Town of Washington

Bruce, WI

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

1. Monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman, Betsy Patterson at 6:54 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Installation of newly elected town board members: Chairman, Betsy Patterson, clerk, Deb Klund, treasurer, Peggy Linskey, and supervisors: Richard Brand and Kurt Gorsenger. Audience members: Ann Dunham, William and Susan Doberstein, and Jack Zupan.
3. Betsy Patterson made a motion to dispense with reading of minutes from April 3, 2017 minutes and approve. This was seconded by Richard Brand. All approved and motion carried.
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Treasurer’s report was given by Peggy Linskey.
6. Clerk reported information received in mail, discussed information on tavern and mobile home park letters to be sent out, and shared information on new BOR requirements. Each board member will need to watch DVD and read packet of information to be certified.
7. Request presented along with application by Wm and Susan Doberstein for conditional use permit for campers on Riverside Drive at Camper’s Retreat. Shared information with board members, discussion and questions by board members regarding new county zoning ordinance. Betsy Patterson made motion to approve and sign Conditional Use Permit application. Seconded by Kurt Gorsenger. All approved and motion carried for approval of application. Board members signed and passed along to zoning. $20.00 was paid to township for fee. Discussion followed about flood plains.
8. Chairman’s report: Betsy issued a thank you to new board members and went around room for introductions. Discussion of Towns Association meeting: need to spend money to get highway aid, and room tax may be forthcoming. Betsy will be asking assessor if she can attend a meeting in the future. Question concerning whether town has an ordinance on fences. No it does not, go by county requirements. Call from Big Bend resident regarding the new fee for campers from zoning. Wants residents who are interested to attend zoning meeting on May 9 at 1:30 PM. Letter from state regarding increasing cigarette license fee. Richard Brand made a motion to raise township fee to $50 as it could go as high as $100.00. Seconded by Betsy Patterson. All approved and motion carried. Request by Jim Leary wanting to paint bridge on Ranch Road. This was Ok’d and will be checked on the road review. Discussion of the brushing done on the town roads. Reported that it had been left too long without cutting (12-15 yrs), therefore some looks pretty bad. The same company who does the mowing does the brushing. Shared road review is May 20.
9. Discussion of need to put out for gravel bids. Betsy Patterson made motion to put add in newspaper same as last year. Seconded by Richard Brand. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Discussion of Joint Road, Bob Nelson called and proposed fixing with hot pack rubber, 1000 ft. Richard Brand made motion to pay for half the sealing costs of $850 which would be $425. Kurt Gorsenger seconded. All approved and motion carried.
11. Grader maintenance: Jack Zupan reported that grader needs 2 new front tires along with carbide blades for both grader and truck. Betsy will call for quotes. Richard Brand made motion to give chairperson permission to spend up to $1500 per tire without approval from board. Seconded by Kurt Gorsenger. All approved and motion carried.
12. Road resolution from District meeting was presented and signed. Will be sent to legislators and governor.
13. Discussion of $20.00 fee for township processing for any conditional use permits. Betsy made motion and it was seconded by Kurt Gorsenger. All approved and motion carried.
14. Betsy made motion to review and pay monthly bills. Seconded by Richard Brand. All approved and motion carried.
15. Richard Brand made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kurt Gorsenger. All approved and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting on June 6, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klund, Clerk