

Wacouta Township

December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Following is the written text of the business transacted by the Wacouta Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting held on December 11, 2023. Board members present were: Supervisors John Plehal, George Thoma, and Daryl Franklin. Laan Dommer, Clerk/Treasurer was also in attendance. The meeting was held at the town hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- 1) Chair John Plehal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of the November 13, 2023 minutes: Franklin moved to accept the 11/13/2023 minutes; seconded by Thoma. The motion carried.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Website improvements: Plehal discussed website progress. Two contracts for approval with Terrace, LLC for development and monthly maintenance were reviewed. Thoma made a motion to pre-approve payment for work completed to date for the development of the website, for \$2000 and monthly billing; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Roads and trail:
 - i. Roads: Plehal reviewed current road contact information and call list for winter snow removal.
 - b) Planning & Zoning:
 - i) Thoma discussed some of the work that has been done for potential AirBNB ordinance development.
 - ii) Thoma made a motion to reappoint Tracy Gadiant as Wacouta Planning Commissioner, a term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026; seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.
The Planning Commissioners are: Tracy Gadiant (*term to end 12/21/26*); Dan Mueller (*term to end 12/21/24*); Steve Nelson (*term to end 12/21/24*); and Mark Warrington (*term to end 12/21/25*).
 - iii) Zoning Administrator Fred Plaas reviewed recent happenings within the township.
 - c) Town Hall & Cemetery
 - i. Cemetery survey status: Franklin has a revised draft from the survey work done on the cemetery. Revisions will be needed before final approval. Input was added for reorientation of some of the plots on the eastern edge.
 - ii. Cemetery policy review: Franklin and Dommer discussed some of the proposed changes to the existing cemetery policy. After meetings and discussions with John Friedrich, Red Wing cemetery supervisor, comparisons between the Wacouta and Red Wing policies were shown. Any further drafting of an updated policy will be reviewed at upcoming Board meetings.
 - d) 2024 Election planning:
 - i) Dommer presented a resolution to establish election standards for the year 2024. Franklin moved to accept the resolution, as follows:
PROPOSED POLLING SITE: Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE SITE: Hiawatha Valley Baptist Church, 27675 – 271st Street, Red Wing, Minnesota.

PROPOSED POLLING DATES: Township election: March 12, 2024, with alternate polling dates, in case of inclement weather, March 19, 2024.

Primary election: August 13, 2024.

Election day: November 5, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.

ii) Dommer presented a resolution to accept a slate of Election judges for Wacouta Township, in the year 2024.

Thoma made a motion to accept the resolution, as follows:

This resolution is to accept the following slate of Election judges for the year 2024:

Jennifer Beck, Mike Carlson, Noreen Carlson, Laan Dommer, Dan Mueller, Laura Lutjen, Crystal Olson, Tim Sletten, Willian Wells, Nancy Barth, Deb Olson, George Thoma, Peggy Simonson.

The motion was seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.

e) 2024 Meeting schedule resolution: Thoma made a motion to approve the following resolution:

Unless otherwise posted the following dates in 2024 are established for the monthly meeting of the Wacouta Board of Supervisors. January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 15, November 12, December 9, 2024. All meetings to be held at 6:00 p.m., at the Wacouta Town Hall 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, MN, unless posted.

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 8:15 p.m., at the Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

The motion was seconded by Franklin. The motion carried.

f) Sheriff's deputies: Goodhue County Sheriff deputies Matt Hayden and M. Disbrow were present for questions.

g) John Plehal wanted to give a note of appreciation to those officials who work in service of the township in this last year, 2023: supervisors, the clerk, planning commissioners, planning administrator, and sheriff's department.

5) Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2023

a) Pay Bills – Amount of 'checks for approval' (*disbursements & payroll*) – \$ 3,647.61.

Plehal moved to accept the claims and checks for approval of \$ 3,647.61; seconded by Thoma. The motion carried.

6) Franklin moved to adjourn; seconded by Thoma. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

7) The next meeting of the Wacouta Board of Supervisors is Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Wacouta Town Hall, 27700 Grace Trail, Red Wing, Minnesota.

- submitted by Laan Dommer