

VILLAGE OF WESTON BOARD MINUTES
5500 SCHOFIELD AVENUE, WESTON, WI

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Trustees present were White, Ziegler, Ermeling, Maloney, Jaeger and Schmutzler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Community Development Director Higgins, Park Superintendent Osterbrink, Chief Vergin and Fire Chief Pierce were also present. There were 4 people present in the audience.

II. APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE (FEBRUARY 2008 TO APRIL 2009)

**M/S/P Ermeling/Maloney: to approve appointing Karen Schmutzler to Village Trustee. Schmutzler was immediately sworn in to office by Clerk Weinkauf.*

III. CONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

- A. *M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 01/21/08 and closed session minutes and place on file, with the corrections as noted. Q/Jaeger asked for the sentence to be removed that states “she has come to realize that she has too many things on her plate to serve as Village President.” She said she didn’t quite phrase it that way. It was also indicated there were two spelling errors to fix.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Engineering Contract with Central Wisconsin Engineers & Architects for Pavement Evaluation and Design – Birch St./Jelinek Ave./Alderson St. Reconstruction**

**M/S/P Ziegler/Maloney : to approve the Engineering Contract with Central Wisconsin Engineers & Architects for Pavement Evaluation and Design – Birch St./Jelinek Ave./Alderson St. Reconstruction in the amount of \$4,250.*

- B. Gary Guss, 6911 Ross Avenue, Unlawful Tax Recovery Claim (2007 Property Tax Bill)**

Zuleger explained the unlawful tax recovery claim by Gary Guss. He reviewed States Statute 74.35. Mr. Guss feels his property should be considered pasture land as opposed to wooded land. He did not come to the Board of Review with this issue. Zuleger also reviewed State Statute 74.33. Jacobs said Mr. Guss discussed this issue with the Assessor back in September. At that time there was no cattle on the property. Jacobs said properties are assessed as of January 1, 2007. Zuleger said the claim is not valid under S.S. 74.35. **M/S/P Jaeger/Schmutzler: to deny the Unlawful Tax Recovery Claim for Gary Guss.*

- C. Skate Park Design**

**M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to approve the Skate Park Design, per the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Committee. Q/ Maloney asked where the changes were derived from. Osterbrink said it was the skate park group. Maloney asked if Dreamland was in agreement with the proposed changes. Osterbrink said yes. He reviewed the proposed changes.*

- D. Contract Agreement with Central Wisconsin Engineers & Architects for Skate Park Services**

Osterbrink was able to negotiate a contract agreement with CWE in the amount of \$12,300, with additional inspection costs of approximately \$18,000.

**M/S/P Maloney/White: to approve the Contract Agreement with Central Wisconsin Engineers & Architects for Skate Park Services.*

- E. Room Tax Request by Gymsport**

**M/S/P Ermeling/Jaeger: to approve the Room Tax Request by Gymsport in the amount of \$1,000.*

- F. 2008 – 2010 Assessor Contract**

**M/S/P Ermeling/Ziegler: to approve the Assessor Contract for 2008-2010.*

- G. Resolution #VW-02-08: Resolution Designating Officials Authorized To Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations**

**M/S/P Ermeling/Jaeger: to approve Resolution #VW-02-08: Resolution Designating Officials Authorized To Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations.*

- H. \$9300 Economic Development Grant for James Fust, The Jim, 3012 Schofield Avenue**

James Fust, 1214 Propect Avenue, Wausau, indicated he is leasing the building at 3012 Schofield Avenue. He put \$30,000 of renovations and upgrades into the building. He hired 6 bartenders. He plans to hire three more when he puts in a cooking facility. He stated he purchased a house on land contract in the Village of Weston. He said the business would be a friendly neighborhood bar. There is an apartment upstairs he plans to rent out. He will also rent out a small apartment which is located on the side of the tavern. Zuleger explained the economic grants are

issued to whoever creates increment in the community. Ermeling asked what was explained to Mr. Fust when he applied for this grant. Zuleger said staff explains to the applicant that they can apply for the \$9300 grant. Zuleger said no one is promised a grant. Ermeling asked Mr. Fust if he would have taken out and paid \$10,000 for the liquor license if he knew he might not get the grant money. Mr. Fust said yes. Ermeling asked if the grant request qualifies. Zuleger said in his opinion it does not qualify. The request does not meet the intent of the Village Board.

**M/S/P Ermeling/Schmutzler: to deny the \$9300 Economic Development Grant for James Fust.*

I. Coin and Entertainment License for James Fust, The Jim, 3012 Schofield Avenue

**M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve the Coin and Entertainment License for James Fust, The Jim, 3012 Schofield Avenue.*

J. Operator/Bartender Licenses

1. Jared Clairmore, Sheila Love, Melanie Love, Kari Cota, Lucille Cota, Ronda Gajewski

**M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to approve the Operator/Bartender Licenses, contingent on an approved background check for Jared Clairmore.*

K. Vouchers

**M/S/P Ziegler/White: to approve voucher numbers 22474 to 22590.*

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 01/21/08.*

B. Park and Recreation Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 01/31/08.*

C. Public Safety Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 01/17/08.*

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Osterbrink reported a public gypsy moth meeting for all Marathon County residents will be held on Thursday, February 7th.

B. Police Chief

Vergin reported he continues to work on the domestic violence initiative. He will meet with Hmong leadership to try and teach them some of the new initiatives. The officers have indicated they would like to have an official honor guard for the Department.

C. Fire Chief

1. Previous month's statistics, call volumes, and trends

Pierce reported there were no significant fires. He also reported ambulance runs are up 10%.

D. Director of Public Works

1. Status of Projects

a. Safe Routes to School Project (DCE Junior High School)

Donner reported there will be no sidewalk on the east side of Normandy.

b. Foremost Well Status and Rate Issues

Donner reported the Foremost Well was back in service on January 25th.

c. 2008 Project Planning

A cost of service study will be done for the Water Utility this year.

2. Utility and Street Operations Report

There was damage done by a car to the guardrail and concrete on the Ross Avenue Bridge. Staff will pursue reimbursement on the repairs.

E. Zoning Administrator/Community Development Director – Building Inspector

1. Weston Fest Update

Higgins reported Weston Fest will be held July 24th to July 28th. There will be no fish boil this year.

2. Snow related Garbage & Recycling Letters

Hodell recently sent out a letter to over 200 residents regarding garbage and recycling issues.

3. Metro Ride Update

Higgins reported bus ridership was up 28.7% for 2007. The majority of riders are adults.

4. Building Permit Issuance to Date

Higgins reported one permit was issued for a duplex today.

F. Finance Director

1. Tax Collection Update

Jacobs reported staff will continue to collect taxes through February 7th. To date the Village has received a little over 15 million in tax collection, which is 70.45 percent collected.

G. Administrator's Report

1. Economic Development Report

Zuleger reported he is working with two manufacturing facilities for the Business Park. He is also working with a variety of restaurants for the area.

2. Veolia Recycling Facility

Zuleger said Veolia closed the recycling facility during normal business hours. It was only open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Zuleger asked the Village Board to spend up to \$6,000 for fencing there.

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to approve spending up to \$6,000 on fencing for the recycling facility.*

3. Everest Men Respect Campaign

Zuleger said the Everest Men Respect Campaign will begin on Valentines Day. There will be a press conference with the District Attorney. The clergy will preach the Sunday after Valentines Day on the campaign. He is also working with St. Claire's on some health initiatives for this campaign.

4. New Era Initiative / Staff Development

Zuleger indicated he asked staff and the Board to come up with a new era vision statement. He will also take staff through a book called "Good to Great".

5. Winter Operation Update / Report

Zuleger reported the Street Department is running a little over budget with snow maintenance and salt costs. He also reported the crew is averaging 8.2 out of 10 for snowplowing. One of the mechanics is off work due to a knee injury.

6. Sidewalk Workshop – February 19, 2008

There will be a public sidewalk workshop to include members of the Village Board, Park and Recreation Committee, Planning Commission and the Public Works Committee. February 19th will not work out for the Board members. Zuleger will come up with a different date for the workshop.

H. Clerk's Report

No comments.

VII. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

A. Maloney D. Schuster

B. White E. Ziegler

C. Jaeger F. Ermeling

The board members welcomed Schmutzler.

Schmutzler thanked them for their vote of confidence in her.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Darin Bellile to the Everest Metro Joint Police Committee

**M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to approve the appointment of Darin Bellile to the Everest Metro Joint Police Committee.*

Schuster also indicated that Schmutzler would serve on the Public Safety Committee and the Public Works and Utility Committee.

IX. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Schmutzler/Ermeling: to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauff, Clerk