

G/W Joint Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location – Wascott Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call– The meeting was called to order by Wascott Acting Chair Chuck Youngquist at 6:00 p.m. Roll call – Board members present from Wascott – Acting Chair Youngquist, Supervisor Sorensen and Jenson (remote); Board members present from Gordon – Chair Haakenson, and Supervisor Golembiewski, Wascott Town Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson, Gordon Town Clerk James and 15 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Agenda- **A Golembiewski/Sorensen motion to approve the agenda; motion carried.**
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2022- **A Golembiewski/Haakenson motion to approve the minutes; motion carried.**
- 5) Public Comments – Acting Chair Youngquist reminded the audience the Agenda for this meeting was posted prior to any knowledge of the issues surrounding the Town of Gordon. He did not become aware of the search warrants and supporting affidavit until Friday, February 24, 2023. Acting Chair Youngquist further iterated he would not accept discussion on the ongoing investigation.
Steve Trainor commented he was not aware of the issues surrounding Gordon. Acting Chair Youngquist explained briefly the issue. Erik Finstad commented he was not pleased with the way the Gordon Board handled the issues confronting the Town of Gordon. Jan Newsome cited a statute regarding how a Board should handle a public official if there is maleficence in office.
- 6) Specific matters for discussion and possible action by Town Boards in open session:
EMS
 - a) Financial Reports
 - 1) Final 2022 Profit & Loss – Budget to Actuals – none.
 - 2) Copies of Reconciled Bank Check Registers – Jan-Dec 2022 – none.
 - b) External Audit – **A Youngquist/Golembiewski motion to hire an external auditor to audit the EMS financial records; motion carried.**Transfer Station
 - a) Financial Reports
 - 1) Yr End Reconciliation Report – none.
 - 2) 2022 Monthly revenue reports of monies generated from the T/S – none.
- 7) Proposed closed session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c). **Roll call vote to enter**

into closed session. Haakinson, yes; Golembiewski, yes; Jenson, yes; Sorensen, yes; Youngquist, yes.

Closed Session – The Board to Convene into Closed Session for Discussion of –

a) **Personnel Matters**

Three motions were introduced for action in Open Session –

- 1) **A Golembiewski/Haakenson motion recommending both Town Clerks work together in setting up the Quickbooks program in the new EMS computer and work jointly performing the duties of the Treasurer; motion carried.**
- 2) **A Golembiewski/Sorensen motion the Wascott Town Clerk be provided monthly Transfer Station financial reports for review; motion carried.**
- 3) **A Golembiewski/Jenson motion each Clerk would be paid \$30/per hour for the work performed as Treasurer of the EMS. Timesheets will be required and the pay period will be bi-weekly and becomes effective March 1, 2023. Motion carried.** Work for the EMS will be performed after each Clerk's regular posted business hours.

b) **Motion to return to Open Session – Roll call vote to reconvene to open session; Haakinson, yes; Golembiewski, yes; Jenson, yes; Sorensen, yes; Youngquist, yes; motion carried.**

8) **Reconvene to Open Session (Consider any motions on closed session discussion, if any)-**

The following three (3) motions to be considered in open session –

- 1) **A Golembiewski/Haakenson motion recommending both Town Clerks work together in setting up the Quickbooks program in the new EMS computer and work jointly performing the duties of the Treasurer; motion carried.**
A Sorensen/Jenson motion to approve motion #1; motion carried.
- 2) **A Golembiewski/Sorensen motion the Wascott Town Clerk be provided monthly Transfer Station financial reports for review; motion carried.**
A Haakenson/Sorensen motion approve motion #2; motion carried.
- 3) **A Golembiewski/Jenson motion each Clerk would be paid \$30/per hour for the work performed as Treasurer of the EMS. Timesheets will be required and the pay period will be bi-weekly. Motion carried.** Work for the EMS will be performed after the Clerk's regular posted business hours.
A Haakenson/Golembiewski motion to approve motion #3; motion carried.

9) **Adjournment – A Golembiewski/Sorensen motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; motion carried.** The next G/W Jt Mtg will be held on April 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Gordon.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Wascott