

**VILLAGE OF WESTON
BOARD MINUTES**

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Trustees present were White, Ermeling, Maloney, Jaeger, Ziegler and Schmutzler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Community Development Director Higgins, Project/SW Engineer Kangus, Director of Information Systems Crowe, Captain Grod, Chief Meilahn and Chief Vergin were also present. There were 2 audience members present.

II. VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

- A. *M/S/P Jaeger/Schmutzler: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 12/15/08 and place on file.**

III. VISITORS

There were no Visitors.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Property Damage Claim, 8305 Southridge Drive

**M/S/P Schmutzler/Ziegler: to disallow the property damage claim from 8305 Southridge Drive, per the Public Works and Utility Committee.*

B. 2008 Operating Budget Adjustment

Jacobs said \$5,000 needs to be added to the Administrator's budget, with \$800 coming out of weights and measures, and \$4200 coming out of the Municipal Building fund. *M/S/P Jaeger/Ermeling: to approve the 2008 operating budget adjustment as stated.*

C. Vouchers

**M/S/P Ermleing/Ziegler: to approve vouchers 25016 to 25133.*

V. COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes of 12/15/2008 and place on file.*

B. Finance Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the Finance Committee Minutes of 12/18/2008 and place on file.*

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent

No comments.

B. Police Chief

Vergin reported the Department has been dealing with a lot of traffic crashes due to icy roads. STH 29 seems to be really bad lately. He plans to meet with the Marathon County Highway Department to discuss this issue and see if anything can be done.

The Board thanked Vergin for his services and wished him well in his retirement.

C. Fire Chief

1. Significant Fire and EMS incidents since last Board Meeting

Meilahn reported there were no significant incidents since the last Board meeting. There were 1,128 responses in 2008. This is up 17 from 2007. The average response time for 2008 was 5.97 minutes.

D. Director of Public Works

1. Project Update

Donner reported there would be a bid opening February 12th for the Mount View project.

The water rate public hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. This will be a telephone hearing. The Public Works and Utility Committee will meet next Monday at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the sewer rate increase.

2. Utility and Street Operations Report

No comments.

D. Community Development Director / Zoning Administrator

Higgins reported the Plan Commission meeting packet has been uploaded to the Board members lap tops for their review. Ermeling asked about the changes to the Graphic House sign. Higgins said they are just changing the case on the top.

F. Finance Director

1. Tax Collection Update

Jacobs reported \$9.3 million dollars has been collected to date for taxes. More residents are just paying the first installment instead of paying in full.

G. Administrator's Report

1. Public Safety

a. ALS Intercept Agreement with Spirit Medical Transportation Services

Zuleger said the Public Safety and the Fire Department are satisfied with the Spirit Medical Transportation Services ALS agreement. **M/S/P Ermeling/Jaeger: to approve the ALS intercept agreement with Spirit Medical Transportation Services.* Q/Zuleger said by the next meeting staff will show the Board the financial impact of an ALS service as opposed to a paramedic service and the financial impact of the aerial agreement.

b. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Weston and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 415

Zuleger said it was the IAFF's intent to ratify the contract this morning, but a concern came about regarding trade time. Zuleger explained the trade time policy that currently exists in the contract. He said after they use their vacation and personal time then they can begin the process of trading for days off. They have to trade their time with someone of like position. Officers can trade with Officers and Firefighters can trade with Firefighters so that there is always incident command. They want to be able to trade with anybody that is fulltime. Zuleger said this is a management right. Staff recommends this contract be approved. Staff will not negotiate the trade time policy. Meilahn also feels this is a management right. **M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to ratify the contract and present to the IAFF as is.* Q/Ermeling asked about allowing health insurance coverage up to the age of 65 at the employee's expense. Zuleger said this is consistent with the Village's policies and procedures. White said there needs to be supervision. Zuleger said that is the position that has been taken all along.

2. 2010 Budget Preparation

a. Health Insurance Review Committee

Zuleger would like the Board to authorize an internal health insurance review committee that will be made up of one person from the Public Works union, one person from the clerical union, one person from the IAFF, one member from the WPPA, one person from the non-represented staff as well as the Clerk and Administrator. The committee will review changes that need to be made in the health insurance program to allow for some expenditure reductions in 2010. **M/S/P Schmutzler/Ermeling: to authorize the creation of an internal health insurance review committee to discuss health insurance.*

b. Review of Essential Services / Board Survey

Zuleger said he reviewed the Board's essential services survey and has identified, to date, a combination of revenue and expenditure savings totaling \$131,740 for 2010.

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c. Expense Offset: Advertising in Newsletter

Zuleger said the Village's bulk rate would not change if we allowed advertising in the newsletter. The advertising would be a one page, two-sided insert that would help to offset the cost. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is \$3700. Only Weston businesses would be allowed to advertise in the newsletter. Zuleger will bring a sample for the Board to look at.

d. USDA RDA Program Access

Zuleger said he is looking into the Village becoming part of the USDA RDA program.

**M/S/P Ermeling/White: to approve exploring the possibility of having the Village of Weston have access to the world development associations grant programs.*

3. Winter Maintenance Update

a. Snowplowing Scorecard

b. Cost Worksheet

Zuleger reviewed the scorecard and cost worksheet with the Board. The scorecard can be viewed on the Village's website.

H. Clerk's Report

Weinkauf asked for questions. There were none.

VII. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

A. Maloney

No comments.

B. Schmutzler

No comments.

C. White

No comments.

D. Ziegler

No comments.

E. Jaeger

No comments.

F. Ermeling

No comments.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

A. Everest Metro Police Commission Appointment – Dave Eisenreich

**M/S/P Maloney/White to appoint Dave Eisenreich to the Everest Metro Police Commission.*

IX. ADJOURN

**M/S/P White/Ziegler: to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauf
Village Clerk