

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, December 7, 2020

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Grosskopf using video conferencing via GoToMeeting.com. Members present: Cuccia, Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Trotter. Members absent: None. Also Present: Eillen Bruskewitz, Nick and Elaine Mischler, Rick Raemisch, Rhonda Aires, Gerry Schmitt, Pam Dunphy, Dave Ripp, Roy Carter, Dave Caulkins, Tim Lange, Mike and Kim Bentz, Gideon Moberly, Brian Giroux, Kathleen Slattery, Brynna London, Jon Townley, Jeff Russell, Nancy Mistele, Mike Ripp, Tom Kennedy, Allen Levin, Chris Gilles, Dick and Nancy Smith, Michael Shapiro, Jessica Christenson, Dave Parker, John Valley, Brian and Amanda Elliott, Ryan Kupres, Tim Wohlers, and Tom Wilson.

Based on the meeting attendance interest, the Chair asked for a motion to reorder the agenda and take up item 9 at this time, CTH M Construction Concerns Discussion/Action, specifically as to a proposed park and ride shown in the 50% plans for the project, which was then done on a motion by Sipsma, second Cuccia. The Board then heard from Pam Dunphy from Dane County Highway and Gerry Schmitt of KL Engineering which is contracted by the County on the project, who discussed changes needed to the roundabout which will likely change the ability to build a park and ride in that location, and then from Nick Mischler of the Second Ward Beach Neighborhood on reasons for not locating the park and ride in the proposed location. The Board took no action but the members each indicated opposition to the location originally proposed generally and thanked the County for working on the project with the residents to address their concerns.

The Board then returned to the scheduled agenda items.

There was no Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

For Water Utility/Fire Protection Utility items, Wilson gave a presentation on the potential Water Tower Reconditioning project, and after discussion and questions, the Strand proposal for engineering related to water tower maintenance and reconditioning project not to exceed \$39,000 was approved as described and as presented, and as recommended by the Town Engineer and the Utility Manager, on a motion by Cuccia, second Enge.

Wilson provided an update on Town COVID-19 Responses and added that he will likely bring another resolution to the next Board meeting to extend the emergency to June 30, 2021, as is being done across the State now, and Grosskopf relayed comments from EMS Director Scott Russell about potential vaccine timing for EMS members.

Grosskopf reported that the Personnel Committee met for year end reviews and the items will be on the December 21 Board meeting agenda. Grosskopf and Wilson reported on items before the plan commission/committees. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by Wilson after questions were answered.

For Administrative Matters raised, Cuccia reported on the actions to date of the Town Sign Design Group and that a recommendation will be forthcoming which will likely include working on a sign system for the Town and doing that with Group members in house to save thousands of dollars. For Miscellaneous Business/Forthcoming Events raised, Cuccia requested that Town staff do more to get the word out on aspects of the refuse/recycling company change, especially as to the pick-up of the containers from the former hauler, based on neighbor contacts.

Current bills were paid as presented by Wilson and recommended by the Audit Committee after questions were answered on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Trotter, second Cuccia. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer