

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, November 7, 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: John Drury, Kyle Adams, Bob Khouri, and Tom Wilson.

There was no Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

A Regular Operator License as on file with the Clerk and presented for Erika Zdeidlhack was approved subject to State and local requirements 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 PIM set for November 10, 2016, 6-8 p.m., in the Waunakee Village Center.

Wilson reported on the status of the Community of Bishops Bay Development.

After a presentation by Wilson and some questions, the 2017 draft budget as presented was approved to take to the November 15 Town Meeting and public hearing on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

After a presentation by Wilson, discussion and questions, and concerns about the procedure raised by Sipsma and Grosskopf, the Trader Gus Alcohol License Amendment request to Add the New Restaurant at 5420 Willow Road was approved as presented conditioned on the license only applying to the new Trader Gus/Athens Greek restaurant building on which construction just started, and that the license is not effective until that new structure is complete and approved for occupancy by the Town Building Inspector, on a motion by Enge, second Trotter, with a vote of 3-2 (Grosskopf and Sipsma dissenting).

The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered except for one charge on the Chase card which needs further exploring. Van Dinter and Wilson reported on items before the plan commission/committees.

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson advised the Board that new Office Assistant Bonnie Natera has been hired and doing very well.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson reminded all present of Election Day tomorrow and reported that we are expecting a great turnout, Wilson advised that alcohol sales licenses for Kwik Trip on CTH M at Willow Road are filed and will be on the next agenda for review, and Grosskopf asked about the role of the Personnel Committee.

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, subject to the questioned credit card charge being reviewed and acceptable to the Administrator.

The developer then made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding the North Mendota Energy & Technology Park Update/Incentive Requests, STH 113 Between W. River Road and Kennedy Drive.

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, and 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 Board/Commission/Committee Appointments 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 9:07 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Trotter, by a unanimous vote. The Board moved from the Executive Meeting Room back to the Community Meeting Room.

No action regarding formally initiating a tax incremental financing district was taken for the North Mendota Energy & Technology Park, STH 113 Between W. River Road and Kennedy Drive, but the Chair and Administrator were directed to continue discussions with the developer on these items with an eye toward specific improvement projects and options on a motion by Sipsma, second Grosskopf.

Motion to adjourn by Grosskopf, second Sipsma. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer