

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2021 TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY
Pending Approval from the Town Board

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Monday June 21, 2021 at the Winchester Municipal Building and via Zoom. Attending were Chairman Discianno, Supervisors Grimmer & Whitney along with Deputy Clerk Julie Brownwell. Reporter Brian Jopek covered the meeting via Zoom.

Supervisor Grimmer moved to accept the agenda at the discretion of the Chair, seconded by Supervisor Whitney. The motion was approved 3-0.

Supervisor Grimmer made a motion to approved the minutes of the June 7 regular meeting along with the special meeting held June 11, 2021. Supervisor Whitney seconded the motion; approved 3-0.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Chairman Discianno

The water heater at the park has been repaired and Mr. Discianno thanked the Lions members for the time they spent painting and staining. The Town Crew planted the trees donated by the Osfars in the Memorial Garden and are backfilling around the concrete aprons recently poured at the new garage, Mr. Discianno replaced a lockset at the library, and is compiling a list of electrical problems which will be addressed in September, landscaping of the bike trail berm at Brunell Rd and County W has been completed, volunteers are needed to water the flowers on the bridge between North & South Turtle Lakes. A sign-up sheet for volunteering is on the Turtle Lakes Chain Assn website.

Supervisor Whitney

Transfer Site: The electronics disposal bin has not been delivered yet, so we cannot accept any electronics at this time.

Fire Department: A service call has been placed with Schmidt & Sons Plumbing to repair the toilet in the Women's bathroom.

Park: On agenda

Bike Trails, Inc: Has not met with them because there are no issues.

Supervisor Grimmer

Lakes Committee: No report. The Town Crew did some work on the Harris Lake boat ramp.

Library: On agenda

Correspondence: Dave's Tree Service was hired to remove a branch hanging over Old W as reported by Ryan Nickels, per an agreement made in 2020, the Discovery Center is requesting reimbursement for an expense the Discovery Center incurred for an aquatic invasive species study performed by Onterra.

Public Comment:

Craig VanArk expressed concern on the board's action to proceed with strategic enhancement of the Town. This will be a Planning Commission agenda item. Galen Brownwell noted that recently the Town has purchased two large pieces of equipment for the Town Crew—an end loader and patrol truck. Mr. Brownwell feels a new Ambulance and Fire Dept. tanker are of more importance than a mower. Lee Stengele inquired on procedures for utilizing the old town shop, mowing of the boat landings, park and Library grounds, status of the retention pond by the new garage. Mike Potts expressed concern with the process of installing new road name and fire number signs. Mr. Discianno will discuss the process with the clerk.

Old Business

1) *Lions Lease of Storage Building at Old Transfer Site:* The last time the lease between the Town and Lions Club was renewed was for the period June 2011-2014. Mr. Discianno made a motion to continue the lease at \$1/year beginning June 21, 2021 for a period of 3 years after updating the dates and officials listed in the lease. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

2) *Papoose Lake Joint Ordinance with Presque Isle:* Item tabled since this item is on the Planning Commission June 28th agenda.

3) *Facilities Use Policies:* Mr. Grimmer is working on new agreements. Discussion tabled for more information.

New Business

1) *Appointment of new Library Board Members:* Supervisor Grimmer made a motion to appoint Jim Logan to the Library Board which Supervisor Whitney seconded. A vote of 3-0 approved the appointment.

2) *John Deer batwing mower:* Chairman Discianno reported that the current unit is 20 years old, the batwing mower would make the Town Crew's job easier and faster. As reported by the sales rep Mark

the cost is \$119,000 but there are different payment options or rental available also. Further action was tabled for more information.

3) *Application for funds via the American Rescue Plan Act for 2021:* Chairman Discianno made a motion to apply for the available funds. Mr. Whitney seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

4) *Applications for Liquor, Cigarette & Operators' Licenses:* Supervisor Whitney made a motion to approve Northwoods Smokey's LLC and The Wainio Corp. renewals for "Class B" Combo licenses for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Supervisor Whitney seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Supervisor Grimmer made a motion to approve the Winchester Fire Department's application for a Temporary Class "B" beer license for the Picnic in the Park on 7/10/21 which Mr. Whitney seconded. The license was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Discianno made a motion to approve the renewal application by The Wainio Corp for a cigarette license. Mr. Whitney seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

11 Operator's Licenses renewals and 1 new application were approved on a motion by Mr. Grimmer, seconded by Mr. Whitney: Kent Long, James Zett, Rebecca Potter, William Sheeley, Sulo Wainio, Joan Wainio, Mathias Schmidt, Alice Mumford, Sandra Coan, Isaac Cowart, Nancy Johnson renewals along with a new application by Richard Gering. The motion was approved 3-0.

5) *Dates for future brush days:* Dates will be announced at the July 5th meeting.

6) *Town Website:* Mr. Grimmer noted that other Town's websites are more polished and feels our website can be better. We will continue with the current host and try to improve the site.

7) *Invoice from Lange Enterprises for ATV/UTV signs:* After discussion on the confusion which resulted by the repeal of the ATV/UTV ordinance with the purchase of these road signs Mr. Grimmer made a motion for the Town to pay Lange Enterprises \$492.57 for these signs. Mr. Discianno seconded the motion which was approved 2-1 with Mr. Whitney voting nay.

8) *Playground Projects at Town Park:* After reviewing the projects suggested by the Lions Club and presented in writing by the contractor, Supervisor Whitney made a motion to accept the offer by the Lions Club to rehab the playground, remove both the sandbox and volleyball court at a cost of approximately \$7,000 to be paid by the Lions Club. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Whitney thanked the Lions Club members for the many hours they spent painting and staining the tables, benches, etc. at the park. Supervisor Whitney will purchase a replacement swing for the swing set from the park budget. Discussion on installation of a fold down bollard to restrict vehicular access between the old and new pavilions showed consensus by the board members.

9) *Landscaping in front of Town Hall and around the Flag Poles:* After coordinating with Diggers Hotline for location of the power lines, Mr. Discianno will instruct the Town Crew to install the 3 new flag poles. Consideration will be made regarding landscaping and possible tree/flower plantings after the flag poles are set.

10) *Maintenance of the Park/Library/Town Hall grounds:* After extensive discussion on the needs to care for all of the Town grounds including the Memorial Garden, the board will investigate all avenues including possible hiring maintenance personnel. The board members will present ideas to the Planning Commission for their input.

11) *Future Agenda Items:* None

Chairman Discianno adjourned the meeting at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wainio, Town Clerk