

Town of Wascott  
PO Box 159, Wascott, WI 54890

**Approved (10/3/17)**

**Regular Town Board Meeting**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Wascott Town Hall

*-Minutes-*

**Work Session – 6:30 p.m.**

The work session was called to order by Chair Jim Boughner at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Stapp, Jenson, Hanson, Burnside and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Stapp/Jenson motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.; motion carried.**

**Regular Town Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair Boughner at 7:05 p.m. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Stapp, Hanson, Jenson, Burnside, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 12 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2017.
  - b) Approval of Agenda
  - c) Bartender Licenses – Erin Murphy and Mary Bollman
  - d) Treasurer's Report
  - e) Approval of August/September 2017 vouchers

**A Jenson/Hanson motion to approve the consent agenda; motion carried.**

- 1) Department and Representative Announcements
  - a) Fire Department – Chief Michalek – 4 medical; 1 telephone pole accident; 1 mutual aid with Minong.
  - b) EMS Asst. Director – Stacey Vig – absent.
  - c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman reported –
    - DC budget very tight for 2018;
    - Parks officially closed;
    - Forestry meeting date changes from Sept 25 to Sept 18; Oct 30 to Oct 23;
    - New census in 2020. Address verification begins 2/2018 and takes about 4 months;
    - Northwest Regional Rehab Project and home buyer assistance available. Plenty of 0% deferred payment funds available. Also, emergency funds available – all income based;
    - ADRC Campus Café is open nightly 4-5 p.m. \$6/charge. Good food, balanced meals, buffet style.
- 2) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –
  - a) CU – McCarthy & Jacobson – Accessory Building – **A Jenson/Hanson motion to approve the CU for McCarthy & Jacobson for an accessory building, as recommended by the Town Plan Commission; motion carried.**
  - b) CU – Martin & Jane Russo - **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve the CU for Martin & Jane Russo using part of an existing garage for storing and shipping green coffee beans, as recommended by the Town Plan Commission; motion carried.**
  - c) CU – Martin & Jane Russo -Zoning Change – **A Hanson/Jenson motion to approve the CU for Martin & Jane Russo for a zoning change from RR-1 Residential Recreational to a RR-1 Residential, as recommended by the Town Plan Commission; motion carried.**
  - d) Appointment to Infrastructure Committee – **A Hanson/Burnside motion to approve the appointment of James Boughner, as Town Board Liaison to the Infrastructure Committee, replacing the resignation of Bill Stapp, to serve a term of office to commence on September 5, 2017 and to expire on April 30, 2020; motion carried.**
  - e) Purchase of Fire Department Garage Doors – Chief Tom Michalek provided the Board with two quotes for budgeted garage door replacement at the Fire Department. Quotes were received from Brule Rive Garage Door - \$9,859 and Door Service, Inc - \$10,904.70. Three doors will be replaced. **A Stapp/Jenson motion to approve the quote from Brule River Garage Door in the amount of \$9,859; motion carried.**
  - f) Approve Audit Engagement Services for 2017 – **A Hanson/Burnside motion to approve the Audit Engagement Services for 2017 from Carlson CPAs & Advisors in an amount of \$6,425; motion carried.**

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- g) Resolution 2017-07 – Fix 2018 Pay Rates for Town Employees – **A Jenson/Hanson motion to approve Resolution 2017-07-Fix 2018 Pay Rates for Town Employees; motion carried.** Note – This was formally approved at the August 30, 2017 Special Town Board Meeting. This was merely being approved in a Resolution format.
- h) Resolution 2017-08 – Approve Application for a State Trust Fund Loan – Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson asked that a Board member read the “Form of Record” accompanying the Resolution to approve the application for a loan from the BCPL. Supervisor Jenson read the “Form of Record”. **A Jenson/Hanson motion moved adoption of the foregoing preamble and resolution.**  
**A Hanson/Burnside motion to approve Resolution 2017-08 – Approve Application for a State Trust Fund Loan for the purchase of a FD Tender in the amount of \$260,000. Roll Call Vote – Chair Boughner, aye; Supervisor Stapp, aye; Supervisor Burnside, aye; Supervisor Jenson, aye; Supervisor Hanson, aye. Motion carried.**
- i) Replacement of Town of Wascott Sign located at the Town Hall – Supervisor Hanson will check with the Gordon Correctional facility to see if they are able to construct a replacement sign for the Town Hall.
- j) Ordinance 2017-02 – Repeal Ordinance 2009-02 Ordinance to Create a 5-Member Town Board (Returning to a 3-Member Town Board) (Public Comments allowed for this agenda item) – Public Comments –  
*Patti McDermott* related there have been two Town Meetings where the towns people voted to have the Board consider returning to a 3-member Board.  
*Chuck McDermott* commented the Town has governed for a long time with just a 3-member Board and two committees and all the work got done!  
*John Glindinning* thinks having a 5-member Board allows for a broader view when discussing issues. Just because it was always a 3-member Board in the past, doesn’t mean we should go back.  
*Les Chandler* feels the Town should remain as a 5-member Board.  
*Supv Jenson* provided stats on the number of Towns in Wisconsin who operate a 3-member Board vs. a 5-member Board. 1,087 towns operate with a 3-member Board and 158 with a 5-member Board.  
*Supv Stapp* thinks a 5-member Board best represents the Town providing greater diversity.  
*Supv Hanson* related he, too, thinks a 5-member Board has more diversity and feels it a mistake to go back to a 3-member Board.  
*Chair Boughner* stated that locally, out of 16 Towns in Douglas County, only 2 have 5-member Boards.  
**A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02 – Repeal Ordinance 2009-02-Ordinance to Create a 5-Member Town Board (Returning to a 3-Member Board). A paper vote revealed 3 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carried.** Ordinance 2017-02 becomes effective the third Tuesday of April, 2018.
- k) Purchase of a complete Jaws of Life Package - Fire Department – Fire Department Chief Michalek asked the Board to approve a “Jaws of Life Package”. The cost would be approximately up to \$45,000. Chief Michalek emphasized he would seek the best possible price. Chief Michalek would like to apply \$9,000 from the sale of the boat and use donation monies for the balance. **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve the purchase of a Jaws of Life Package, applying the monies from the sale of the boat in the amount of \$9,000 and the remainder to come from the FD Donations funds and leave to the discretion of the Fire Chief, the purchasing of this equipment; motion carried.**
- 3) Public Comments – *Please be advised per § 19.84(2), comments and announcement will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town Board and limited to 4 minutes per person. No action taken by Board.*  
*Patti McDermott* announced the Swedish Meatball Dinner is Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Wascott Town Hall. September Fest is Thursday, September 21 at Heartwood Convention Center.  
*John Glindinning* was not pleased with the decision made by the Board at its last meeting to not test the gravel.  
*James Whitwell* related he had a motorcycle accident on a Town Road on July 15, 2017. James would like the Town to consider reimbursing him for the repairs to the motorcycle.  
*Les Chandler* commented that a Transfer Station employee was removing cans from the site for his personal use. Les stated this is Town property. Les would like to see a container be placed at the Transfer Station as a drop off for cans. The revenue generated could be used for designated projects. Les related the Rifle Range, located in Gordon, which has operated for years, is seeking a new location due to differences with the Gordon Board. Les would like the Wascott Town Board to consider the Rifle Range be located in the Town of Wascott. The Range has been very active in the community. It is the only registered Range in the State of Wisconsin. The Range benefits many – has put 1400 through Hunter Safety.  
*Chuck McDermott* thanked the Board for their support of the Veterans Memorial. The Stone has been erected and it is beautiful!  
*Chair Boughner* thanked Supervisor Stapp for his service to the Infrastructure Committee.
- 4) **A Burnside/Hanson motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer