

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Washington

Door County

The Town Board of the Town of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, hereby provides its written notice and agendas of the public meetings of the Utility District & Town Board of the Town of Washington for Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. per Department of Justice guidelines. The meetings will be held in the Rutledge Room at the Community Center and will also be available through via GoToMeeting (details below). The town chairperson, or a designee has provided communication of this public meeting to the requisite news media, if any. The public may provide comments to the town board if a period for public comment is noted on the agenda and upon recognition by the presiding officer.

MINUTES

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. Chairman Hans Lux called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. Roll Call/Quorum and Approval of Agenda
 - a. In addition to Chairman Lux, Supervisors present were Martin Andersen, Margaret Foss, Larry Kahlscheuer, and Loren Roznai.
 - b. Motion by Kahlscheyer seconded by Andersen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Chairman's Comments
 - a. Recap of Annual Town Meeting
 - i. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. Lux did not see this as negative, because there was no vote or hot button issues on the agenda. Lux hoped that the open communication between the board and the public has put the public at ease. He will try to communicate with the Observer to assist with board meeting coverage while they are short staffed.
 - b. Destination Door County Master Plan Steering Committee
 - i. Chairman Lux is serving on the committee to represent Island interest.
 - c. Members needed for committees: Parks, Economic Development, WIZAP, etc.

- i. Supervisor Foss suggested the board distribute some information on what exactly these committees do, and that the increased influence these committees will have on the Comprehensive Plan may draw interest. Chairman Lux added that every resident will be sent surveys and will have input on the plan as well.
 - d. Community suggestion box – chairman@washingtonisland-wi.gov
- 4. Public comments, communications, and suggestions from residents of the town and other persons present.
 - a. Washington Island Lions Club
 - b. Connie Smith cautioned that islanders must make their voices heard when creating the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances. In Smith’s experience there are communities in the county that have had local voices overshadowed by other interests. It is important to remember that Destination Door County is funded by room tax dollars, and that there must be a balance between locals and tourists.
- 5. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to approve of the following Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
 - a. Regular Town Board – 04/5/2023
- 6. Communications and petitions by Town Clerk – No discussion or action.
 - a. Town of Washington – Reconciliation Reports
 - i. Cash Account #1 – 03/31/2023
 - ii. Cash Account #11 – 03/31/2023
 - b. Town of Washington – Statement of Assets, Liab. & Equity
 - i. March 2023
 - c. Town of Washington – Statement of Revenue & Expenditures
 - i. March 2023
- 7. Acknowledged Receipt of Reports of specific standing departments and committees.
 - a. Fire Department
 - i. March 2023 Report
 - b. WIZAP
 - i. Minutes – 03/21/2023
 - ii. Agenda – 03/21/2023
- 8. Reports of special committees, special commissions, and special boards
 - a. None

- b. Supervisor Foss suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee regarding the airport. Clerk/Treasurer Alexandria McDonald clarified that there would need to be a specific purpose or task assigned to an ad hoc committee if one were to be formed.
9. Reports by Town Officers.
- a. Martin Andersen
 - i. Fire Department
 - ii. Recreational Center
 - iii. Infrastructure Committee
 - 1. More discussion on building renovations is needed.
 - iv. Harbors and Waterways
 - 1. Public Works Director Jonathan Mann is working to repair the docks.
 - b. Larry Kahlscheuer
 - i. Law Enforcement
 - ii. Healthcare
 - iii. Parks and Natural Areas
 - iv. WIZAP
 - 1. Addressed later in the agenda.
 - c. Loren Roznai
 - i. Red Barn
 - ii. Archives
 - iii. Economic Development
 - iv. Community Center
 - 1. Addressed later in the agenda.
 - v. Museums
 - d. Hans Lux
 - i. Town Office
 - 1. Working with Quantum to implement new phone lines.
 - ii. DPW
 - iii. IT
 - iv. Airport
 - 1. Airport Operations Conference.
 - a. Lux learned that the Town's hanger leases may need to be amended to comply with FAA regulations.

10. Public hearings and advisory votes

- a. Discuss current COVID-19 situation – recommend any changes/actions.
 - i. As of May 11, this item will no longer appear on agendas. Chairman Lux’s final comment was to encourage the public to think about the community when making health related decisions.

11. Specific matters for discussion and possible action by Town Board in open session:

- a. Motion Kahlscheuer seconded by Roznai to approve payment of town bills – March 1 to March 31, 2023. Motion carried.
- b. WIZAP Committee
 - i. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Foss to approve Committee Recommendation on proposed zoning amendments by Door County Land Use. Motion carried.
 - 1. Kahlscheuer clarified that if the proposed changes were approved by the county, all the responsibility of creating utility ordinances would fall to the town. It is of his and the committee’s opinion that the town does not have the time, knowledge, or funds to create these ordinances. This should be a county responsibility. He also clarified that this recommendation to the county was advisory only; the final decision is made by the County Board.
 - ii. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Roznai to approve Chairman to send accompanying recommendation from Town Board to Door County Land Use. Motion carried.
- c. Community Center Committee
 - i. Motion by Andersen seconded by Roznai to approve fee structure recommendations. Motion carried.
- d. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to restrict stump dump use to residential use only.
 - i. Mann suggested that if the use of the dump was restricted to residential users, then the amount of material would be more manageable by his department. Currently, the town does not have the staff or equipment to adequately keep up with the material brought by contractors. Dave Small added that as a contractor, he would ask that contractors be able to continue to dump concrete waste. Mann responded that since the town can crush that for a small profit, he would recommend that be allowed.

- ii. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to amend his motion to accept concrete waste from contractors. Motion carried.
 - 1. The amount of concrete material is not a concern, the town is out of compliance with the amount of burnable material.
- e. Issues at Landfill / Exchange
 - i. Chairman Lux announced that the Town is going to be very firm on the town bag policy at the landfill. People will be turned away if they bring waste in bags that are not town bags.
 - ii. Foss suggested that the board reconsider the bag policy. Lux reminded the board and the public that we currently do not have a better method to recoup funds at the landfill. He again encouraged input if someone had a better suggestion. McDonald echoed that regarding the request for different/biodegradable bags. Foss asked if there were other areas in the budget to save funds. Clerk/Treasurer McDonald responded that it was in the town's best interest to attempt to break even with the landfill before cutting other areas of the budget, which could include employee benefits, the rec center, or the parks.
- f. Island Compost Proposal – Danette Garcia.
 - i. Postponed to a subsequent meeting as Danette was unable to attend.
- g. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve Operators License – Elizabeth Pratt. Motion carried.
- h. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Roznai to approve Temporary Class “B” Retailers License – Elizabeth Pratt / Washington Island Music Festival. Motion carried.
- i. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve Rebecca Steffen for Fire Department EMR. Motion carried.
- j. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to approve Board of Review Training – Loren Roznai. Motion carried.
- k. Towns Association Training – Green Bay May 16th

12. Future meeting(s) agenda(s) discussion(s) and/or possible action(s) on future town board meeting(s), including specific items for inclusion on or exclusion from future agenda(s)

- a. Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 17th, 2023

13. Motion by Andersen seconded by Roznai to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexandria McDonald, Clerk/Treasurer

Hans Lux, Chairman