

TOWN OF WESTPORT
TOWN BOARD - Monday, May 1, 2023

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Cuccia in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building/Town Hall. Members Present: Cuccia, Manering, Pichette, Trotter, and Werner. Members Absent: None. Also Present: Dean Grosskopf, Bob Anderson, Jeff Whitman and Mitch Soetenga.

Mitch Soetenga appeared to express his concern that the Yahara Estates development is still under consideration as a "Public Comment on Matters not on the agenda". The Chair and staff responded briefly.

The minutes of the April 17, 2023, regular Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Manering, second Pichette.

A Regular Operator License for Sandy Kreger as on file with the Clerk and presented, was granted subject to all state and local requirements on a motion by Trotter, second Manering.

Jeff Whitman from AECOM has been engaged by Dane County to assess the challenges of bringing Broadband service to the more rural areas of the County. He appeared to discuss the situation and provide information. Several areas of the Town where help is needed were identified, and the Board indicated its willingness to cooperate in any way possible.

Grosskopf reported that the one bid received for the work to extend the watermain across County M came in unacceptably high. Any and all bids were rejected on a motion by Werner, second Pichette.

Grosskopf reported on items before the plan commissions and committees. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by Grosskopf.

For Administrative Matters, Grosskopf asked the Board to adopt resolution 23-03 to allow Groundswell Conservancy to apply for a "Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant" to help finance the acquisition of the newly acquired conservancy lands to the west of the Town Center Park, which was approved on a motion by Pichette, second Manering.

Grosskopf also reported on the status of the Administrative Building's siding project and the Audio /Video upgrade. The Board asked for a presentation on the A/V proposal at the May 15th meeting. Finally, Grosskopf informed the Board that the Town's liquor licenses will be up for renewal and approval on June 5th.

For Miscellaneous Matters, Grosskopf reported that he has formed a staff committee to identify zoning violations, as well as the methods of enforcement of the restrictions and ordinances currently in place. The committee was also tasked with recommendations for any new ordinances or restrictions needed. He also informed the Board that our Sheriff's Deputy and our staff have been faced with traffic problems stemming from the Highway 113 reconstruction.

Current bills were paid as presented by Grosskopf and recommended by the Audit Committee on a motion by Trotter, second Cuccia.

Motion to adjourn by Werner, second Pichette. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Dean A. Grosskopf
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer