

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday December 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Rutledge Room in the Community Center**

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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

- A. ROLL CALL:** In addition to Chairman Tim Jessen, Supervisors Liz Holmes, Randy Sorensen, Carol Stayton and Ron Overdahl were present.

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jessen led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments offered at this time.

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Stayton made a motion, seconded by Sorensen to approve the following listed minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Town Board Meeting – November 10, 2010
 - 2. Special Town Board Meeting (s) - November 5, 2010 & November 29, 2010

- E. APPROVAL OF BILLS** (Including all Town Committee bills): Motion made by Sorensen, seconded by Holmes to approve the submitted bills including the Town Committee bills. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS:** Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Stayton to approve the submitted activity reports. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Public Works
 - 2. Police
 - 3. Rescue Squad
 - 4. Fire Department
 - 5. Landfill
 - 6. Airport
 - 7. Financial Report
 - 8. Utility District

- G. COMMUNICATIONS:** Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Stayton to accept the following communications. Motion carried.
 - 1. Building Permits
 - 2. Education Advisory Committee – Robert Cornell commented on the need for volunteers to form an advisory committee to address the Island School needs that can be provided from NWTC. He would like to appoint a member of the Town Board to serve on the committee.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Landfill discussion concerning lease or purchase of recyclable crushing equipment. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Overdahl to discuss the details of the proposed crushing equipment. Motion carried.

Overdahl gave an overview of leasing vs. purchase. Leasing would be at the overall rate of \$378.00 per month. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Overdahl to lease a recyclable crushing container from Veolia for 3 years. Motion carried by majority vote with the ayes - Jessen, Holmes, Sorensen and Overdahl and nay - Stayton.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Posting for 2 new members of Town of Washington Economic Development Committee. Motion made by Overdahl, seconded by Stayton to post positions for two members to the Economic Development Committee. Motion carried.
2. Consolidation of Bank Accounts. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Sorensen to combine Jackson Harbor and Maritime Museum accounts, also WICHP account to eventually be consolidated into the General Fund. Motion carried with the ayes - Jessen, Holmes, Sorensen and Overdahl and nay - Stayton
3. Request from G & G Construction to place power and phone lines under Range Line Road. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Stayton to lay power and phone lines under Range Line Road. Motion carried.
4. Holiday hours for the dump
 - A. December 24, 2010 - 8:00am to 12:00pm
 - B. December 31, 2010 - 8:00am to 12:00pm.Motion made by Stayton, seconded by Holmes to approve the Holiday hours for the Landfill. Motion carried unanimously. It was suggested signs be displayed early to inform the public.
5. Acceptance for grant for Police car cameras. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Overdahl to approve the dash camera grant for the Police Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Accepting resignation of Town Attorney and hiring new attorney. Motion made Holmes, seconded by Overdahl to accept the resignation of Town Attorney, Thomas Burke.
Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Overdahl to approve contacting and retaining Slatky, Wolske and Mehn Law Offices from Kewaunee. William Wolske the first contact stated his firm works at \$150.00 per hour plus travel/office expenses. He did not require a retainer. Motion carried.
7. Changing date of January 12, 2011 Town Meeting to January 10, 2011. Motion made by Holmes, seconded by Stayton to hold the next Regular Town Meeting to January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

- Carol Stayton stated she would like have the NWTC Advisory Committee Formation be place for action on the next agenda.
- Ron Overdahl stated he would like the Board to authorize a person to facilitate changes or approvals to the Health Insurance contract with Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- Jessen stated the Board needed to follow up on a conference phone to the DNR. Holmes stated she would help after she finds her notes.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS, ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

- Fire Chief, Peter Nehlsen gave an update on the donation collection for the new ladder truck. He was pleased to say, to date, the fund was showing \$20,265. He stated the balance could be raised with other means (Raffle Fund) if it came to that; however the donations were continuing to come in.
- Valerie Carpenter stated there is a fire-proof 4-drawer file cabinet at the home of Henry Nelson. The estate offered it to the Town Office for \$400.00. Retail they cost over \$1,000.00. It is needed for securing sensitive documents (i.e. voter records, personnel files).
- Valerie Carpenter stated the Town is looking for new homes for the soft furniture in the Rutledge Room. If anyone wants the furniture, let the Town Office know.

L. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. Regular Town Board Meeting, January 10th, 2011

M. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Stayton, seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 7:49 p.m.

Valerie Carpenter, Clerk/Treasurer

Timothy H. Jessen, Chairman

Elizabeth Holmes

Randal Sorensen,

Carol Stayton

Ron Overdahl