

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, September 19, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Van Dinter. Members absent: Trotter. Also Present: Jim Ableidinger, Jim Elvekrog, Rosa Ropers, Jim Koltes, Bob Khouri, and Tom Wilson.

There was no Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

For the Engineer Report, Wilson reported on the status of construction projects in the Town. Wilson reported on the status of Comprehensive Plan items, and there was a brief discussion on some land use mapping concerns.

After an introduction by Van Dinter and Wilson, a presentation by several in attendance on behalf of the Friends of Schumacher Farm, and after a lengthy discussion regarding similar and previous contributions, the Board directed Wilson with staff to consider the feasibility of the Schumacher Farm Park Barn Project Contribution Request within the Town budget, and present a structure for a contribution toward the project of no more than \$40,000.00 over time, on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

Van Dinter noted that the North Mendota Energy & Technology Park Update/Incentive Requests, MGE Energy Inc., STH 113 Between W. River Road and Kennedy Drive, matter would be on the next agenda as the presenters were not available for this meeting.

After a presentation by Wilson, Ordinance 16-03 [Stormwater Ordinance Amendment (Most Stringent Code Application)] was adopted as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

The Benedictine Life Foundation of Wisconsin, Inc. Temporary Class "B"/Class "B" Retailer's Licenses (9/29/15), Holy Wisdom Monastery, 4200 CTH M , were approved as presented and as on file with the Clerk on a motion by Enge, second Grosskopf, conditioned on satisfaction of all state and local requirements.

After a presentation by Wilson and Van Dinter, discussion by the Board members, and praise for former Waunakee Village President John Laubmeier regarding a potential Waunakee Library Contribution as a Laubmeier Memorial, based on John Laubmeier's wishes and since several Westport residents use the Waunakee Library, the Board directed Wilson to make a contribution of \$1,000.00 on behalf of Westport in memory of John Laubmeier to the Waunakee New Library Fund as he wished, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

After a report on the matter by Wilson and a lengthy discussion of the history of speed reviews, road improvements, and changes in the neighborhoods, no action was taken on the Woodland Drive Speed Limit Reduction matter as discussed, and Wilson was directed to discuss the item with Village staff and review the matter after the current system has been in place for an adequate evaluation time.

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.

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson advised the Board of the following: The Town Plumbing/HVAC Inspector Bill Schmale reported that he is planning to retire at end of year so staff is working on a replacement to recommend to Board; Dale Holtan's last payment for damage to the Kennedy Building was received from the State DOC in the form of a check for 1 cent; and, DeForest planning work will continue.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson advised the Board members of the following: St. Mary of the Lake Church has applied for a Class B temporary license for its Fall Festival on October 16 as in the past which will be reviewed at the first October Board meeting; the County-wide "Just Fix It" transportation funding meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 29 in the Madison Municipal Building (Grosskopf and Enge plan to attend); and, Kelley Williamson has applied for a Class A beer and liquor sales license which will be on the October 3 agenda with the likelihood that Kwik Trip will soon request the same; and, Enge reported that the tennis court is cracking and should be fixed.

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.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board then 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 potential Town Center area land purchases, at 8:17 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote. 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 8:27 p.m., on a motion by Enge, second Sipsma, by a unanimous vote. The Board moved from the Executive Meeting Room back to the Community Meeting Room.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer