

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, December 20, 2010

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building at 7:03 p.m. by Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Robinson, Sipsma, Van Dinter, and von Rutenberg. Members absent: None. Also present: Andrew Currie, Kevin Even, Ryan Dostalek, and Tom Wilson.

Nobody was present to comment on matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the December 6, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second von Rutenberg.

An Operator License for Thomas LaPlante was approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, conditioned on satisfaction of all state and local requirements, with von Rutenberg abstaining.

After a report and reviewing documents presented, Wilson was authorized to proceed with a potential Refinancing of the Water Utility Debt on a motion by Robinson, second Sipsma.

For the Town Engineer Report, Wilson reported on matters regarding the Woodland Drive/Mill Road construction project not discussed later in the meeting during closed session.

After discussion, Resolution 10-25 (Recommendations to County on Redistricting) was adopted with Wilson to draft the Resolution as submitted for the Town with approval by the Chair on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

For the Currie Woodland Drive Driveway Restriction Release matter, Mr. Currie was present to provide additional information not already provided to the Town Plan Commission and Waunakee/Westport Joint Planning Committee in the form of letters from neighbors. The Chair advised Mr. Currie that the Board would take action later in the meeting under Woodland Drive purchases after discussing in closed session as allowed by law, and the Town's representative would advise him of decisions.

Robinson reported that Personnel Committee matters will be discussed later in the meeting. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered. Van Dinter and Wilson reported on meetings of the plan commission/committees.

There were no Administrative Matters raised. For Miscellaneous Matters or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson reminded the Board of the usual special end of year meeting to be held on December 29, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.

Current bills as presented by the Administrator were paid on a motion by von Rutenberg, second Robinson.

The Board then adjourned to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, and Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, because competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to consider/review personnel pay recommendations, personnel policies, and administrator contract revisions, and regarding potential Woodland Drive easements/purchases, at 7:31 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson, by a unanimous vote. The Board moved to the Executive Meeting Room adjoining the Community Meeting Room with the Town Attorney and for a brief time with the Town Engineer.

The Board then returned to Open Session after discussion with the Town Attorney and briefly with the Town Engineer at 8:00 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote. The Board moved from the Executive Meeting Room back to the Community Meeting Room.

Regarding outstanding Woodland Drive Easements/Purchases, the driveway restriction release for the Currie property was rejected based on the reasons stated by the Plan Commissioners, on a motion by Enge, second Robinson, with Enge also wanting it noted for the minutes that he thought it was improper for the owner to be using the Plan Commissioners and the driveway as leverage or a negotiating tactic for the price of the easements and property acquisition.

The 2011 Personnel Pay items as recommended by the Personnel Committee and discussed in closed session were approved on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Robinson, second von Rutenberg. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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