Town of Washington

Bruce, WI.

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017

1. Monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Betsy Patterson at 6:30 PM. All members were in attendance. Pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

2. Richard Brand made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes from June 6, 2017 minutes and approve. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.

3. Audience member, Jo Aamodt, discussed e-mail sent to clerk, but never received, regarding issues brought up at Lakes Association meeting concerning issues they have in township: Concerns or questions that were raised and discussed because of the continuing high water levels are:

* Has Pulaski Lake ever had a complete “no wake” restriction posted when the lake levels get to a high point where lake shore frontages are impacted? Township ordinance restrictions are currently posted for “before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m.” How are restrictions determined and enforced?
* Sawdust Road Culverts - Last time water levels were high on Pulaski Lake, it was found that the culverts were blocked with sandbags. The culverts have had that debris removed, so that is not the recent issue with the effectiveness of the current culverts. Someone mentioned it could be a settling or leveling issue with the culvert/s? Could we respectfully request the sets of culverts on Sawdust Road just south of Hatch Road be inspected and fixed/re-leveled so they drain efficiently? Who gets a quote to fix/replace the culverts after the inspection? Is this something that should be requested from WRA and/or the Corp. of Engineering? When a few of the Lakes Association members went to look at the culverts in question, it looked as though one had one end above water and the other end under water (un-level) so was not draining at all. How often are culverts inspected/replaced?

Richard Brand did address both issues discussing the high water levels and fixing the culverts, the majority being the increase in rains this year along with winds. Town is doing what they are able to do.

4. Treasurer’s report was given by Peggy Linskey.

5. Clerk reported information received in mail.

6. Chairman’s report. Betsy shared that Paul and Mary Reinhart requested pipe put across road to help with flooding. Report that Sheriff’s dept called about signs at boat landing, question regarding parking there. Talked about how much gravel will be needed with the big gravel drive at the beginning of August. Unsure yet regarding how much. Shared phone call from census lady verifying address of Sharon Schwartz. Discussion of project on SheepCamp Rd with backhoe rental to help with culverts and ditching. According to both Richard and Jack another week will enable them to get most of the bad spots Richard Brand made motion to extend rental of backhoe one week. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried. Jack will call company. Betsy shared she had filled out the needed forms for DOT to apply for reimbursement of what was spent on fixing roads.

7. Resident, James Leary, applied for conditional use permit from town through presentation by his daughter, Linda Hadjimarkos. He is looking to rent out trailer weekly after he has gotten all the needed permits and inspection by Health Department. Linda presented all appropriate paperwork to board and answered questions. Richard Brand made motion to approve. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved, motion carried and form signed. Town permit of $20.00 was paid.

8. Presentation by Mark Schmitt. Discussion of actions in the Rusk County: Hwy shop is looking at moving; still working on ambulance service; hospital still looking at replacement by sale or partnership. Shared some of financial concerns, going from part time to fulltime administrator coordinator. Also Rural Development may have $ that county could probably access. Discussion of new animal shelter for county and money raised. Thanked Jack Zupan for his help with roadwork.

9. Discussion of board member salary payment. New precedent to have old board member paid portion of his salary for April as his term does not end until 3rd Tuesday in April. Richard Brand made motion to pay ex-board member, Steve Henderson, for his 3 weeks in April from the 1 to the 18. Seconded by Betsy Patterson. All approved and motion carried. No monies will be taken from new board member for this time.

10. Richard Brand made motion to review and pay monthly bills. Seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.

11. Richard Brand made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Next meeting on August 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klund, Clerk