

MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING
 WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL
 JANUARY 21, 2021
 WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS
 1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463
 5:00 PM

Berna Palmer Mayor Absent	Roger D. Hagan Mayor Pro-Tem Present	Judy Carter Member Absent/ Present @ 5:50 PM	Shirley Rightenburg Member Present	John Walsingham Member Present
Carol West Member Present	Billy Park Member Present			

- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan called the meeting to order, welcomed all, invocation by Pastor Shawn Justice from Bonnett Pond Church, Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Goulding.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Approval of the Agenda: The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. Rightenburg, motion carried with Rightenburg, Walsingham, and Hagan voting Yes.
 - B. Fire Department Minutes: No meetings in December.
 - C. Minutes: December 2020
 - D. Financials: Reconciled Statements, Profit and Loss, Trial Balance:
- III. Mayor Pro Tem Hagan recessed the meeting and thanked Mrs. Rightenburg for her service to the town, Mrs. Rightenburg thanked the Council and the people of the town for their confidence in her and that she enjoyed her time finishing out her Dad's term. Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan also stated that he would like to thank Mrs. Palmer for her service to the Town and stated that she had done an excellent job as Mayor. Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan recognized Honorable Washington County Judge Colby Peel who did the honors of swearing in the new members of the council, John Walsingham, Carol West, and Billy Park. Judge Peel thanked the members for giving him the honor to come and perform this service. New members took their place at the podium.
- IV. Reorganization of Council: Selection of Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Liaison to Departments. Mayor Pro-Tem Hagan stated at this time he would accept nominations for Mayor. Motion by Mrs. West to nominate Roger Hagan as

Mayor, second Mr. Walsingham, Motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park, and Hagan, voting yes. Mayor Hagan thanked the members and stated that he would not do anything to make the members or the citizens ashamed. Mayor Hagan then asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem, motion by Mr. Park, second Mr. Walsingham, to nominate Carol West for Mayor Pro-Tem, Mayor Hagan asked for any more nominations none, Mrs. West was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem with a yes vote from Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan. Mayor Hagan stated that the liaisons for the departments would be done at the February meeting.

- V. AGENDA AUDIENCE: Mrs. Lynn Gothard asked to address the members:
- Mrs. Gothard stated that she was here as a private citizen not representing the Wausau Community Development Club, however she was a member and wanted to know if the Possum Palace would be under construction at the time of the Annual Wausau Possum Festival which is August 7th. Mayor Hagan stated that the bid had been let and deferred to the Clerk to answer. Clerk stated that we have the construction documents and are waiting for the notice to proceed from DEO but that she felt we would definitely be under construction by August. Mrs. Gothard stated that this would not be a problem that the Club could find an alternate place for 2021. Discussion was held on this issue and Mayor Hagan stated he would like to see everything remain in Wausau but understood that if the event had to be moved out of town. Mayor Hagan also stated that the decision on where the festival was held was entirely up to the Development Club due to a previous vote by the Council to turn the festival over to the Development Club solely. Mayor Hagan stated that if the parade was held in the town limits the Clerk would pull the permit. Mrs. Gothard thanked the Members.
- VI. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE: Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission.” Everyone shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the Council.
- VII. Clerk:
- Water Reports: (attached) also attached is letter from Tosha Hammock. Clerk presented the members with the latest list of delinquent accounts and a letter from Mrs. Tosha Hammock requesting a one-time adjustment to her bill for a water leak she did not know she had until the Clerk notified her. After discussion reports were accepted into record and Mr. Walsingham

made a motion to adjust Mrs. Hammock's water bill a one-time adjustment, second Mrs. West, motion carried with Park, West, Walsingham, and Hagan voting Yes. Clerk will take the average of the last 6 months and adjust the bill to that amount.

- Email on Propane Tank at the new fire house. This Item was not discussed, this will be on the February Agenda.
- Sealed Bid Openings: (1) Blazer (2) Metal (3) JD Gator (4) Misc. Lawn Equipment. Mayor Hagan stated that he would like to remove item no. 3 from the bid process and those bids to remain sealed due to the fact that the Recreation Department wants it for the park and fields. Motion to remove the John Deere Gator from consideration by Mrs. West, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with Walsingham, Park, West and Hagan voting yes. Gator will be transferred to the Recreation Department inventory. (1) Blazer: Eric Zellar \$5,004.00; Jonathon Cook \$2250.00; Josh Rudd \$500.00. Motion by Mr. Park, second Mr. Walsingham to award the blazer to the high bid Eric Zellar for \$5,004.00, motion carried with Walsingham, West, Park, and Hagan, voting yes. (2) Metal: Neil Rogers \$105.00; Ronnie Hagan \$50.00 and Larry Wright \$320.00. Motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mr. Park to go with the high bid of \$320.00, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park and Hagan, voting Yes. (3) Misc. Lawn Equipment one bid David Ferguson \$200.00. Motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. West to award the Lawn Equipment to David Ferguson, motion carried with Park, West, Walsingham, and Hagan voting Yes.
- Fun-Day Parade August 7th @ 10:00 AM; Christmas Parade December 11th at 10:00 AM and authorize the Clerk to pull needed permits. Motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mrs. West to authorize the clerk to pull the needed permits for the parades as listed above, motion carried with Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan, voting yes.
- FRDAP: Clerk presented the members with an Administration Contract for the George M. Rogers, Recreational Complex and the Possum Palace Park for Fred Fox Enterprises, motion to authorize the execution of both contracts by Mrs. West, second Mr. Walsingham, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Park and Hagan voting Yes. Mrs. West and Mr. Hagan stated that there had been vandalism at the GMR Park, the debris pile was large and needed to be burned, and that someone had dropped appliances off. Clerk stated that the VFD was supposed to burn the pile, Recreation Director Steve Hallmark stated that he would get the appliances moved and go to the next fire

meeting to address the debris pile. Clerk stated that we have someone that comes by and gets our scrap, and she will get David to contact him.

VIII. Member Carol West: Nothing

IX. Member Billy Park: Nothing

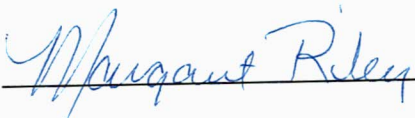
X. Member John Walsingham: Nothing

XI. Member Judy Carter: Absent/ Arrived at 5:50 PM: Ms. Carter did not have anything to discuss.

XII. Member Roger Hagan:

- Mr. Hagan asked if we really needed liaisons. After discussion, this item shall be placed on the February Agenda.
- COVID: Discussion was held on coming back to work after a diagnosis, Clerk stated that the health department had called both David and her and given a date to come back to work. Discussion was held on closing the town hall to the public with the Clerk stating that she was limiting the amount of people in her office at one time and that the back door to the office was closed to anyone but her. After discussion with Mrs. Shirley Walsingham, stated that there are very few quilters. Clerk noted the Garden Club met once a month but not a large crowd. Clerk also stated that the Library was open but only a limited number of people could be in there and by appointment only. It was decided that each group that used the town hall would be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting after their use. Officer Jason Cook stated that EMS Director Randy Truett can assist the town with disinfecting the town hall. Council asked the Clerk to get in touch with Mr. Truett and get the necessary equipment and solution.

XIII. Adjournment: Mayor Hagan declared the meeting adjourned.


Margaret Riley, Clerk

Roger D. Hagan, Mayor