

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, October 3, 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 7:01 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Van Dinter. Members absent: Trotter. Also Present: John Drury, Kyle Adams, Bruce Taylor, Kevin Even, Bob Khouri, and Tom Wilson.

There was no Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Grosskopf, second Sipsma.

For the Engineer Report, Wilson reported on the status of construction projects in the Town.

Wilson reported on the status of Comprehensive Plan items, including the joint Park Committees meeting coming up on the CORP, and that there are some more plan elements going to be introduced at the next JPC meeting.

For the North Mendota Energy & Technology Park Update/Incentive Requests, MGE Energy Inc., STH 113 Between W. River Road and Kennedy Drive, matter, after a presentation by the property owners, and questions and discussion by the Board, Wilson was directed to prepare a presentation to the Board on the advantages and costs of a tax incremental financing district to the Town.

After a brief presentation by Wilson, a review of the materials provided, and a lengthy discussion by the Board members, the application for Kelley Williamson Company/Westport Mobil, "Kelley's Mart," 5418 N. Bluebill Park Drive, "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, was denied as to the Class A liquor application on a motion by Grosskopf, second Sipsma, by a unanimous vote, based on the applicant already having a license so that they can keep their current license but without expanding liquor sales along CTH M, and based on the concerns for the public health, safety and welfare of the community for granting this type of license in this area for the following reasons: 1. That the type of license is not needed in this vicinity as there is already a licensed location nearby; 2. That this type of license at a convenience store selling gas and many other items is different than at a "liquor store" one of which is already located nearby, which only sells liquor and other alcoholic beverages (and some minor other related items); 3. The busy thoroughfare of CTH M is not a good route on which to locate a liquor sales establishment due to high traffic loads and many police stops for suspicious activities, and the traffic circulation and congestion issues at the busy CTH M/Bluebill Park Drive intersection make the location inappropriate for this type of license as well; and, 4. Nothing has changed since the last similar application at this location which was denied to warrant a positive vote at this time.

The St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church Temporary Class "B"/Class "B" Retailer's License (10/16/16), St. Mary of the Lake Country Fair, 5464 Mary Lake Road, and associated operator licenses, were approved as presented and as on file with the Clerk on a motion by Enge, second Sipsma, conditioned on satisfaction of all state and local requirements.

Enge and Grosskopf reported on the "Just Fix It"/Turnout for Transportation Meeting held on September 29, 2016.

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 that their checks are a couple of meetings short and he will fix next month.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson advised that the Board will need to look for a replacement for Dennis Ruskin on Town Plan Commission in the near future since he would like to finish his service soon.

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.

The Board did not adjourn to closed session after a brief discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Grosskopf, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer