

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
WAUSAU TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
WAUSAU TOWN HALL CHAMBERS  
1607 SECOND AVENUE, WAUSAU FL 32463  
5:00 PM

Roger D. Hagan	Carol West	Judy Carter	John Walsingham	Billy Park
Mayor	Mayor Pro-Tem	Member	Member	Member
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present

Also, Present Officer Foster with the Washington County Sheriff Department

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- I. PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hagan called the meeting to order welcomed all, invocation by Bother Steve Taylor and, Pledge of Allegiance by all.
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the consent agenda were approved with a motion by Mrs. West, second Mr. Walsingham and with West, Walsingham, Park, Carter, and Hagan Voting yes.
  - A. Approval of the Agenda:
  - B. Fire Department Minutes:
  - C. Minutes: January 2021
  - D. Financials: Reconciled Statements, Profit and Loss, Trial Balance:
- III. AGENDA AUDIENCE:
  - Ronnie Bell, Waste Management: Tom Thumb Bill; Mr. Bell stated that he was here to apologize for the lack of communication on behalf of Waste Management. Mr. Bell stated that National Accounts notified the town in February of 2019 that the Tom Thumb would be billed by National Accounts and would not longer be billed through the Town of Wausau and this was the case through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2019 at which time National Accounts notified Waste Management that the Town of Wausau should begin once again billing the Tom Thumb. Mr. Bell stated that at this time he was not notified nor was the Clerk notified to begin billing the Tom Thumb again. Mr. Bell stated that Tom Thumb owed the Town of Wausau \$10, 003.56 plus administrative charges charged by the Town. Mr. Bell stated that this could be handled one of two ways. (1) The Town of Wausau could bill Tom Thumb directly and include the administrative charges. (2) Waste Management could credit the Town the \$10,003.56. Mr. Bell assured the members of the council that should the town choose to bill the Tom Thumb directly and did not collect Waste Management would credit the Town the \$10,003.56 and they would proceed with collections from Tom Thumb. After discussion motion by Mr. Walsingham that the Clerk

along with the Attorney send an invoice and letter to Tom Thumb, give them a certain amount of time to pay and if not Waste Management would give the Town of Wausau a credit of \$10,003.56 and Waste Management would go after collecting from Tom Thumb, second Mr. Park, motion carried with Carter, Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan voting Yes.

- Jeff Massey, Washington County Administrator: Broadband; Mr. Massey stated that he was here to ask the member of the Council to approve an Interlocal Agreement Regarding for Communications Transmissions. Mr. Massey stated that the goal of the Washington County Commissioners was to bring reliable internet to all of Washington County including the rural areas. Mr. Massey stated that he would like to use if needed our water tank to place equipment for the broadband. Mr. Massey stated that Washington County was in the planning stages and were modeling their project after Walton County who are nearing completion of their project. Mr. Massey went on to say that the cost to residents would be between \$65-\$75 per month. After discussion, motion by Mr. Park, second Mrs. West to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Interlocal Agreement/ MOU with Washington County contingent upon review by the Town Attorney, motion carried with Park, Carter, West, Walsingham, and Hagan voting yes. Mr. Massey then asked if the Council had any questions for him. Mayor Hagan asked about Code Enforcement, Mr. Massey stated that we now have an incredibly good Code Enforcement Person Mrs. Greta Bruner who inherited a lot of old cases but that she was working through them and would be going down the list. Mr. Massey assured the Council that if they had any items that needed to be addressed to get with Mrs. Bruner. Mayor Hagan and Clerk asked about COVID monies that were allocated to the town but never received. Mr. Massey stated that \$150,000,000.00 was allocated to roads but the monies were coming on down to the municipalities. Mayor Hagan also asked Mr. Massey to provide a letter of support to the Legislative Appropriations Committee supporting the towns application for funds to complete the remodeling/upgrade to the Possum Palace. Mr. Massey stated that that would be no problem and reminded the members that Senator Gainer and Representative Drake was going to be at the County Annex tomorrow for their annual Town Hall Meeting. Mr. Massey stated that Amnesty Day for Washington County was going to be April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Recycling Center. Mayor Hagan asked if anyone else had anything for Mr. Massey. Steve Hallmark stated that he would like to see the price of the broadband a little more affordable for our rural residents. Mr. Massey assured the members and the public that

Washington County would do everything they could to keep the price as low as they can. Mayor and Council Members thanked Mr. Massey for his time.

