

**Regular Town Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – 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 6:37 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Burnside and Jenson, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rudd. **A Jenson/Burnside motion to adjourn at 6:53 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 7:00 p.m. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Burnside and Jenson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rudd and 16 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2018 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018 and Work Session Minutes of July 25, 2018
  - b) Approval of Agenda
  - c) Treasurer’s Report
  - d) Bartender License/s – Richard Smith
  - e) Approval of July/August vouchers**A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve consent agenda; motion carried.**
- 4) 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. *Jan Newsome* questioned why the Infrastructure Committee Minutes were not on the web site. *Agnes Kennard* – if someone wants to make a public comment, they should raise their hand first and then address their comment to the Board instead of directing comments to other members of the audience. *Patti McDermott* – Meatball Dinner is September 22. *Bob Beglinger*-at one of the Infrastructure Committee meetings said don’t buy loader. *John Glindinning* wanted to know how many hours the old loader has. *Supv Jenson* related that new signs have been installed at the Town Hall, Cemetery, and the Town Hall Road junction. *Supv Jenson* thanked Woodland Signs of Cumberland for doing a great job on the signs, and our highway employees for installing them. She also thanked Kate Lawler Perry for loaning the Town of Wascott her lovely painting of an old Ojibwe Village in our area. Special Guest – Steve Johnson – Minong Flowage Association – Steve provided two handouts – one on “no wake” buoy regulation and the other on milfoil. The Town of Wascott has an ordinance on “no wake” and rules. The Minong Flowage Association (MFA) has been receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding violations of the “No Wake Zone” on the flowage with the majority coming from the channel area leading to the Highway T bridge. It has been reported some of the violators appear to originate from Cranberry Lake, in particular the expanded campground area. The DNR and Washburn County Sheriff have been contacted regarding enforcement patrols, but were turned down by both. Millfoil Issue – The potential of a winter drawdown on the flowage as a tool to manage the ongoing spread of milfoil. The DNR has promoted consideration of this action and informed us herbicide treatments would not be permitted this year per the terms of the 5 year Lake Management plan that was implemented. The MFA is actively pursuing the drawdown concept for as early as this winter and needs to inform the stakeholders, which includes local government groups. All stakeholders have an opportunity to respond to the drawdown plan/proposal. There will be a public meeting on August 18, 2018 from 9-11:00 a.m. at the Link’s Aquatic Center. Performed a plant survey on the lake and results came back that it was not as bad as expected.

5) Department and Representative Announcements

- a) Fire Department – Chief Michalek reported 5 medical; lost person; barn fire; grass fire; squirrels.
- b) EMS Asst. Director – Stacey Vig reported 27 calls – 16/Gordon; 9/Wascott; 2/Minong. Will be at the Food n’ Fun Day on Sept 1 at the Ballpark.
- c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman reported the following –
  - County Board was in hiatus the month of July;
  - Steve Rannenber, DC Zoning Administrator, has officially returned August 1;
  - Zack DeVoe will be the Land Services Director and Office Manager and Keith Wiley will be the Zoning Coordinator. Keith has 18 years experience.
  - Zoning Committee will address the non-ferrous mining ordinance. Being done upon advice of Counties Association suggesting to be pro-active Have 2 options – conditional use permit – putting burden of proof on County, or have a local agreement allowing the formation of a committee that may negotiate terms with applicant. Hopefully, the committee will approve the local agreement option.
  - Budget process is in progress and should be completed by end of September. Net new construction came in at 1.03% or approximately \$160,000.
  - Sales tax revenues are currently up \$100,000 over last year.

6) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –

- a) Award Quote – Front End Loader – Two quotes were presented as follows:  
John Deere – 2019 Model 524L Loader – base quote \$154,600 minus trade-in of \$17,500 for a total of \$137,100 (all warranties included in price); Fabick Cat – 2018 Model 926M – base quote \$144,067 minus trade-in of \$15,500 for a total of \$128,567 (does not include warranties). Highway Foreman Walters asked that he be given time to test drive the 2 models before a purchase is made. Quotes are good for 30 days. **A Burnside/Jenson motion to table, for up to 30 days, allowing for the testing of the two Loader models; carried.** Chair Boughner did not vote.
- b) Resolution 2018-04 – Authorize Amendments to the 2018 Budget – **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve Resolution 2018-04 – Authorize Amendment to the 2018 Budget for the transfer of monies to General Public Building Outlay only. Roll Call Vote – Burnside, yes; Jenson, yes; Boughner; yes. Carried.** The transfer of monies for the purchase of the Loader was eliminated since item was tabled.
- c) Town Hall Addition – Expedite Process for State Review of Plans – To expedite the process for State review of the Town Hall Addition plans, will require an additional \$1,160 (\$580 for processing and an additional \$580 to expedite). **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve the additional monies of up to \$1,060 for the processing of the Town Hall addition plans; motion carried.**
- d) Town Hall Addition – Bathroom Configuration to Comply with the State – Supv Burnside commented the current bathrooms need to be reconfigured to comply with the State requirements making them all handicapped accessible. **A Burnside/Jenson motion to have current bathrooms reconfigured to comply with State code making them handicapped accessible; carried.**

7) Adjournment - **A Jenson/Burnside motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer  
On behalf of Acting  
Deputy Clerk Lora Rudd