

## TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, August 7, 2023

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Cuccia in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building/Town Hall. Members Present: Cuccia, Manering, Pichette, Trotter, and Werner. Members Absent: None. Also present, Dianne Hesselbein, Alex Joers, Dean Grosskopf, Taylor Brengel, Jake Bunz, Jeremy Lange, Mara Stewart, Kyla Reamon, Amy Freidig and Jessica Duffrin.

Grosskopf confirmed that this meeting conforms with open Meetings Law.

There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.

The minutes of the July 3, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Pichette second Trotter.

Operator and Related Licenses were granted subject to all state and local requirements on a motion by Pichette, second Manering.

After a discussion, and questions were raised by Pichette regarding safeguards against potential fire hazards and the advisability of allowing debris to fall into Lake Mendota, an application for a Fireworks Display at Bishops Bay Country Club on August 19, 2023, was granted, subject to all state and local requirements on a motion by Manering, second Trotter.

Kyla Reamon from Gerber Leisure Products appeared to discuss questions the Board had on the Town Center play area equipment on order, plans, and materials. Pichette asked about various aspects of the installation to be done next spring, and asked Grosskopf about how Westport plans to care for the new play system once installed. Grosskopf replied that additional time and resources will be necessary and will be part of the Park's ongoing maintenance plan in 2024.

Grosskopf reported on items before the plan commissions and committees. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by Grosskopf.

A "Legislative Update" was presented by Senator Dianne Hesselbein and Representative Alex Joers. They highlighted increases in shared revenue available to the Town of Westport, and education funding to the Waunakee School District, as well as changes to the Child Care Counts program.

The Community of Bishops Bay presented information regarding a Phase 7 Infrastructure Funding Proposal for the Board's approval. After an in-depth discussion and questions were answered, the Board asked that there be a closed session noticed for the August 21, Board Meeting, in order to further deliberate on the merits of the proposal. The Board also asked the developer to provide a detailed budget and a flow chart/timeline to help them visualize how the funds would be used and then repaid.

For Administrative Matters, Grosskopf informed the Board that changes are being proposed by Waunakee to the Waunakee Area EMS district agreement. Cuccia reported that a similar discussion was initiated by Waunakee at the Waunakee Fire Commission. Grosskopf explained that both Commissions are working to resolve any concerns. Grosskopf also discussed the status and timing of several ongoing Administration Building improvement projects.

Under Miscellaneous Matters, Pichette asked about the Ella Wheeler Wilcox artifacts and the process for displaying them at the Town. Pichette also inquired as to how to produce a sign for the Historic Preservation Commission to be placed at the site of the old mill on Mill Road. Duffrin explained that EWW items are currently being displayed at the Waunakee Library. When returned, the Town plans to display them in the meeting room lobby. Grosskopf invited Pichette to meet with staff at his convenience to get the "Mill Rd." sign project underway.

Current bills were paid as presented by Grosskopf and recommended by the Audit Committee, on a motion by Cuccia, second Trotter.

Motion to adjourn by Werner, second Manering. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Dean A. Grosskopf  
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer