

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 7:00 p.m.

1. Call meeting to Order: Chairman Jim Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Chairman Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call by Town Clerk: In addition to Chairman Hanson, supervisors present at roll call included Kirby Foss, Randall Sorensen, Elizabeth Holmes and John Rader.
4. Town Chairman's Remarks: Chairman Hanson stated the budgeting process is about to begin; he suggested the board talk generally about the process to give the Department heads a guide for their work.
5. Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.
6. Supervisors Response: Supervisor Rader stated the Infrastructure Committee is getting together with Keller in August to relook at the plan for the Safety Building to attempt to come up with something that works but is at less cost.
7. Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Board Meeting 6/16/2015 – Motion by Supervisor Sorensen, second by Holmes to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.
8. Review of Committee Minutes including Infrastructure, WIZAP, Recreation Center, Fire Department and Parks. Motion by Supervisor Foss, second by Holmes to accept all Committee minutes. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Bills, Journal entries – including all Town Committees: Motion made by Sorensen, second by Holmes to accept all Journal entries and bank reconciliations, including Town Committees.
10. Department Activity Reports: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Rader to bring the following submitted Department Activity reports to the floor. Motion carried.
 - A. Public Works
 - B. Police
 - C. EMS
 - D. Fire Department
 - E. Airport
 - F. Landfill
 - G. Financial Reports –Bank Reconciliations including all committees
 - H. Utility District
 - I. Oral Reports from Supervisors from their various appointed departments. Monthly updates – FYI's
11. Communications: to include any letters or Correspondence received from the public or a committee. Motion/discussion:
 - A. DC Zoning Permits issued
 - B. Sanitary Survey Reports – Laurel Braatz – Wisconsin, DNR
 - C. Joint Finance Committee shoreland item Door County adopted resolution

- E. Snowmobile Trail Pass – Wisconsin, DNR. Supervisor Sorensen asked for clarification.
 - F. Property Insurance – Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, information only
 - G. Unemployment Insurance Claimants – Department of Workforce Development.
 - H. Verbal inquiry: Could Island Families use School House Beach Pavilion for free at least once each year. Discussion: Supervisor Sorensen said the Park Committee discussed this and determined it would be difficult to implement.
 - I. Written letters from the following: Pat & Len Sawasko – “The service at the Landfill by the Krueger Brothers is Outstanding!”; Larry Harvell – Access to Airport office for Friday Meetings; Edwin X. Graf, Michael B. Berger, Steven J. Beekman and Lu Beekman – Letters of resignation from Airport Committee.
12. Old Business/Action items:
- A. Credit Card Usage Policy updates. Discussion of acceptance changes of dates/names with new Chairman's information.
 - B. Lease Agreement between Town of Washington and Ann E. Maltzke. The Town attorney, who was present, said the paperwork for the transaction will be completed by the end of July.
 - C. Agreement between Death's Door Barbeque and Town of Washington. Discussion of finalizing the agreement followed. Dick Jepsen asked about the fee; he stated he understood the fee was to be waived. Clerk Carpenter stated there was discussion with the Bureau who stated if the event is going to take place on the airport; the airport has to be compensated at a fair market value rate. Federal and state funding have gone into developing the property as an airport and fair market value compensation ensures the public's investment. The Board agreed Items D and E under Item 4, Setup & Teardown, need to have "Town Crew" substituted for "DDBBQ/WICC". Also, Insurance on B and C under Item 2; the Bureau asked if the Board wants the cap at One million dollars or Three million. The Board directed that the Three million dollars be deleted and the One million remain. Supervisor Foss made a Motion to accept the agreement with Deaths Door Barbeque and the Town of Washington for 2015 with the changes; Holmes was the second. Motion carried.
 - D. Town of Washington Cemetery Deed for cremains. Discussion followed re the need to add a paragraph for those lots that can only be used for cremains; Supervisor Foss made the Motion to approve the Deed wording to relate to cremains; seconded by Sorensen. Motion carried.
 - E. Town of Washington Firework Permit. Town Chairman stated he would prefer to not be in the position of issuing permits; the consensus of the Board was to continue to issue permits to provide documentation as to who is responsible. No action taken.
 - F. Town of Washington Parking Lots. Chairman Hanson stated there had been some discussion of the parking permits at the Welcome Center. There currently is no policy on usage of the parking spaces. Chairman Hanson suggested there should be the development of a policy; item tabled; no action taken.
 - G. Airport Committee: Chairman Hanson stated this discussion needs more time to develop. Motion made by Supervisor Sorensen, second by Holmes, to table this item. Motion carried. Discussion followed with members of the community on the airport in general; Chairman Hanson stated there is no committee and there is no Director at this time.

