

TOWN OF WASCOTT  
Wascott, WI 54890

Approved

**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Wascott Town Hall**

**- Minutes -**

**Work Session-6:30 p.m.**

The work session was called to order by Chairman Greg Jensen at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Bush/Stupak motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.; carried.**

**Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call – Chair Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present – Chair Jensen, Supervisors Koalska, Stupak and Bush, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 25 guests. Supervisor Hanson was absent.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Approval of Agenda – **A Bush/Stupak motion to approve; carried.**
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2012 and March 15, 2012 – **A Bush/Koalska motion to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes; carried. A Koalska/Bush motion to approve the March 15, 2012 minutes with correction under 3 (c) to state – “there is no requirement for public advertising, that the town can take offers without advertising”; carried.**
- E. Special Guest – L.H. (Skip) Fiedler, Washburn County Board, will give an update on the current plans/tentative timeline for the repair of the Minong Dam – Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner, Washburn County, and Skip Fiedler, District II representative on the Washburn County Board provided current information on the repair of the Minong Dam. Dam was built in 1936, powerhouse in 1951. In 2010, Wisconsin Statutes were changed, putting more stringent regulations on dams. Needed to do a new analysis on the dam. An order was received from the DNR to update the hydraulic capacity meaning the dam needs to hold back more water. A feasibility study was performed discussing options resulting in repairing the dam. Estimated cost of the project is - \$1,030,250. However, there are many unknowns, and actual costs will not be known until getting into the project. Funding – a DNR grant in the amount of \$400,000 was obtained and \$100,000 from North American Hydro. Property owners living on the Minong Flowage, Cranberry Flowage and the Cranberry Lake will be assessed a fee to fund the remaining \$500,000 (estimated) amount. The project will begin early Spring 2013 at which time a 5’ draw down of water will begin. The project’s timeline for completion is 10 months from the beginning of the water draw down.
- F. Monthly Reports
  1. Reports of Town Officers

*Supv Koalska* would like to reopen the discussion on Frac Mining. The intent is to be sure the town is prepared and well informed on the issues surrounding Frac Mining. Will attend the EMS annual/monthly meeting; attended a Douglas County Forestry Logger’s Forum discussion; west side BCS is open and working on getting east side open.

*Supv Bush* – Town Plan meeting held March 29 discussing a couple new state bills 504 and 472 having to do with mandating limits on local ordinances and new state imposed restrictions on shore land zoning. Discussed the Minong Flowage Dam project. Next meeting April 26, 2012.

*Supv Stupak* – Kitchen is moving along very well. A qualified electrician has completed the electrical and plumber will plumb in sinks and cabinets are being ordered.

*Chair Jensen* – Doug Bush and Greg attended the Minong Flowage Dam meeting at Washburn County. Greg and Doug B. also attended the WTA Douglas County Unit meeting held in Amnicon on March 20. The Consultant Selection Committee for the Smith Bridge replacement project met twice. Selection of 3-5 engineering firms to interview for the final engineer design on the bridge, was done. Eight of the ten firms invited to submit the statement of interest responded. Of the eight, the following were selected – Ayres Associates, Jewell Associates Engineering, MSA Professional Services, Inc. and Short, Elliott, Hendrickson, Inc. On March 27, a meeting was held at the town hall regarding the Hwy 53 and T

intersection Marc Bowker, DOT Planning Division, discussed what might happen and when. Chair Jensen thanked the election staff for their great job. Load limits have been lifted.

2. Fire Department – Chief Michalek reported 5 medical, 1 wildfire, 1 wire line down, 1 ATV accident. Absolutely no burning allowed.
  3. EMS-Asst. Director Stacey Vig – No report.
  4. County Board Representative-Mary Lou Bergman – No report.
  5. Northwood School Representative-Michelle Manor – No report.
- G. Treasurer’s Report was provided by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson for the month of February 2012 as follows:

Town Checking Account Balance	\$335,456.82
LGIP	613,838.51
FD Money Market Accounts:	
Acct #8143	11,793.09
Acct #8432	20,443.01
Acct #8374	7,352.71

- H. Approval of March 2012 Vouchers – A Bush/Stupak motion to approve; carried.

I. New Business

1. Discuss/possible action re: Bridge inspections conducted by the Douglas County Highway Department performed in the Town of Wascott – Chair Jensen provided the board with a bridge inventory rating on all bridges located in the town. Of the nine bridges, two were recommended for the federally mandated interim bridge inspection performed by the Douglas County Highway Department. **A Bush/Koalska motion to have Lawler and Lidberg Bridges inspected at a cost of \$150 per bridge; carried.**
  2. Approval of Bartender’s License – A Bush/Stupak motion to approve a bartender license for Jean Breitung; motion carried.
  3. Approval to change Regular Board Meeting date in June due to Election on June 5, 2012 – A Stupak/Koalska motion to hold the board meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 due to an election; carried.
  4. Discuss/possible action re: Dispensing with wood from easement clearing on town property – A Bush/Jensen motion to put an ad in the Northwoods Shopper advertising “free wood” to first offer; carried.
  5. Discuss/possible approval of part time Brush Collection Site employee – Deferred to May meeting.
  6. Authorize Supervisor Koalska to act on behalf of the Town of Wascott to undertake and complete the following approved grant projects – Westside Brush Collection Site, Eastside Brush Collection Site and Apple Lake Road Project – A Stupak/Koalska motion to authorize Supv Koalska to act on behalf of the Town of Wascott to undertake and complete the grant projects stated above. Aye – Stupak, Jensen, Koalska. Nay – Bush. Supv Bush stated an ordinance is in place outlining expenditures of \$500 or more needs to come before the board for approval. Note – These are grant monies for which the town is reimbursed wholly.
- J. **A Bush/Koalska motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer