TOWN OF WASHINGTON-RUSK COUNTY

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2020

- 1.) Betsy Patterson called meeting to order at 6:30PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- 2.) Kurt Gorsegner made a motion to approved board minutes from the previous meeting. Jen Lehman seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- 3.) Public comment. None
- 4.) Treasurer's report was presented
- 5.) Clerk's report. Shared information received in the mail. Discussion regarding District Meeting in Eau Claire, clerk and treasurer will attend. Discussion regarding county requesting for a resident an easement to their property, Betsy will check with zoning. Discussion of change in names dealing with DBar's license, they will be checking with their lawyer.
- 6.) Chairman's report. Assessor inquired as to if board members were certified for upcoming BOR. Discussion of plow truck repairs, noted that license plate has been lost, clerk will check with DOT on replacement. Discussion of acquisition from DOT of additional monies from GTA calculations.
- 7.) Received and reviewed 2 estimates for re-modeling of old town hall. Hibbard Construction: \$21,000.00 and Verdegan Construction: \$22,825.00. Jen Lehman made a motion to accept bid by Hibbard. Seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.
- 8.) Discussion of snowplowing. Kurt qualified statement from last month's notes, didn't want road crew to feel that he felt they weren't doing a quality job. Discussion as to the timing of the plows going out. Kurt shared his opinion of roads seeming to be done faster after last meeting. Karen Grode again commented that they were glare ice on her road. She feels they are doing a good job, widening, etc, but just not out there early enough and roads are untravelable. Betsy shares dates men were out plowing and sanding. Discussion as to needing someone who doesn't hold a full time job as it may be too difficult for their safety as well as safety of residents. Discussion of need to advertise as Steve has put in his notice that this will be the last winter he will work for town. Discussion by Karen Grode that roads in Thornapple always seemed to be plowed and sanded way before Washington. Question as to who supervises the road crew. Peggy brought up shared revenue status between Thornapple and Washington, theirs is \$40,000 and ours is \$7000, therefore we do not have the money to pay for more maintenance work.
- 9.) Discussion regarding Ordinance #6. Kurt Gorsegner made motion to rescind, seconded by Betsy. All approved and motion carried. Decision to wait a summer, put up signs for comments and suggestions and then make the final decision in the fall/winter as to how to

proceed. Betsy made a motion to adopt this plan which was seconded by Kurt. All approved and motion carried.

- 10.) Discussion about enforcement officer ordinance. Discussion regarding running it by a lawyer before issuing. If approved by lawyer then it will be passed and published. Kurt made a motion to approve and seconded by Jen. All approved and motion carried upon consultation.
- 11.) Reviewed and paid invoices and bills. Motion made by Betsy and seconded by Jen. Approved and motion passed.

12.) Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. Motion to adjourn made by Kurt and seconded by Jen. Approved and motion carried. Next meeting March 3, 2020.

Sincerely, Deb Klund, clerk