- F. Changes to fees charged at the Town of Washington Landfill. Chairman Hanson had asked the Landfill staff to revise fees; a Motion was made to amend the Ordinance regarding the fees and to not identify a lead attendant to collect the fees. Supervisor Foss made a Motion to approve the new landfill fee schedule. Second by Holmes. Motion carried.
 - G. Proposal / Agreement for Professional Services from Becher Hoppe: Motion made by Supervisor Sorensen and second by Supervisor John Rader to accept the agreement for professional services by Becher Hoppe. Motion carried.
 - H. Certificates of Appreciation for Walt Nehlsen, Airport Manager for eighteen years, and Kathleen Morris, Director of Maritime Museum. Supervisor Foss made the Motion to approve awarding the Certificates; second by Holmes. Motion carried.
13. New Business:
- A. Approval of Operator's Licenses for the following: Kainer, Lynn; Radosevich, Robert; Johnson, Charlene; Knudsen, Nicholas; Kainer, Jocelyn; Thome, Steve; Casey, Sean and Koyen, Hans. Motion by Sorensen to approve the above licenses, second by Foss. Motion carried.
 - B. Approval of "Picnic" license for American Legion. Motion by Sorensen, second by Holmes to approve the "Picnic" license. Motion carried.
 - C. Approval of Ordinance 2015-03. Option B Total Opt Out of Implements of Husbandry Length and Weight limits. Motion by Sorensen, second by Foss to opt out of length and weight limits for IOH. Motion carried.
 - D. Plaque at Mountain Tower. Motion by Sorensen seconded by Foss for plaque to be placed on Mountain Tower identifying the builders. Motion carried.
 - E. Phragmites Control Program: Addressed in earlier discussion.
 - G. Brochure Re-printing: Proposal to reprint the brochure entitled "Ever Think about Living on an Island?" the Island; Supervisors Foss and Holmes stated there are still brochures available at Northport. Item tabled.
 - F. Approval of training for Gary Schultz: Motion made by Foss; second by Sorensen to approve the training. Motion carried.
 - H. Re-appoint Clerk/Treasurer for three year term. Holmes asked to table this item. Clerk/Treasurer Carpenter stated State Statute requires the position be re-appointed every three years on the anniversary of employment. Carpenter stated that date was in the month of July. Supervisor Sorensen made the Motion to re-appoint Carpenter, Foss, Rader and Sorensen voted aye; Holmes voted nay. Motion carried.
14. Public Comments, items not on the agenda: Valerie Fons spoke on public access points to the water. Phil Murphy spoke on the airport; his concern was the closing of the Northeast Southwest runway. He asked for the runway to be reopened. Bruce McClaren asked about the connection between the removal of trees not being done and delaying the reopening of the runway. Other pilots spoke about the importance of reopening the runway for safety, Bob Nordhaus was one of the pilots. He pointed out that the VASI lights caused this directive from the Bureau. He stated if the runways closed in the evening, only open in daylight hours, the Bureau would not be involved. Mike Saxton, a pilot, stated he would help in any way needed since there now is no Airport Committee. Noel Ryder explained the Motion at the Town meeting to disband the Committee and appoint individuals with a "broader based" expertise. He gave a

history of the airport changes due to the engineering study. He stated there are a great deal of trees involved for removal; he encouraged looking into the motivation for the directive to remove the trees. He also questioned the idea of accepting "free money" for projects from the State, saying "there is no such thing as free money". McClaren asked what is actively happening to reopen the runway. Rader cited communication issues with the Bureau; Lou Munao asked re a timeframe. A citizen asked why the airport could not simply be designated for daylight hours only; Jonathan Mann, Public Works Director, stated Hal Davis from the Bureau would not accept that. The runway has to be marked with large yellow X's. Ed O'Neill (?) expressed this issue is dividing the community and needs to be resolved as quickly as possible. Clerk/Treasurer spoke today with Gail Stern from the Bureau who represents our airport and stated the information from the Bureau is advisory only. There was no order to close the runway; the statement was made it could/should be closed, but it is the Town's decision to close the runway.

15. Closed Session, as authorized under section 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of Considering employment, compensation and performance of public employees. Valerie Carpenter asked if she was going to be discussed at the Closed Session; Holmes said "no". Carpenter asked why Holmes tabled her reappointment. Holmes said she would discuss it tomorrow; Carpenter stated if it has to do with her performance she would want it discussed at this time. When asked a second time if the closed session would involve discussion of Carpenter, Holmes answered, "yes". Carpenter requested to remain in open session as allowed by State Statutes. Discussion of personnel issues/concerns followed.

16/17/18 No Closed session

19. Upcoming meetings:
A. BOR August 18th, 2015 4 - 6 pm
A. RTBM August 18th, 2015 – 6 pm
B. Open Book July 28, 2015

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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

20. Adjournment: Motion by Holmes, second by Sorensen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Carpenter, Clerk/Treasurer

James Hansen, Chairman

Elizabeth Holmes, Supervisor

Randall Sorensen, Supervisor

Kirby Foss, Supervisor

John Rader, Supervisor