

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Tuesday, July 5, 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 7:03 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, Trotter, and Van Dinter. Members absent: None. Also Present: Mimi Bloch, Peter Lindblad, and Tom Wilson.

Mimi Bloch was present for Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda to make the Board aware of WDNR land that might be sold next to the Town Center park along CTH M. The minutes of the June 20, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge

After discussion on two of the applications submitted due to violations listed, several Regular Operator Licenses as on file with the Clerk and presented were approved subject to State and local requirements on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge.

For Sewer Utility items; after a brief presentation by Wilson, Resolution 16-10 (CMAR Report) was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf; and after a presentation by Wilson, review of the bids and questions, and discussion regarding financial issues raised by the Town's consulting design engineer on the project, the Mendota County Park Lift Station Reconstruction Bid/Contract was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder E & N Hughes including bid alternate 1 for the generator as submitted and presented, with Wilson authorized to execute the contract when finalized and acceptable, subject to any conditions recommended by the Town engineers, including confirmation by Kevin Even regarding financial status concerns raised by Strand in its recommendation letter, on a motion by Trotter, second Grosskopf.

Wilson reported on the status of Comprehensive Plan items.

After a brief presentation by Wilson, again reviewing the request by Lisa Lasecki, and after a lengthy discussion regarding the potential Town Property Disposition, South Meadow Outlot 2, matter, the Board declined to pursue selling the property on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf, for the following main reasons provided but not exclusive:

- Having this greenspace area in this location is appropriate for the neighborhood;
- Allowing a home on this smaller lot may not be consistent with the other homes in the area;
- The process that would need to be followed in all likelihood would require closed bidding or an auction format and the purchaser might not be a good land steward but someone that would clear and use all of the property for an out of scale home; and,
- It would take time to research the actual surplus property sale process, require action at a Town meeting, and then require a vacation of a restriction on the outlot for no residence, which could be a lengthy and costly court petition.

The Waunakee Community Foundation Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's Licenses (September 15-18, 2016), Endres Manufacturing Grounds, 802 S. Century Avenue, and any related temporary operator licenses, were approved as presented and as on file with the Clerk on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, conditioned on satisfaction of all state and local requirements.

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

There were no Administrative Matters raised. For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson reminded the Board that the second July regular meeting will be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum but the Board will hold a special meeting on July 12 at 5:50 to review and hopefully act on Woodland Drive bids, with the next regular meeting to be August 1.

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 Grosskopf.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer