

**WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION**  
**Washington County Unit**  
**Minutes of April 22, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartford Town Hall.

Members present: Maurice Strupp (Hartford), Terry McMahon (WTA), Richard Gimler (WTA), Jeff Esselmann (Trenton), Ed Doerr (Trenton), Dale Dhein (Town of Germantown), Scott Lofy (Hartford), Mike Saman (Wayne), Albert Schulteis (Town of Polk), Marlyss Thiel (Town of Polk), Christine Pfeifer (Town of Hartford), Marvin Justman (Town of Hartford), Ralph Horst (Town of Hartford), Robert Bingen (Town of Addison), Carl Klemme (Town of Wayne), Ellen Wolf (Town of Addison), Dan Wolf (Town of Addison), Paul Little (Town of Germantown), and Paul Metz (Town of Germantown). Guest: Ralph Prescott, Candidate for Wisconsin 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

Chairperson Paul Metz reported:

1. May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Alumni & Conference Center in Oshkosh, Mark Gottlieb (Secretary of the Department of Transportation) will speak about the increase in General Transportation Aids for 2015.
2. The Town TIF bill authorizes towns to have the same Tax Incremental Finance authority as cities and villages when they pass certain criteria.
3. The bill allowing towns to withdraw from county zoning was passed by the State Assembly, but the State Senators did not pass it.
4. The bills to repeal the requirement for the county to include city or village comprehensive plan in the county comprehensive plan passed.
5. Election law changes that did pass and were enacted into law were restricting early in-person absentee voting to weekdays (Monday through Friday) two weeks before an election for the hours of 8a.m. to 7 p.m.; allowing Clerks to hire poll workers that live anywhere in the county (current law was that must be from municipality); postcard audits of voter registrations; procedures for absentee voting using special voting deputies in nursing homes, elderly housing, etc.; new rules for election observers, counting write-in votes, duplicating a damaged ballot, and requiring all voters except military or overseas) to show proof of residence when registering to vote.
6. A bill creating a new no-fee permit issued by the DOT and local municipalities to exceed statutory weight and length limitations passed and is waiting for the Governor's signature. New rules are coming regarding manure spreaders.
7. Executive Director Rick Stadelman will be retiring August 31<sup>st</sup>. He has been our Director for 33 years.

Nominations: Albert Schulteis nominated Paul Metz for Chairperson. Paul Little seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Paul Metz nominated Albert Schulteis for Vice-Chairperson. Paul Little seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Albert Schulteis nominated Marlyss Thiel for Secretary/Treasurer. Bob Bingen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Adjourn. Dan Wolf moved to adjourn. Bob Bingen seconded the motion. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with food and refreshments provided by Scotts Construction and the Town of Hartford.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlyss K. Thiel, Town of Polk  
Secretary/Treasurer for WTA – Washington County Unit