

## TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, November 3, 2008

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Robinson, Sipsma, Van Dinter and von Rutenberg. Members absent: None. Also present: Ryan Dostalek, Brett Neevel, and Tom Wilson.

No one was present to comment regarding matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the October 20, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second von Rutenberg.

An operators license for Crystal Brower was approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, conditioned on satisfaction of all state and local requirements, with von Rutenberg abstaining.

Wilson presented the proposed Town Budget and Levy as published, gave a report, and reminded the Board of the special budget meetings on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room. The levy is what is approved by the State DOR under the current levy freeze, and those numbers are then plugged into the budget, plus the \$130,000 carryover for Schumacher Road work and \$60,000 more as was necessary for the new Middleton Fire House cost. The budget basically restores areas to percentage levels of 3 years ago after during that time paying for County road work on CTH M and the required revaluation. Wilson also advised the Board that for the 2010 budget cycle they will likely need to discuss paying for potential improvements to WAEMS and Waunakee Fire Department facilities.

Sipsma and von Rutenberg reported that the Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered. Wilson reported that the CATV/Tech. Committee will be meeting November 6 at 8:30 a.m. with ATT. Wilson and Van Dinter reported on meetings of the plan commission/committees.

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson advised that the office is very busy with voting and revaluation questions. For the revaluation, Wilson reported that assessments should have normally increased about 30% to 50%, and even 100% along Lake Mendota, based on where the Town's equalized value percentage was as determined by the State DOR, that it has been about 5 years since a total revaluation, and because according to the Assessors the Town's land values may have been lagging behind the rest of Dane County, especially along the Lake.

For Miscellaneous Matters or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson advised that since questions were raised about potential impacts of the planned Middleton well on West Point Road, the City is having an informational meeting on December 3, 7:30 p.m., at Middleton City Hall; Wilson reminded the Board of the NMP IOC meeting in the Community Meeting Room on 11/11 at 7:00 p.m.; and, after Wilson's suggestion, the Board by consensus agreed to hold the special year end bill approval meeting on Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00 a.m.

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

Motion to adjourn by von Rutenberg, second Sipsma. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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