

TOWN OF WASHINGTON-RUSK COUNTY

CAUCUS and
TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2019

- 1.) Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Voting nominations for board positions:
Chairperson: Peggy Linskey nominated Betsy Patterson. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. No other nominations for this position.
Supervisor: Betsy Patterson nominated Jen Lehman. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. Dennis Macklin nominated himself. Seconded by Kathleen Eddy. Peggy Linskey nominated Kurt Gorsegner. Seconded by Betsy Patterson. No other nominations for these 2 positions, drew lots for order of placement on ballots: Kurt, Jen, Dennis. Betsy Patterson nominated Deb Klund for clerk. Seconded by Mary Gingras. No other nominations for this position. Betsy Patterson nominated Margaret Linskey for treasurer. Seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. No other nominations for this position. Clerk handed out and received notices for nomination.
Kurt Gorsegner made motion to adjourn the caucus and begin regular meeting. Seconded by Richard Brand. All approved and motion carried. Regular meeting called to order at 6:45PM.
- 2.) Kurt Gorsegner made a motion to approve board minutes from the previous meeting. Richard Brand n seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- 3.) Public comment. Question as to sanding policy of township. Answer was shared on town's policy.
- 4.) Treasurer's report was presented. Peggy once again discussed town resident regarding an unpaid bill for taking gravel from township. Apparently he has proof from gravel company regarding a delivery to his residence.
- 5.) Clerk's report. Discussion of road maintenance position for township and applicants. Interview date was set for January 24 and clerk will notify candidates. Shared information received in the mail. Donation request, request to begin training new poll workers at upcoming elections, increase in state mileage, from .535 to .58, and Jack needs to note which hours are to be billed to Big Bend.
- 6.) Chairman's report. As of November town website has 80 views and 2 inquiries on directions. Betsy also reported received an email from Tom Weber who had written book on Eddie Matthew and wanted residents to be aware. Report on beaver trapping, 8 more tails. Trapper will now pulling traps and will pull apart house. Discussion of Mr Repka and gravel in front of home (reported on by treasurer). Richard commented he still believes that he took some of township's and chairman directed move to sheriff. Jack shared that truck is still consuming oil. He had diagnostic completed and o rings replaced. Recommended to replace injector seals costing \$2100 approximately. Kurt Gorsegner made motion to spend up to \$3000 to fix the truck. Seconded by Richard Brand. All approved and motion carried. Discussion of another

application for the maintenance position, Steve Lehman, who has held job in the past. He will be interviewed with the others and is also available for subbing presently. Peggy questioned bill from Rusk County Highway Department. After checking amounts it matched bid. Richard also questioned whether shouldering and striping was completed, no stripping yet.

- 7.) Ordinance # 6, Pulaski Lake. Discussion of abolishing the ordinance. Chairperson shared that she sees spokesperson for both sides although James Murray is not present and he had initially brought this before the board. She reiterated that ultimately it is the board's decision as to keep the ordinance as is or change it in some way but they were open to hear representatives from each side for a time limit. People who spoke: Mark Ryder, Carol Loehnis(feels ordinance is a safety feature), Richard Brand(has experienced both sides and believes ordinance allows for everybody touse the lake on their own time), Jo Aamodt(bit is the best of both worlds-quiet times and active times-her family enjoys both), Bert Hagman, president of Lakes Association, shared through letter that the quiet time is not just for fisherman. He shared that according to the DNR Pulaski Lake is not a recreational lake. Also he shared it used to be really bad regarding safety issues with a lot of citations being given. Kurt Gerken shared both his maternal and paternal grandparents were on the lake. He does not remember water-skiing ever interfering with others. He feels it is a special part of his family history and votes to rescind ordinance #6. RJ Ryder read letter from Chuck Roach, stated that he has observed that the water sports people have obeyed the rules and the fisherman have violated. RJ Ryder says the ordinance restricts the owners of land on the lake, restricts property owners who enjoy water sports. As a veteran who served his country, he wants liberty and justice and wants to rescind the ordinance. Mary Gingras spoke in favor of ordinance and shared time when in canoe and being rammed by speed boat. She believes that between 10 and 7 gives everyone equal time. Marty Heitkamp shares how her and family really enjoy the quiet times. John Toutant shared he has been at the lake since 1940 and he likes the way it is now, not before with no ordinance. Mark Ryder shared comments. He said if someone is hit by speedboat that would be violating state law and should be reported accordingly. He says both sides share the same resource and should be able to find common ground and settle the disagreement, should be able to all get along. Jo Aamodt says it is not just the fishermen and water-skiing, Kurt Gerken shares daylight is from 5:30AM- 10:00PM, perhaps a compromise: 9AM-8PM? Jen Lehman wanted to know about restriction on horse power. RJ Ryder shared a letter from Sheriff Wallace. Betsy Patterson also shared she had talked with both the DNR and the sheriff. Enforcing regulations is a gray area as they enforce state and county law but the town does have the right to put regulations on waterways in their township. Barb Gerken comments that they have noticed most of the issues are from people not from the lake and they have confronted them. Richard Brand made a motion to keep the ordinance as is. Seconded by Betsy Patterson. All approved and motion carried. Kurt Gorseger shared he did not live on the lake but serves township as board member and has also served his country. Inquired if those who were opposed to ordinance had bought their properties when the ordinance was in place, as most did. Says he would be willing to look at ordinance and changes at a later date. Betsy shared she had talked with a lot of people associated with this and she feels there should be regulations. She had also checked with Wisconsin Towns

Association who recommended to leave it as is. Discussion of perhaps a public hearing in the summer where more residents of lake property could be present. She also shared that the sheriff will be patrolling more.

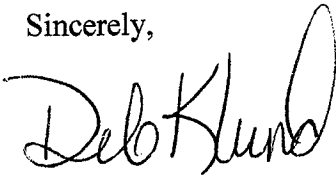
* Richard Brand signed off at 8:15 PM.

8.) Betsy Patterson made a motion to review and pay bills. This was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.

9.) Betsy Patterson made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM and was seconded by Kurt Gorsegner. All approved and motion carried.

Next meeting is February 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Klund". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Deb Klund, clerk