

TOWN OF WASCOTT  
Wascott, WI 54890

Approved

**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2013 @ 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 Jensen/Koalska motion to adjourn at 6:47 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 Hanson, Bush, Koalska and Stupak, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 28 guests.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Approval of Agenda – **A Hanson/Bush motion to approve agenda; carried.**
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2013 – **A Koalska/Bush motion to approve; carried.**
- E. Public Comments from persons present – *Jan Newsome* – questioned what I.4 & I.7 was. *Bob Beglinger* – is there a list of roads identified under agenda item I. 6 *Steve Trainor* – what is the up charge in item I.3. Chair Jensen stated all will be discussed later. Public announcements – Patti McDermott mentioned there will be a “Hands Only” CPR class held at the Town Hall on April 13 from 10-2:00 conducted by the EMS. Jan Newsome – the court case on the hearing for Valda Bremanis vs. the State of Wisconsin is May 1 at 9:30 am at the Douglas County Courthouse. Paul Yanisch solicited for the Food Shelf.
- F. Monthly Reports
  1. Reports of Town Officers – *Supv Hanson* – work on basement storage area has begun. Considering a fire alarm system. Work on installation of the new Transfer Station compactor will begin as soon as the weather cooperates. *Supv Koalska* – At the last Cons/Rec Comm Mtg, Ben Klitzke, Surveyor, presented completed maps of the 176 acre park (which surveyed out to be 182 acres). On March 12, attended the Gordon WEM Emergency Planning Committee Meeting at the Gordon Correctional Facility. Supv Koalska commented she is very impressed with our Fire Departments (Wascott & Gordon) and Gordon/Wascott EMS for their great knowledge and performance. Received a Firewise grant to do a mailing this summer (\$2,532). Also, received ongoing grants for the East and West Brush Collection Sites (\$3,500 each grant). Attended a Logger’s Forum on April 9 discussing the tree harvest of the blow down in 2011 which was a record setting harvest. This year, west on highway T, the DC Forestry Department intends to reforest and plant trees where logging took place years ago. The EMS audit is near completion. *Supv Bush* – Town Plan Commission met on March 28 and next meeting will be April 25. Thanked everyone for the last 5.5 years and expressed it has been a remarkable experience. *Chair Jensen* – Engineering design on the Smith Bridge Project is proceeding. On March 18 the Washburn County Highway Dam Committee opened bids for the reconstruction of the dam. A bid was selected for \$1.2M and will be awarded upon review by Ayres & Associates to assure the bid was per specifications. Douglas County has received final DNR approval for the dam project but is awaiting Army Corp of Engineers approval. On March 19, the Washburn County Board created the Minong Flowage Dam Special Assessment District (MFDSAD). The assessment district will be in existence for 5 years and the projected mill rate will be approximately \$9.10/per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The assessment can be paid in one lump sum or incrementally over 5 years. Payment/s will be due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April each year. The MFDSAD Board will consist of the chairpersons of both county boards, treasury representative designated by each county, the town treasurers from the towns of Wascott and Minong, two at large members living along the Flowages and/or Cranberry Lake, and one member from the Tribe. Renewable World Energies will donate \$100,000 and the Wisconsin DNR will provide a \$400,000 grant. Attended the DC WTA meeting in Dairyland on March 19. Discussion – still working on the animal shelter. Douglas County is proposing to bond for highway projects starting with \$4M in 2015 and then \$2M for each of the following two years. New requirements for First Responders is hurting recruitment. WTA is working with the State on this. 2013 Douglas County plat book will be available soon. Any culvert placement, removal or maintenance work will require a permit. Must contact Amy Cronk at the Spooner DNR office prior to any culvert work. The Town Plan Commission has two members whose terms expire.
  2. Fire Department – 3 medical; 1 car accident. Burning permits can be acquired from the Gordon DNR, Stop-A-Sec or on-line.

3. EMS-Asst. Director Stacey Vig reported 7 runs – 3/G; 4/W.
4. County Board Representative-Mary Lou Bergman –
  - Minong Flowage Project moving forward;
  - Interviews have been held for an Highway Operations Manager vacated by Keith Armstrong;
  - Compensation Study Steering Committee has been formed to study county employee compensation;
  - Douglas County is offering a financial package for the projected animal shelter building; will need to be approved by both the City Council and County Board;
  - Senior Connections has a handicapped accessible van available for medical appointments, etc. Must be 60 or over. Call ahead to schedule transportation - 715-394-3611;
  - The Land & Water Conservation Dept will receive the 2013 Willard Munger Environmental Stewardship Award for work on Hog Island Remediation to Restoration Project;
  - Mini grant funding is available through Land Conservation for small environmental projects.
5. Northwood School Representative-Michelle Manor reported –
  - April 12 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter;
  - Tech Ed classes are building sheds for resale;
  - April 25 - Freshman class spaghetti dinner, an Academic Fair, forensics presentations and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Show;
  - April 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 10km run/walk fundraiser for cancer;
  - April 27 – Junior Prom;
  - May 8 – Seniors will present their projects

G. Treasurer's Report was provided by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson for the month of February 2013 as follows:

Town Checking Account Balance	\$ 382,455.26
LGIP	614,812.88
FD Money Market Accounts:	
Acct #8143	15,648.93
Acct #8432	23,753.47
Acct #8374	3,508.46

H. Approval of February 2013 Vouchers – **A Hanson/Bush motion to approve check #'s 22571-22684; carried.**

I. New Business – Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Resolution 2013-07 – Douglas County Land Acquisition – **A Jensen/Bush motion to approve; carried.**
2. Resolution 2013-08 – Implementation of Nonmetallic Mining Operator's License Application and Road Use Agreement – **A Jensen/Bush motion to approve; carried.** Supv Bush complimented Chair Jensen for his hard work in putting this Nonmetallic Mining Licensing process together.
3. Resolution 2013-09 – WVFD "high volume" Well Up-Charge – **A Jensen/Bush motion to approve. A Koalska/Bush motion to amend motion to change resolution as follows – "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that since the bid which was accepted did not comply with required specifications, and the Town Board approved this bid in good faith, that the Fire Department shall pay out of their general budget, any expenses in excess of the \$40,000 approved allocated monies.";** motion carried.
4. Consider request for ATV route from Chipmunk Hollow Road from Trail 3 through private property owned by Schatzi's Campground Resort – No action. Referred back to the Conservation & Recreation Committee.
5. Installation of a Security System in Town Hall – Verbal approval given to seek bids.
6. Approval to solicit bids for Crack Sealing, Sealcoating and Gravel Crushing – **A Hanson/Bush motion to solicit bids for Sealcoating and Gravel Crushing; motion carried.** It was determined there will be no crack sealing done this year.
7. Approval of lawn mowing services – **A Hanson/Stupak motion to approve the services of B-Boys Lawn Service and not go out for bid.** Discussion – Supv Bush commented this should just go out to bid allowing other businesses to bid. Supv Koaska agreed and felt it should be awarded to someone local. **Vote – aye, Hanson, Stupak to accept B-Boys; Nay, Jensen, Koalska and Bush to solicit bids for lawn mowing services. Motion carried to solicit bids.**
8. CUP, Expansion at Schatzi's Campground Resort, 16095 S Chipmunk Hollow Road – **A Bush/Jensen motion to support the Town Plan Commission's recommendation to approve request to expand the campground from 48 to 78 sites; motion carried.** Supv Hanson recused himself from vote.

9. Variance Request – James Chase – addition to dwelling, 16338 S Carol Court – **A Bush/Jensen motion to defer this variance request to the Board of Adjustment because of the lateness in receipt of request; motion carried.**
  10. Approve Driveway Permit – **A Stupak/Hanson motion to approve the Driveway Permit for James Chase of 16338 S Carol Court; motion carried.**
- J. **A Hanson/Bush motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer