

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, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Roll Call/Quorum and Approval of Agenda.
  - a. In addition to Chairman Lux, Supervisors present included Martin Andersen, Margaret Foss, Larry Kahlscheuer, and Loren Roznai.
  - b. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve of the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Chairman's Comments
  - a. State Budget Vetoes
    - i. Chairman Lux criticized the state for overtaxing the residents of the State of Wisconsin by having such a large surplus. He also questioned the fairness of the automatic increase of taxation for school budgets, and the line-item vetoes for the support of town's infrastructure. Chairman Lux did acknowledge the increase of shared revenue allocation to the towns, but that increase is long overdue.
    - b. Community suggestion box – [chairman@washingtonisland-wi.gov](mailto:chairman@washingtonisland-wi.gov)
4. Public comments, communications, and suggestions from residents of the town and other people present.
  - a. Kari Gordon addressed the board, handing out copies of the deed to her mother, Connie Sena's property on Detroit Harbor. Gordon was concerned about the town's access to the water adjacent to the property. She insisted that the purpose of the access was for public safety and for the fire department and expressed concern about the legitimacy of

the town road because it was not described in the deed. Hans responded that the town is in the process of having these access points surveyed to address these questions.

- b. Rod Gordon addressed the board as well, citing similar concerns about public access next to his family's property on Homestead. Supervisor Roznai assured him that the town will determine if there is indeed access, and that to worry about what happens afterwards is premature.
  - c. Becher Hoppe – Monitoring of closed landfill
  - d. Bay Lake Regional Planning – 2022 Annual Report
    - i. Available online and in the town office.
  - e. Door County Public Health – Immunization Clinic – 08/03/23
  - f. Door County Register of Deeds – Property Fraud Alert
5. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve of the following meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- a. Regular Town Board – 06/21/2023
  - b. Special Town Board – 06/29/2023
6. Communications and petitions by Town Clerk – No discussion or action.
- a. Town of Washington – Reconciliation Reports
    - i. Cash Account #1 – 06/30/2023
    - ii. Cash Account #11 – 06/30/2023
  - b. Town of Washington – Statement of Assets, Liab. & Equity
    - i. June 2023
  - c. Town of Washington – Statement of Revenue & Expenditures
    - i. June 2023
7. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Reports of specific standing departments and committees.
- a. Fire Department
    - i. June 2023 Report
    - ii. Minutes – Board of Directors – 05/18/2023
    - iii. Minutes – Full Membership – 05/18/2023
  - b. Economic Development
    - i. Minutes – 07/05/2023
  - c. Airport Committee
    - i. Minutes – 06/29/2023
8. Reports on special committees, special commissions, and special boards.
- a. None
9. Reports by Town Officers.
- a. Martin Andersen
    - i. Fire Department

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks were a success.
  - ii. Infrastructure Committee
    1. Committee members met with an architect and participated in a walkthrough of the Community Center building addressing needs and problem areas. They are now awaiting suggestions from the architect.
  - iii. Harbors and Waterways
    1. Parking at the Jackson Harbor boat launch is limited, and Andersen reiterated that there is a need for fish cleaning stations here and at Detroit Harbor.
- b. Larry Kahlscheuer
- i. Law Enforcement
    1. Officers have been very busy with managing the increased tourism.
  - ii. Healthcare
  - iii. WIZAP
    1. Committee waiting on direction from BayLake to proceed with helping with the comprehensive plan.
- c. Loren Roznai
- i. Economic Development
    1. The committee needs members and would like to revise their ordinance and charter. They are looking for direction from the board potentially.
  - ii. Community Center
    1. The committee is also revising their ordinance and looking at potential future uses and responsibilities relating to the kitchen.
  - iii. Museums
    1. Jacobsens attendance is down from last year and is open 6 days a week. The Maritime Museum is open 4 days a week and is working to open a second room. Nina Herbst is doing a fantastic job managing the museums and their progress.
- d. Margaret Foss
- i. Parks
    1. DC Municipal Park Fund
      - a. Foss is looking for suggestions on what to use these funds for at the parks.
      - b. Foss determined that summer was too busy to solicit committee members and will look to resurrect the committee this fall.
  - ii. Red Barn
    1. No meeting to report.
  - iii. Rec Center

1. John Buxton is acting as the committee treasurer assisting his wife, Bunny. They had some concern about propane cost and usage compared to last year. Clerk/Treasurer Alexandria McDonald responded, disclosing that she owns the propane company servicing the rec center with her husband, and clarified that comparing propane to fuel oil was comparing apples to oranges and suggested the committee work with her husband, Ray McDonald, on understanding their fuel usage.
2. There was a complaint about the weeds growing around the building. Perhaps the building maintenance position could assist with this.
3. The roof over the pool has been determined to be “spongy” and will need to be assessed. Foss relayed that the Washington Island Foundation was not prepared to front repair costs and asked that the town take this on. Supervisor Andersen further explained that the roof had been replaced less than 15 years ago because of damage caused by the chlorine gas coming from the pool. More information is needed on this.
4. The committee also asked to be included in the budgeting process. McDonald confirmed that the committee has always been invited to contribute to the budgeting process.

e. Hans Lux

i. Town Office

1. Ordinance Update recommendations

- a. Supervisors Kahlscheuer and Roznai will review ordinances with assistance from McDonald.

ii. DPW

1. Employment / Hiring Update

- a. Another interview has taken place.

iii. Airport

1. Chairman Lux initially did not have an update from the committee. Supervisor Foss asked if she could make a statement. Foss had asked for an agenda item to revisit the AIP funding petition and the possibility of a motion to rescind items on the petition to be placed on the agenda and Chairman Lux did not add that item to the agenda. Chairman Lux responded that he was not going to start a new petition. He also clarified that Act 12 prohibits advisory referendums so the request to take this topic to the voters is not possible according to Wisconsin law. Chairman Lux asked if Foss would make a motion regarding her request.

2. Motion by Foss to request that discussion on the petition that was voted on this past September to discuss the possibility to rescind paving the runways and taxiways be added as an item to the next agenda. Motion failed based on lack of second.
3. Chairman Lux added that he intends to bring the topic back for discussion and final approval by the board but only when he has more information.

10. Specific matters for discussion and possible action by town board in open session:

- a. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to approve payment of utility district bills – June 1 to June 30, 2023. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve payment of town bills – June 1 to June 30, 2023. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion on Fireworks Permits
  - i. Chairman Lux relayed that Police Chief Tyler McGrane would like this topic discussed later this fall.
- d. Motion by Roznai seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve agreement with Seven Hills Sky Divers of Madison. Motion carried with one nay by Supervisor Foss.
- e. Request for consideration ref cemetery burial
  - i. McDonald clarified that this was informational – no board action was needed.
- f. Resignations
  1. Archives
    - a. Eric Greenfeldt
  2. Economic Development
    - a. Don Riewe
      - i. Chairman Lux thanked Riewe and recognized his hard work and effort over the course of his service to the various town committees.
- g. Motion by Andersen seconded by Roznai to approve Robert Herbst to work at Maritime Museum. Motion carried.
- h. Motion by Roznai seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve Temporary Class B Retail License – Elizabeth Pratt for Final Note Music Festival - 08/11/23. Motion carried.
- i. Motion by Roznai seconded by Andersen to approve the following Operators Licenses. Motion carried.
  1. Christian Healy
  2. Alessandra Rolffs
- j. Motion by Roznai seconded by Andersen to approve the following Fireworks Permit. Motion carried.
  1. Sarah Gibson – 07/22/2023

- k. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to approve the following Driveway Permits. Motion carried.
  1. Bartosz Rolski
  2. Brandon Losey
- l. Motion by Foss seconded by Kahlscheuer to approve the Port-A-Potty donation to the soccer club. Motion carried.
2. Specific matters intended for discussion and possible action by town board for closed session under one or more of the below-noted closed-session exemptions and reasons that allow for closed session:
  - a. Closed Session as authorized under section 19.85(1): (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of Town employees over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
  - b. Motion by Kahlscheuer seconded by Andersen to move to closed session. Motion carried upon roll call vote; all ayes. Moved to closed session at 7:15 PM.
3. Specific matters intended for discussion and possible action by town board for reconvened open session.
  - a. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to move to open session. Motion carried upon roll call vote; all ayes. Moved to open session at 7:41 PM.
  - b. Action from closed session
    - i. None
4. 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. Board of Review – Thursday, July 27, 2023, 1 PM to 3 PM
  - b. Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2023
  - c. Special Town Board Meeting with Bay Lake Planning - TBD
5. Motion by Andersen seconded by Kahlscheuer to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alexandria McDonald, Clerk/Treasurer

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Hans Lux, Chairman