

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Rutledge Room

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SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

1. Call to Order: Chairman James Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Rutledge Room:
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Chairman Hanson opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll Call by Town Clerk: In addition to Chairman Hanson, present by roll call were Supervisors Elizabeth Holmes, Randall Sorensen, Kirby Foss and John Rader.
4. Town Chairman's Remarks: Chairman Hanson shared an editorial column from a local newspaper in 1971 written by his father-in-law, Oakley Davidson. Topic: The Role of Government. Chairman Hanson read: The only proper role of government is the protection of the individual rights of its citizens. He continued that those rights must be defined, citing the three basic rights are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness as defined by the founding fathers. He went on to define that responsibility to one's neighbor is purely negative in that one must only refrain from action which would violate one's neighbor's rights. No positive action to *secure* one's neighbor's rights is required. To recognize the distinction, continued Chairman Hanson, is to recognize the difference between freedom and slavery.
5. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Town Board meetings: Motion by Supervisor Holmes, second by Supervisor Foss to accept the Minutes of the Board of Review May 18, 2016, RTBM of May 18, 2016, STBM of June 1, 2016, and the STBM of June 7, 2016. Motion carried.  
Accept Minutes/Communications from Town Committees: Supervisor Foss made a Motion to accept the committee minutes of the W. I. Parks Committee of May 16, 2016; the Jackson Harbor Committee of May 16, 2016; the Fire Department of April 21, 2016 and May 12, 2016; and the Infrastructure Committee minutes of December 15, 2015 and May 5, 2016. Second by Supervisor Sorensen. Motion carried.

6. Public Comments – Anyone wishing to address the Board on an item listed on the agenda must fill out a card and give to the Chairman to be called upon at the appropriate time on the agenda.
7. Supervisors Response: Any questions or comments among Board members. Discussion only. Items to be placed on next months' agenda. There were no questions or comments.
8. Approval of Bills, Journal entries and Bank Reconciliations, including all Town Committees. Motion by Supervisor Sorensen to approve all bills, journal entries and bank reconciliations including all Town committees; second by Supervisor Holmes. Motion carried.
9. Department Activity Reports: Motion by Supervisor Foss to accept the following Department Activity Reports:
  - A. Public Works
  - B. Police
  - C. EMS
  - D. Fire Department
  - E. Airport
  - F. Landfill
  - G. Financial Reports – including all committees
  - H. Utility District
  - I. Oral Reports from Supervisors from their various appointed departments. Monthly updates – FYI's  
Second by Supervisor Sorensen. Motion carried.
10. Communications: Any letters or Correspondence received from the public or a committee. Items may be acted upon during communications.
  - A. Bureau of Aeronautics and Airport Manager re: unmanned aircraft
  - B. Bureau of Aeronautics re: Deaths Door BBQ
  - C. Rustic Roads
  - D. Federal Aviation Administration
  - E. Zoning Permits
  - F. Norsec Recyclers: the fee structure for collecting electronics was discussed. It was decided all Town fees, including the airport, the cemetery alcohol and cigarette licenses would be reviewed. Supervisor Holmes stated she would look into charges for plots at other cemeteries.
11. Old Business: All items open for discussion and action may be taken
  - A. Fire Department time sheets
  - B. Mountain tower lease
  - C. Infrastructure Committee Report: John Rader, Chairman of the Committee, stated the purchase of the Island Dairy needs to be brought forward. The numbers are in from Scott Sonoc. He reported he has walked through the Public Works building with the Director and came up some clarifications on the electric and the door openings. He surmised approximately \$25,000.00 would bring the building up to the needs of the Town crew. It would take an estimated \$8,000.00 to build an accessible bathroom in the facility; air ventilation has to be assessed. Some insulation is needed on the concrete block wall to save on energy costs. Overhead door operators are required.

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- Also, the drawings for the vehicle were sent to a construction company which had previously been the low bidder on the incubator building. Cost estimate, including all the needed doors, insulation, etc. was \$250,000.00 and would take approximately four weeks. Concrete work would be \$113,000.00, with \$122,000.00 for the remaining. New building and rebuild and upgrade of garage would be about \$500,000.00. All existing doors in the public works building work for all the Town vehicles and do not need to be replaced. Excavating and fill needs were discussed. Scott Sonoc will submit a written report. It was decided the Infrastructure Committee will meet to look at the proposal and submit a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting, July 20th.
12. New Business: All items open for discussion and action may be taken
- A. Approval of Tobacco License: Motion by Supervisor Holmes, second by Supervisor Sorensen, to approve the tobacco license for Nelsen's Hall and Karly's Bar. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of renewal of alcohol beverage licenses: Motion by Supervisor Holmes to approve the beverage licenses for the following: Le Petit Bistro, Jackson Harbor Soup, Findlay's Holiday Inn, Fiddlers Green, Island Café & Bread, Red Cup, Hotel Washington, The Middle Bar, Karly's Bar, Sailor's Pub, Trueblood Performing Arts Center. Second by Supervisor Foss with discussion. He stated he has issues with three of the applications and the premises. He stated three have not properly identified the premises where they serve. He stated he approves the licenses with the provision the applications be revised to accurately meet Town and state requirements. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of renewal of Operator's license: Supervisor Sorensen made a Motion to approve operators licenses for Hilary Young and Christian Healy. Second by Supervisor Foss. Motion carried.
- D. Approval of Fire Department's Recommendation for Washington Island Fire Chief. Chairman Hanson stated he has a letter from the Fire Department to the Board stating Paul Swanson was unanimously elected to replace retiring Fire Chief. Supervisor Rader made a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Fire Department to hire Paul Swanson as fire chief. Supervisor Sorensen stated he could not vote to have a part time resident as Fire Chief. He voted nay. Chairman Hanson congratulated Swanson and administered the oath of office.
13. Public Comments, items not on the agenda: Comments will be limited with no rebuttals. Board discussion is limited to questions for clarification only. Public Works Director Jonathan Mann stated the County Commissioner is proposing for the County to do more blacktopping in 2018. The Town has to consider then how much crushing needs to be done. Also, the Town proposed about five miles of road to seal coat. He also asked re seal coating Foss Road again as recommended by the Commissioner. He identified some problem roads needing work. Mary Marik stated there "has been some talk" about a letter from some government entity that the Public Safety Building has been condemned. She asked if this is true and what is the Town doing about it if that is true. Chairman Hanson stated there is no notification in the Town office that this is true. He acknowledged there are some deficiencies in the current building to be repaired, but no official condemnation. Paul Swanson cited various Fire Safety deficiencies that are minor but need to be addressed and will be this summer. Jonathan Mann stated the Town crew is housed in the "most run down building" and the crew works there five days a week. He feels the Town has not addressed this issue. He cited the focus on the firehouse but none on the public works building. Supervisor Rader stated he does not disagree.

14. Upcoming meetings:
  - A. RTBM: July 20, 2016 at 7 p.m.
15. Closed Session as authorized under section 19.85(1)(e) conducting other specified Public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed Session. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to move into closed session; second by Sorensen. Roll Call Vote: Rader, aye; Holmes, aye; Sorensen, aye; Foss, aye; Hanson aye. All in favor. Closed session begins at 7:55 p.m.
15. Town Board to adjourn from closed session at 8:45p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Valerie Carpenter, Clerk

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James Hanson, Chairman

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Elizabeth Holmes, Supervisor

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Randall Sorensen, Supervisor

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Kirby Foss, Supervisor

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John Rader, Supervisor