

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, September 18, 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: Dean Grosskopf, Kevin Even, Taylor Brengel, Jake Bunz, Mitch Herl

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 August 24, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Manering second Werner.

Kevin Even appeared to present his Engineer's Report. Kevin updated the Board on the progress of the 2023 road reconstruction projects including the grant funding for Cobblestone Lane. He also discussed the watermain construction project and the Willow Road box culvert project and how these projects will be coordinated with the County's reconstruction of County M into 2024.

The Bishops Bay Phase 7 Infrastructure Funding Proposal was revised by the Developer given the input received by the Board at the last meeting. Since the proposal was significantly scaled back, the board agreed to consider the request further.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board adjourned to closed session pursuant to 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, regarding the Community of Bishops Bay Financing Request by a unanimous vote on a motion by Pichette, second Trotter at 6:45 PM.

The Board returned to Open Session on a motion by Pichette, second Manering at 7:43 PM.

Upon a motion by Trotter, second Manering, the Board agreed to consider an infrastructure financing request by the Community of Bishops Bay under conditions to be agreed upon by all parties. The proposed Agreement is to be crafted by the Town's Clerk-Treasurer, lead Banker and Attorney, and will require further consideration and action by the Board, as well as agreement by the Developer. The motion passed upon a roll call vote, with Pichette and Manering opposed.

Grosskopf presented Resolution 23-07, authorizing the submission of the Urban Forestry Grant Application for the Town of Westport. This is to obtain a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the funding of urban and community forestry projects. Resolution 23-07 was adopted on a motion by Pichette, second Trotter.

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

For Administrative Matters, Grosskopf introduced a draft of a revised nuisance ordinance for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

Under Miscellaneous Business, Manering asked the Board to consider contributing a modest additional amount to Shumacher Farm Park's new building. The Board agreed to approve the payment with other bills at a future meeting.

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 Manering, second Werner. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Dean A. Grosskopf
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer