

Regular Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Wascott Town Hall

-Minutes-

Work Session – 6:30 p.m.

The work session was called to order by Chair Jenson at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Jenson, Supv Youngquist, Supv Boughner and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.; motion carried.**

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- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jenson at 7:00 p.m. Board members present – Chair Jenson, Supv Youngquist, Supv Boughner, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 14 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2020 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020
 - b) Approval of Agenda
 - c) Treasurer’s Report
 - d) Bartender Licenses - Godona Cain
 - e) Driveway Permit - TSC Seaman’s Resort, Jeff Blomquist, Jessica Oehrlein
 - f) Approval of August/September 2020 vouchers

A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve consent agenda with the addition of a Driveway Permit for Jessica Oehrlein; motion approved.

- 4) Public Comments – Please be advised per § 19.84(2), comments and announcements will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town Board and limited to 2 minutes per person. No action taken by Board. *Jan Newsome* commented and referred to agenda item 6.k. - this is considered housing rental on town property, not senior housing specifically. *MaryLou Bergman* thanked the Town for the work done on Lidberg Bridge Road.
- 5) Department and Representative Announcements
 - a) Fire Department – Chief Michalek - absent.
 - b) EMS Asst. Director – Stacey Vig - absent.
 - c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman - participated by teleconference and provided the following report -
 - Forest products is the 2nd largest industry in Wisconsin. It provided 64,000 jobs and contributed 24 billion dollars to our economy last year. Versos closing in Wisconsin Rapids cost 902 jobs at the facility. Potentially, it could impact all forest management in Wisconsin; in addition to all the benefits our forests provide. In 2019, 18% of our forest products went to Verso. That was over 20% in the first half of 2020.
 - 2020 Plat books are available. Contact Marissa Hanson at DouglasCountyWI.org or call 715-395-1634. Cost is \$30 per book.
 - The new Veteran’s Service Officer is Erick Hudson and the Deputy VSO is Nathan Sykes. Kelly Peterson has accepted the 10th District County Board seat, previously held by Larry Quam.
 - Due to Covid related restrictions, all county committee meetings are being held in the County Board Room at the Government Center. All are accessible to the public, in person, or via telecon. Call in numbers are posted with each agenda in legal postings.
 - Communicable Diseases in Cervids Committee met with Carolyn Pierce, County Corp Council, to answer questions regarding the proposed draft ordinance on game farms and hunting preserves in Douglas County.

- All departments have presented their 2021 draft budgets. County Board will be presented entire budget Sept. 24.
 - Three capital projects were awarded - spalling stone repair and one each for finance and highway. The remaining funding, \$537,910 is for capital improvement projects and \$236,000 in discretionary funds will be placed in Capital Projects Reserve. Projects dealing with Health and Safety will be handled by County Administrator and Administration Committee on a case by case basis.
 - Zoning meets on Sept 9. Wascott has a CUP for Seaman's Resort for a 40-unit seasonal campground and a 30'x50' bar and grill with deck. Les Chandler's CUP for Home Occupation will be reviewed for compliance.
 - St. Croix Campground will be open and maintained through 9/28/20. After that, it will be open with self-registration and NO services provided. This is a trial with potential to be open into October in the future, if all goes well.
- d) Chairman's Report - Chair Jenson reported the following -
Highway Department
- New garage doors installed;
 - Lidberg Bridge Road is scrub sealed;
 - Working on list of 2021 road projects and future equipment schedule;
 - Town Board will do a road inspection in October to see projects completed and recommend projects for 2021;
 - Bond Lake Estates Road and East Mail Road projects to be completed in September;
 - Tires, brakes replaced on equipment;
 - Mowing, patching pot holes, doing erosion control projects.
- Chair Jenson will attend a virtual WTA Convention webinar.
- e) Supervisor's Report - Supv Youngquist reported the West side brush dump continues to have lots of activity.
- 6) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –
- a) Award Bid - LRIP Road Project - Clerk Atkinson presented one bid from Monarch Paving Co. in the amount of \$156,313.57 for the LRIP Blacktop Surfacing Warm Mix Asphalt. **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to accept and award the LRIP Road Project Bid to Monarch Paving Co. in the amount of \$156,313.57 for Blacktop Surface-Warm Mix Asphalt paving on East Mail Road from McCumber Road to Kreel Road, including shouldering; motion carried.** Note - shouldering may not get done until November.
- b) Purchase of Ballot Drop Box - Clerk Atkinson asked the Board to approve the possible purchase of a Ballot Drop Box for an *approximate* cost of \$900. Because of time lines for the arrival of said drop box, it may not be purchased. **A Jenson/Youngquist motion to approve purchase if advantageous; motion carried.**
- c) Resolution 2020-08 - Budget Amendment - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 - Budget Amendments. Roll Call Vote - Youngquist, yes; Boughner, yes; Jenson, yes; motion carried.**
- d) 2020-21 & 2021-22 Tax Collection Contract/Agreement with Douglas County - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve the 2020-21 & 2021-22 Tax Collection Contract/Agreement with Douglas County; motion carried.**
- e) SAP (Service Award Program) Administrative Option - The client manager of the Town's Service Award Program (SAP) contacted Clerk Atkinson inquiring if the Town was interested in opening a MassMutual contract and moving a portion of the SAP funds from Lincoln Benefit Life to MassMutual. MassMutual holds annuities for SAP's around the country. There would be no loss of funds or tenure for any program members. Chair Jenson contacted the client manager to clarify questions she had and stated the transfer of these funds into MassMutual would be advantageous for the Town. **A Jenson/Youngquist motion to approve the moving of a portion of the SAP funds from Lincoln Benefit Life to MassMutual in the amount of \$7,797.38; motion carried.**
- f) Town's Insurance for 2020-2021 - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to accept the Town's Insurance Policy with Rural Mutual in the amount of \$28,320 for 2020-2021; motion carried.** Chair Jenson, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson, Highway Foreman Walters and FD Chief Michalek met with Alan Schiefelbein, Agent for Rural Mutual Insurance Company, reviewing the policy.

- g) CU Permit - TSC Seaman's Resort - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve the CU Permit for TSC Seaman's Resort for the construction of a 40-site Campground and a Bar/Grill with deck; motion carried.** It is to be noted the Board had concerns regarding safety issues with access to the bar and cabins through the campground.
 - h) Sale of Hay Wagon - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion approving the selling of the Town's hay wagon to Rich McCumber in the amount of \$200; motion carried.**
 - i) Request to Vacate Shesby Road - Since there are unresolved issues with this request, it is tabled. Chair Jenson will speak with owner.
 - j) Brush Collection Sites - Usage and Fees - Supv Youngquist reported since there are no issues with the brush sites, suggested to leave as is.
 - k) Senior Housing Exploration Process - Chair Jenson stated that instead of setting up an ad hoc committee to explore senior and/or rental housing options, this will be referred to the Town Plan Commission for their recommendations back to the Board. She commented that if we approve proceeding with a project and looking for a developer we will follow legal advice and guidelines from the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA), and that the Town does not intend to become a landlord for any housing project.
- 7) Adjournment - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer