

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, August 19, 2019

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order in the Meeting Room of the Center for Rural History, Dane County Schumacher Farm Park, at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Grosskopf. Members present: Cuccia, Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Trotter. Members absent: None. Also Present: David Taylor, Collette Bussan, Barb Meriggioli, Tim Wohlers, and Tom Wilson.

Wilson commented for Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda about having this meeting at the wonderful new Center for Rural History at Schumacher Farm Park and thanked the Friends of Schumacher Farm Park and Dane County Parks for their hospitality and hosting.

The minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Trotter.

After a presentation of Code provisions by Wilson which included recent comments favoring strict regulation from residents and the Town's contract policing officer; questions from the Supervisors with suggested revisions and concerns raised over pool rental, special events such as weddings (which Wilson explained can be dealt with through current zoning codes), and effective dates; and, a lengthy discussion, Ordinance 19-01 (Approving Short Term Rental Regulations and Lodging/Room Tax Code Additions) was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Cuccia, with the Code provisions to become effective after publication and as noted in the Code provisions, with initial license applications to be heard at the September 16 Board meeting for which the applicants must timely apply for a license (license enforcement to proceed on September 17), revised with the revisions suggested by Dane County Public Health and Sipsma regarding land use violations added as a basis to revoke, and the final form of the Codes to be approved by the Board Chair and Attorney.

After a brief explanation by Wilson and discussion, Bob Anderson was appointed as an Alternate Board of Review member on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Grosskopf and Wilson reported on items before the plan commission/committees. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered.

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson advised that County Parks did grade the entrance to Yahara Heights County Park and will consider moving or paving the entrance, but not this year.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson again reminded the Board that the Labor Day meeting as usual will be cancelled but a special meeting may be scheduled if needed; Wilson advised the Board that assessment notices will be going out this week and Open Book will be held on September 3 and 4, and BOR on September 23 and maybe 24 starting at 6:00 p.m.; Enge reported about cleaning up of the property next door to his residence that was under compliance review; and Cuccia asked about the property maintenance compliance status for the former Catfish School property along River Road.

Current bills were paid as presented by the Administrator and recommended by the Audit Committee after questions were answered on a motion by Sipsma, second Cuccia.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Trotter. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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