

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, October 6, 2008

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Kennedy Administration Building at 7:02 p.m. by Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Robinson, Sipsma and Van Dinter. Members absent: Von Rutenberg. Also present: Ken and Jackie Hellenbrand, Brett Neevel, and Tom Wilson.

No one was present to comment regarding matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the September 15, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

For the Engineer Report, Wilson reported on the status of the Schumacher Road Project Bid/Contract Award and the Woodland Drive Project, and the Board had no objection to doing the wedding projects as requested by the Town Maintenance Foreman and as presented by the Administrator, including an extra project on Meffert Road.

Resolution 08-14 (Approve Annexation Town Dispute Statute Revision Resolution) was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

After extensive discussion by Board members and the Administrator on the newly presented North Mendota Parkway Routes, including taking comments from those in attendance, preliminary Board preference was given for Alignment 13 as shown on the 10/1/08 Strand map based on the technical information discussed, and based on the following matters discussed at the meeting: maximum preservation of the highest quality farmland, not as disruptive to the Dorn Creek environmental area as going south of that area, least disruptive to residences in the Town, least disruptive to the Governor Nelson State Park and Dane County/DNR park/environmental areas, best route to maximize cooperation with Middleton and Springfield, route follows recommendation of original NMP Alternatives Study, route follows generally that approved in the Town Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Plan for the Middleton/Westport Joint Planning Area, and the route does not interfere with or destroy local roadways or planned local collectors, on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson, by a vote of 3-1 (Enge dissenting).

Ordinance 08-2 (Approve Tree Nuisance Ordinance Amendment) was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

The ATC West River Road Easement was approved as to form as presented conditioned on Wilson obtaining more funds for the easement in his discretion on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

Resolution 08-15 (Approve Income Continuation Insurance Revision) was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

Sipsma reported that the Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered by Wilson. Wilson and Van Dinter reported on meetings of the plan commission/committees.

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson raised concerns about Dane County plowing up the grasses on the Saddlebrook park property for cropping and the Board agreed by consensus that he should advise Dane County Parks about the Town's objection to that practice. There were no Miscellaneous Matters or Forthcoming Events raised.

Current bills as presented by the Administrator and as approved for payment by the Audit Committee were paid on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

Motion to adjourn by Robinson, second Sipsma. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson,
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer