that the Foundation is part of the Town. The Town budget cannot support acquiring the financial responsibility of the Rec. Center however; the Town can work in conjunction with the Foundation to seek out funding sources. This will be brought up at the Town Association Seminar for available options

D. Resolution 2013-16 Asian Carp. Motion by Foss, second by Rader to approve Resolution 2013-16. Motion carried unanimously.

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~Beginning of Resolution~

Resolution 2013-16
Town of Washington
Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence represent the largest body of surface fresh water in the world and are a vibrant, diverse ecosystem that is critically important to the economic well-being and quality of life of the Canadian and U.S. Populations in the region;

WHEREAS, over 180 invasive species have entered the Great Lake and its connecting water ways over the years and caused widespread damage and disruption to the natural balance of the system, as well as significant economic damage;

WHEREAS, one of the most serious threats ever presented by invasive species currently comes from Asian carp, including silver, bighead, and black varieties;

WHEREAS, these varieties of carp were introduced to the southern United States for use in fish farms for algae control in the 1970's and escaped into the Mississippi River system.

WHEREAS, invasive species have already inflicted hundreds of millions in damage across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and invasive carp pose a serious threat to the \$7 billion sport and commercial fishery that support the economy and help define the culture of the entire region;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp have migrated northward through the Mississippi River system as far north as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, reducing significantly or eliminating populations of the more desirable species of fish because of their voracious food consumption and prolific reproduction;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp are threatening to enter the Great Lakes at a number of points across the region;

WHEREAS, many federal, state, provincial, and local government agencies in the United States and Canada have worked diligently and expended tens of millions of dollars over the past 10 years on a variety of projects to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, including the invasive carp, there are 39 invasive species in the two basins that present a threat to cross over into the other basin in the near future;

WHEREAS, once an invasive species establishes itself in an ecosystem, it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate it, and it often inflicts serious damage on the ecosystem and imposes major costs in efforts to control it;

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WHEREAS, Asian carp pose a dangerous risk of injury to recreational users on waters infested with Asian carp;

WHEREAS, Canadian and U.S. citizens across the basin have expressed serious concern about the invasive carp and other invasive species, and are demanding prompt action;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a multiyear, comprehensive study across the U.S. side of the Great Lakes basin called the "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS) that examines 19 separate locations where invasive carp could cross from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin, and considers a large number of potential ways to stop the further migration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the invasive carp in the Mississippi River system pose one of the greatest threats to the integrity and well-being of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem, including the 40 million Canadians and Americans who live there;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that preventing the invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem needs to be approached with the greatest sense of urgency by all those responsible for dealing with this matter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is the most effective way to keep invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Area Waterway System, and such barriers would also prevent the movement of many other invasive species from one basin to the other;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional steps must be taken in the interim to keep invasive carp out while the long term solution is put in place;

NOTW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Washington, Washington Island strongly urges all parties involved to identify a preferred solution to the invasive carp issue and move forward to Implement that solution with the greatest sense of urgency.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2013 by unanimous vote of the Town Board of the Town of Washington.

~End of Resolution~

E. Resolution 2013-17. 6 year Airport Improvement Plan - 2014. Motion by Holmes, second by Rader to approve Resolution 2013-17. Motion carried unanimously.

~Beginning of Resolution~

Resolution 2013-17
Town of Washington
2014 Airport Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, Wisconsin statutes require a "Statement of Project Intentions: from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years and,

WHEREAS, this "Six Year Statement of Project Intentions: is used by the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, for planning and budgeting purposes and is not a petition for federal and/or state aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governing body contemplates requesting federal and/or state aid for the projects listed on the attached schedule of airport improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town of Washington that the attached list of proposed improvements are in the best interest of the Washington Island Airport.

Approved this 15th day of October, 2013

~End of Resolution~

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F. Approval of letter to Airport Hangar owners. Motion by Holmes, second by Foss to approve sending the Hangar usage letter to all Hangar owners. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Closed Session, as authorized under section 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, compensation, and performance of public employees. Present by roll call vote were Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson and Supervisors Liz Holmes, Kirby Foss and John Rader. Supervisor Randy Sorensen was excused. The board entered into closed session at 8:26 p.m.

13. Public Comments, Items not on the agenda:
Mary Marik questioned why the budget meetings were not posted on the web site.

14. Upcoming meetings:

- A. RTBM November 12th, 2013
- B. STBM's October 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 4th.

15. Action from Closed Session. The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. There was no action taken as a result of Closed Session.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Holmes, second by Foss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously at 9:15 p.m.

Valerie Carpenter, Clerk/Treasurer

Joel Gunnlaugsson, Chairman

Elizabeth Holmes, Supervisor

Randal Sorensen, Supervisor

Kirby Foss, Supervisor

John Rader, Supervisor