## TOWN OF WASHINGTON-Rusk County

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

## February 2, 2021

- 1.) Betsy Patterson called meeting to order at 6:30PM . Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. .
- 2.) Jen Lehman made a motion to approve board minutes from the previous meeting with them amended to add Kurt Gorsegner to caucus nominations.. Kurt Gorsegner seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- 3.) Public comment: Resident inquired regarding recording meeting and whether people could call in. Yes to first, No to second.
- 4.) Treasurer's report was presented.
- 5.) Clerk's report. Shared information received in the mail. Discussion of primary and spring elections, Housing survey, Form C, insurance audit and note to receive insurance liability policies when employing outside town for work.
- 6.) Chairman's report. Betsy shared receiving fire dues bill and appointment of new fire chief for Bruce: John Baker Jr. New truck has not arrived as no title, it will be the middle to end of February. Discussed needing outside motion lights on building, will get estimate from JL Electric. Inquiry on a bird nesting platform on a resident's land. Complaint on plowing. Random ware infection reported by WI Towns Association. Bruce School Board asking to speak at meeting on Bruce School referendum.
- 7.) Discussion of Pulaski Lake Ordinance # 6. Betsy started saying it was 1<sup>st</sup> passed in 1989 through improper channels so now if it is warranted it needs to go through the proper channels. Both Jen and Kurt spoke after reading and assessing all the letters in support and those not supporting to reinstate it. Jen went over 2 letters from residents who recorded all actions on lake this past summer and fall and determined there was not a whole lot of activity in general on the lake and very little inappropriate, therefore she voted for no ordinance. Kurt also spoke saying he did not see a lot of concerns. He shared he saw both sides but did not feel as a township that they could make these decisions and he felt there just were not enough incidences for the township to be involved. He also said he would not be in favor of an ordinance. Betsy then spoke again and shared that both the sheriff and the DNR won't enforce an ordinance but will enforce state regulations on boating safety. She says that there were no problems with the ordinance until someone didn't like the rules and brought it to everyone's attention. She questioned whether it was the town's responsibility or the people on the lake? Vote was 3-0 not to have an ordinance. Betsy made this motion and it was seconded by Jen. All 3 voted to no longer have #6 as a town ordinance. All approved and motion carried
- 8.) Reviewed and paid invoices and bills. Motion made by Betsy Patterson and seconded by Jen Lehman. Approved and motion passed. Paperwork for caucus disbursed.

9.) Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM. Motion to adjourn made by Betsy and seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. Approved and motion carried. Next meeting: March 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Klund