

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Annual Town Meeting
Gym at the Community Center
Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Gym at the Community Center. 115 citizens signed in as attending.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Gunnlaugsson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **2012 Annual Town Meeting Minutes:** Copies were provided of the 2012 Minutes. Chairman Gunnlaugsson read the Meeting minutes.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by John Rader, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Financial Report presentation** by Karen Kerber, Kerber, Rose and Associates: Karen Kerber reviewed the audit results with the meeting attendants.
 - Karen stated an unmodified opinion was obtained by the Town which means all of the numbers on the financial report were supported by furnished documentation. After Karen's presentation she addressed all questions referring to the Financial Report.
6. **Approval of Financial Report:** Motion by Carol Stayton, second by Al Thiele to approve the submitted 2011 Financial Report. Motion carried.
7. **Any other Town Business** which may be introduced and acted upon per Wis. Stat. 60.10:
No business was introduced at this meeting.
8. **Setting date for 2014 Annual Town Meeting according to Wis. Stat. 60.11 (2)(b).**
 - Motion by Lois McDonald, second by Leo Derrico to set the 2014 Annual Town Meeting for April 8th, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Public Input:**
 - Ron Overdahl questioned the inclusion of a break wall on the Statement of Intention for the Dredging Project. Gunnlaugsson stated the Statement of Intent needed to include all potential projects with cost estimates, in order for those projects to be considered for funding. It in no way obligated the Town to proceed with the intended project, however any procured funds cannot be used toward an unspecified project.
 - Louie Munao stated the "Draft" copy of the Financial Report was hard to read and included only summary numbers, not line items. He stated he would like to see a complete version of the Financial Report. Gunnlaugsson stated the complete version was available at the Town Office.

- Discussion of the road paving projects. Paving was originally set to commence in June however, the paving has been delayed until this Fall. If the grant is awarded for the dredging, paving may be delayed until next year. The roads slated to be worked upon will remain the same.
- Several members of the public questioned and discussed the medical services on the Island, i.e. X-ray machine, doctor services. Motion by Larry Kahlscheuer, second by Steve Eaton to encourage the Town Board to create a committee to explore the medical needs for Washington Island. Motion passed by show of hands.
- Officer Gary Schultz presented information on the Home Lock Boxes offered by the Police Department.
- Police Chief Tyler McGrane and Fire Chief Pete Nehlsen gave a presentation on the Police / Fire Department buildings. Gunnlaugsson stated there is a committee being formed to address all of the Town buildings to identify the present conditions and future solutions.

10. Board Member Comments: No Board Members comments were offered at this time.

11. Oath of Office for Town Officers: Valerie Carpenter / Clerk, issued the Oath of Office to reelected incumbent Chairman Joel Gunnlaugsson, reelected incumbent Supervisor Randy Sorensen and newly-elected Supervisor John Rader. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to out-going Supervisor Tom Jordan.

12. Town Chairman Remarks: Chairman Gunnlaugsson gave a review of the State of Island:

- Gunnlaugsson started by thanking everybody in the Community including the Town employees
- Reviewed Coastal Management Grant for \$30,000.00 for the Harbor Improvement Plan.
- Gisliason Beach will be refurbished due to the Coastal Management Grant.
- The Harbor Assistance Grant was resubmitted to the State for consideration for the channel dredging.
- Efforts are being made to remodel the Rutledge Room and Town Office.
- A new well will be installed at Jackson Harbor and the Art and Nature Center. Efforts are being made to find cost savings.
- Possibility of floating docks at Jackson Harbor due to low water conditions.
- Need employees to work at the museums.
- Town's finances are showing an excess in the fund balance. The Town will look into earmarking revenues for future projects.
- A Property and Structure Committee to inventory and address the needs the Town structures will be formed to determine the state of the Town buildings and future requirements..

- Set aside money to pay paving loan when it comes due. The Loan was for \$650,000. When the principal balloons in 2017, there will be \$275,000 as the payoff. That amount will be allocated to pay that off.
- Borrow money to Utility District for planned FAST system.
- Asks the community to gather information and attend meetings to become more informed.
- Asks the community and the supervisors to bring in comments and ideas for meeting agendas and discussion.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Jake Ellefson, second by Leo Derrico to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting.
Motion carried unanimously at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Carpenter
Town Clerk
Town of Washington