- Ray, Patsy, and Travis Justice: Street Closure: Clerk stated that the Justice's were here to answer any questions that the Council might have on their request to abandon certain unopened streets that affect their property. Clerk stated that Mr. and Mrs. Justice has asked that the members consider closing the unopened portion of Sixth Avenue that goes through their property, the South ½ of unopened Fifth Avenue that joins their property, and the unopened portion of Jackson Street that splits their property along with the unopened portion of Adams Street that splits their property. Clerk stated that closing these streets would not affect anyone and that the streets were in the wetlands. After discussion motion by Mr. Walsingham, second Mr. Park to advertise to close the streets that Mr. and Mrs. Justice had requested, with the Justice's being responsible for any advertising costs, motion carried with West, Walsingham, Carter, Park, and Hagan, voting yes.

- IV. Adam Smith Wausau Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief: Clerk stated that she would like to move up the items that Mr. Smith was here to address, the propane tank and the generators. (1) Propane Tank: Clerk stated that she had been in conversation with Chief Rudd and Assistant Chief Smith on these two issues and that Mr. Smith was prepared to address them. Mr. Smith stated that the town was responsible to purchase the propane tank for the new fire house and that the plans called for a 1000-gallon tank. Mr. Smith stated that at this time the department could possibly get by with the 500-gallon tank but would rather prepare for the future the 1000 gallon would be best. After discussion motion by Ms. Carter, second Mrs. West for the Clerk to get proposals on both the 500-gallon propane tank and the 1000-gallon propane tank, motion carried with Carter, Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan voting Yes. (2) Generator: Mr. Smith stated that he would like the members to vote to go out for proposals on the Generator for the fire house and explained that the generator was not in the original budget for the new fire house and the department was looking at an additional funding source for this item. After discussion motion by Mrs. West, second Mr. Walsingham for the Clerk to request proposal on the generator proposed by Dewberry Engineering, motion carried with Carter, Park, Walsingham, West, and Hagan voting Yes.
- V. 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.

- VI. Tabled Items: Council Liaisons to the Departments: This was moved to Mayor Hagan's time
- VII. Clerk:
- Water Reports: (attached) Clerk presented the reports to the members and accepted into record.
  - Waste Management-Tom Thumb: This item was moved to agenda audience
  - IT Proposal: Clerk presented the members with a proposal from Holston and Garner IT (attached) after discussion this item was tabled till the March meeting.
  - Email on Propane Tank at the new fire house: This item moved up to agenda audience
  - Generator at Fire House: This Item was moved up on the agenda
  - Request from Ray and Patsy Justice: This item was moved to agenda audience.
  - Vernon Historical Society Invitation: Clerk presented the members with an invitation from the Vernon Historical Society.
  - Set Workshop for March 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM; Schedule for remainder of 2021 to be May 13, 2021, 5:00 PM; August 12, 2021-5:00 PM, November 4, 2021 (Due to Veterans Day Holiday on November 11<sup>th</sup>) consensus of the Council was to set the dates as proposed by the Clerk.
  - Set 2021 Clean Up Weeks: Cleanup weeks were set May 10-14,2021; August 23-27, 2021 and December 27-31, 2021 by consensus of the Council.
- VIII. Member Billy Park: Nothing
- IX. Member John Walsingham:
- X. Member Judy Carter: Nothing
- XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Carol West: Nothing
- XII. Mayor Roger Hagan: Council Liaisons to Departments: Mr. Hagan asked the members "do we really need them" Mrs. Palmer from the audience stated that she felt that they were needed. After discussion with the members agreeing that they would like to have the liaisons: Mayor Hagan stated that with the charter the Mayor is over the Town Hall and administration; Ms. Carter stated she would like to remain with Fire; Mrs. West-Water; Mr. Walsingham-Recreation, and Mr. Park-Street's and Maintenance.
- XIII. Attorney Carter by Phone: Mr. Carter was unable to attend so the Clerk stated that the case had been settled but did not have the full statement yet but that in the packets was the statement as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Clerk stated that as a part of the agreement Mr. Oglesby resigned from the town.

- XIV. Mayor Hagan asked if anyone has anything else to bring before the board: Recreation Director that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was going to be Marth 27<sup>th</sup> at the Possum Palace. Mr. Hallmark also reported that he was going to the fire meeting Monday to check on the burning of the debris at the GMR Park and after that he would be installing the gate to limit access to the concession area at the park. (2) Mrs. West stated that she does not mind her name being called out but that during a public meeting this should not happen, and it was the board's responsibility to not let side conversations disrupt the meeting. Mayor Hagan and Clerk stated that they did not hear anything but would be more observant in the future and limit/stop any side conversations in the meetings.
- XV. Adjournment: Mayor Hagan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Margaret Riley, Clerk

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Roger D. Hagan, Mayor