

TOWN OF WASHINGTON-RUSK COUNTY

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2019

- 1.) Meeting called to order at 6:30PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- 2.) Kurt Gorsegrner made a motion to approved board minutes from the previous meeting. Jen Lehman seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- 3.) Public comment. Ann Dunham thanked the board for the ditching done on Tower Road. Jo Ardmatt notified board that there was a tree leaning over Sawdust Road.
- 4.) Treasurer's report was presented
- 5.) Clerk's report. Shared information received in the mail. Discussion that a budget prep meeting date needed to be set. Board decided that this would be on October 22 at 6:30 PM and the Annual budget meeting will be on November 5 prior to the regular monthly meeting.
- 6.) Chairman's report. Betsy shared that the truck's brakes were fixed, the shift needs to be replaced, the sander part is fixed, and the door on the garage is fixed as well. Discussion that the V plow the town owns does not fit present grader. Looking at grader blades and looking at prices for a push plow. Discussion of plow truck, truck bed has hole and Steve will fix. Betsy reports that the fire # for East River Run is up. Shared that Steve reported he taught Mark Shackelton how to grade roads by working on Sheepecamp. Steve fixed the culvert on Bailey Road. Kurt will work on road report. Resident asked for old culverts at shop, discussion that she can not have as town does not want the liability of anyone getting hurt. Discussed addition of rental and towing added on to town's insurance. Betsy reported that board members received correspondence from RJ Ryder.
- 7.) Mark Little, Conservation Warden from Spooner, presented topic of Ordinance #6. Not valid with DNR as it was not filed in 1989 when it was presented. There is a process beginning with sending proposed ordinance into DNR regarding why they think it is needed, if complaints received, how are natural resources protected with ordinance, what happens if ordinance is not in place. DNR and town board have timelines to fulfill before an answer, DNR takes it under advisory review. After all timelines the board makes the final decision as to the township waterway. Mark says township can enact regardless but the problem is enforceability. Ordinance is presently invalid but still have to follow state laws and violators should be reported to DNR. 125 acres is a small lake, quality of water and boat traffic part of it. 10 to 7 slow no wake or no towing is not irresponsible, similar jurisdictions have similar ordinances: "quiet time ordinance" to share the water; although the majority of lakes are from sunset to sunrise but may be larger lakes.
- 8.) Reviewed and Paid bills. Betsy Patterson made a motion to do so which was seconded by Jen Lehman. All approved and motion carried.

9.) Meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM. Jen Lehman made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Kurt Gorseger. All approved and motion carried. Next meeting is October 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Klund". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Deb Klund, clerk