

**Minutes of the
October 3, 2022 Winchester Town Board Meeting**
Pending approval of the Town Board

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on Monday October 3, 2022 at Winchester Town Hall and via Zoom. Attending in person were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Grimmer, Supervisor Whitney, Clerk Wainio, and Treasurer Sell. Supervisor Gimmer made a motion to accept the agenda at the discretion of the chair. Supervisor Whitney seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

Minutes: Chairman Discianno made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/12 regular meeting, 9/21 and 9/29 Special Meetings with correction of two minor typographic errors: removal of 3-0 at the end of Old Business #5 and changing HAS to HAS in Old Business #3.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Discianno made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given. Mr. Whitney seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN & SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

Chairman Discianno: Mr. Discianno noted items for the 2023 Budget that were missed during the 9/29 budget meeting: EMS Consultants, Dam Inspection, shelves for the records room and metal to cover the concrete on the lower section of the east side of the new garage. Mike Barton of MB Concrete will work up numbers to replace the concrete floor of the Park Pavilion. Pitlik & Wick will begin blacktopping around the town garage Wednesday 10/5 and start grinding Old W Road to prepare for blacktopping. Brad Pitlik will survey the driveway in the Cemetery and propose alternative options for future repairs. Fahrner has begun crack sealing, the flex patching should begin in 2 weeks. "No Firearms" signage has been ordered for the Municipal and Community Buildings. Isle town line later the week of 9/12 or the week of 9/19. BikeInc is looking into placing speed limit signage on the bike trails. Vilas County recently graded the shoulders of County W and Mr. Discianno requested the brush also be cut back along the County right-of-ways. Mr. Discianno reminded all that the public meeting regarding possible EMS shared services will be held at 5:30PM October 11 at North Lakeland Elementary school.

Supervisor Whitney

Fire Dept: There were no minutes given from the September meeting due to the absence of Dick Smith, however Mr. Whitney reported that the Fire Dept. has a total of \$157,853 in their fundraiser account. Department member Benjamin is working on a USDA grant for funding new SCBAs, when the department's portion of the application is complete it will be turned over to the Town Board for more documentation. Awarding of the grant will be based on financial need of the Town. EMS Director Renee Melzer was informed that her application for a Flex Grant from the State of Wisconsin was approved for approximately \$96,000 and these funds will be used to offset a portion of the Ambulance purchase approved by the Town Board in June. *Transfer Site:* Mr. Whitney emailed Republic Services to get off the auto pickup and return to on call pickup of the compactors. \$224 was collected in September for bulk item disposals. Only 4 residents participated in September brush day.

Park, Lions Club, BikeInc: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Grimmer

Planning Commission: Items discussed during the September meeting included rules and procedures for the commission, short-term room taxes, and concern over organization of Town Building Plans.

Library: A request for 2023 funding has been submitted to the Town Board and the "Private" computer room has been completed and is being used.

Cemetery Assn and Lakes Committee: Have both Submitted their 2023 budget request to the Town Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Grimmer reported that an alternate insurance carrier will do a walk-through of our buildings October 5th and he has received estimates from 3 firms for the engineering report required for the Turtle River dam ranging from \$2,600 to \$5,000. Mr. Grimmer was contacted by property owners requesting road repairs be made to Tillman Rd, Silver Blvd and Little Papoose Rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Galen Brownnewell asked Treasurer Sell what the current balance was in the LGIP account.

Old Business

1) *Road/Lane Name Changes:* Mr. Discianno made a motion to approve the new road/lane name of "Camp Court". Mr. Whitney seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

2) *Maintenance Repair Projects:* Mr. Grimmer is in the process of updating the list generated last year. Mr. Whitney announced the sprinkler system had been drained for the winter; the electrician will be installing the electrical for the new fuel pump at the garage next week and will continue work on the electric outlet for the Park BBQ structure.

New Business

4) *Wake Boats Presentation*: Mr. Discianno introduced Lakes Committee member Gary Engstrom. A PowerPoint Presentation was shown and information shared regarding Environmental and Safety concerns, State regulations, possible regulations that can be passed at the Town level. After the presentation Galen Brownwell offered to share videos he has taken on Birch Lake documenting the waves caused by ski boats, wake boats and Mother Nature.

1) *Treasurer's Bond*: Mr. Discianno made a motion to allow Treasurer to apply for a bond for the 2022 tax collections. Mr. Whitney seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

2) *2023 Boat Parade*: Mr. Discianno made a motion to approve Arlene Kellett's request to hold the 2023 Winchester Boat Parade on Saturday July 1, 2023. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

3) *Shipping Container Ordinance*: After discussion of various perceived problems of the proposed Shipping Container Ordinance including business exemptions and set-back requirements, Mr. Grimmer made a motion to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further revisions. Mr. Whitney seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

10) *Future Agenda Items*: Dam Inspection, Records Retention, Snow Guards, Domain Name change.

Mr. Discianno made a motion to approve September disbursements Payroll direct deposit 1515 dated 9/1/22 through Liability check Quick Books Payroll dated 9/30/22. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

At 7:02PM Mr. Discianno made a motion to go into Closed Session under SS19.85 (1)(c). Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion, motion approved 3-0.

At 8:26PM Mr. Discianno made a motion to reconvene in open session, Mr. Whitney seconded the motion which was approved by all.

During closed session the board discussed the attributes of the 3 applicants for the position of Town Crew member and a benefit package. Mr. Grimmer made a motion to empower Mr. Discianno to offer the position to a candidate. Mr. Whitney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan T. Wainio, Town Clerk