

G/W Joint Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location – Gordon Town Hall

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call– The meeting was called to order by Gordon Chair Jen Knutson at 6:40 p.m. Roll call – Board members present from Wascott – Chair Youngquist, Supervisors Sorensen and Christensen; Board members present from Gordon – Chair Knutson, Supervisors Golembiewski and Eagle, Wascott Town Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson, and 13 guests.
 - 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - 3) Approval of Agenda- **A Golembiewski/Youngquist motion to approve the agenda; motion carried.**
 - 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes – No minutes available.
 - 5) Public Comments – Jan Newsome provided a statement on the status of WRS reporting for the EMS. The Town of Gordon and the Town of Wascott jointly operate G/W EMS services. Summarizing the report, the reporting agent (Town of Gordon) has violated WRS law and regulations by failing to report eligible employees to be included under WRS. Also, the reporting agent has failed to correctly withhold employee-required contributions from the gross pay of all eligible employees and to make timely contribution payments to WRS. By law, ultimate responsibility for the actions of the Reporting Agent lies with the Jt. Town Boards.
 - 6) Specific matters for discussion and possible action by Town Boards in open session: EMS
 - a) Director Ebert's Report – none.
 - b) Financial Reports – Treasurer Atkinson provided a check register for June 2023 and a budget to actuals report. Doing a great deal of work re-doing bank reconciliations for 2022 and 2023. Adjusting many incorrect budget entries.
 - 7) Transfer Station
 - a) Financial Reports – No report.
 - b) Waste Management Invoice Issues – Chair Knutson is dialoguing with Lori Hancock of Waste Management regarding the outstanding invoices. An agreed balance of \$25,136.42 is due which is \$12,568.21 each Town. **A Golembiewski/Christensen motion to pay the balance due of \$25,136.42; motion carried.**
 - c) RFP for Waste Management for 2023-2025 – Chair Knutson related currently there is no contract with Waste Management. **A Youngquist/Christensen motion to approve a contract with Waste Management for 2023; motion carried.**
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- d) Transfer Station cards/stickers for Identification – Chair Knutson gathered information on various types of I.D. cards. It was agreed a mirror hanging I.D. would be the best. This would be implemented in 2024. Information would be included in the Town’s Newsletter which is inserted with the tax statements. Each Town is responsible for purchasing their own I.D. cards. **A Golembiewski/Knutson motion to have Chair Knutson gather more information on cost and wording on I.D. cards; motion carried.**
- e) New sign for Transfer Station- tabled until next meeting.
- 8) Adjournment – **A Youngquist/Christensen motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Wascott