TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, October 17, 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: Dennis and Liz Hansch, John Sveum, Bob Khouri, and Tom Wilson.

There was no Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

For Water Utility/Fire Protection Utility items, Van Dinter called the public hearing to order on the Shroyer Property Addition matter, 5374 Blue Bill Park Drive, at 7:03 p.m., and closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m. after calling for comment three times without reply. Resolution 16-12 (Shroyer Property Addition, 5374 Blue Bill Park Drive) was then adopted as presented after a brief discussion and presentation by Wilson on a motion by Grosskopf, second Sipsma.

For Sewer Utility Miscellaneous matters, Wilson presented the potential easement relocation for the Hansch property along Borchers Beach Road and the Board consensus was to proceed as presented.

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 PIM set for November 10, 2016.

After a presentation by Wilson and a lengthy discussion on the Schumacher Farm Park Barn Project Contribution Request, a total grant of $30,000.00 was approved with $10,000 to be budgeted each of the next three years, with the 2018 and 2019 funds to come from parks capital funding, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Wilson distributed and presented the draft 2017 Budget and advised the Board of the budget meetings being held on November 15 starting at 7:00 p.m. after a discussion on particulars of the draft.

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 he will be out of the office commencing Friday October 21 and returning October 31.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson advised the Board of the Dane County sludge removal project in the Town and that it is part of the proposed County budget deliberations for which a hearing is upcoming, and also presented a project support resolution for the same which the Board approved as Resolution 16-13 with Wilson directed to put the draft in Town form for approval and signature by Van Dinter on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

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 and North Mendota Energy & Technology Park Financing, at 7:50 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 8:15 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.

No action was taken on the North Mendota Energy & Technology Park Update/Incentive Requests, STH 113 Between W. River Road and Kennedy Drive, matter.

Motion to adjourn by Enge, second Grosskopf. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer