

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, February 15, 2016

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 7:04 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Sipsma, and Van Dinter. Members absent: Robinson. Also Present: Deputy Rich Bennett, Dave Everitt, Dave O'Malley, an unregistered person, Pete Linblad, and Tom Wilson.

Deputy Rich Bennett was present to give a brief Sheriff's report for public comment on matters not on the agenda. The minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

A Regular Operator License for Jeffrey Murray as on file with the Clerk and presented was approved subject to State and local requirements, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

After a review of the final Firearms Discharge Ordinance Revision document, Ordinance 16-01 as approved previously was found acceptable and so executed by Van Dinter and Wilson.

After a review of the minutes from the consult before the JPC, the Westport Pet Cemetery Detachment (Capaul, Kennedy Drive) matter was tabled until or if a recommendation by the JPC is received on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

After review and a discussion on the Mary Lake Neighborhood Improvement Group Report, the report as presented was received with Wilson to revise and finalize as to adding a right of way statement, snow plowing width attempts revision, and removing the one-way signs reference on Tall Oaks, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

After review and discussion, action on the Telephonic Appearance Ordinance draft as presented was postponed with Wilson directed to make revisions as discussed and present a revised draft to the Board for review on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

No action was taken on the Town of Springfield Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Wilson was directed to work with Springfield officials on the NMP as recommended by the Plan Commission on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

No action was taken on Town of Black Earth Comprehensive Plan Amendment as recommended by the Plan Commission on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

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.

For Administrative Matters, Wilson advised the Board of several matters: Offices remained open for voters on Friday afternoon as required by State law but only one voter appeared; Ron Miles is retiring at the end of February; Tim Ziegler is retiring at end of March after 30 years; the Parched Eagle may be getting a different State brewing license to brew for other companies; the Carriage Ridge Second Addition parkland dedication is now complete so the Town has a new park area; and, staff is working through Tuscany Lane speed/traffic complaints.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson advised that the Comp Plan Steering Committee will not meet as anticipated tomorrow and the Spring Primary is also being held tomorrow so please vote.

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 Enge.

After discussion and after the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board then adjourned to closed session pursuant to 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 regarding the Commission/Committee Appointments matter, at 7:40 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a vote of 3-0.

The Board moved to the Executive Meeting Room adjoining the Community Meeting Room with the Town Attorney.

The Board then returned to Open Session after discussion with the Town Attorney at 7:53 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a vote of 3-0. The Board moved from the Executive Meeting Room back to the Community Meeting Room.

After discussion on the Commission/Committee Appointments matter, Eileen Bruskewitz was appointed to fill the positions vacated by Dean Grosskopf on the Plan Commission and Waunakee/Westport Joint Planning Committee on an interim basis until a permanent appointment is made by the Board on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer