

**VILLAGE OF WESTON
BOARD MINUTES**

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Trustees present were, Ziegler, Ermeling, Schmutzler, Maloney and White. Jaeger was absent and excused. Administrator Zuleger, Director of Public Works Donner, Community Development Director Higgins, Park Superintendent Osterbrink, Deputy Finance Director Trautman, Police Chief Sparks, Fire Chief Meilahn and Director of Information Systems Crowe were also present. There were approximately 30 audience members present.

II. VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

- A. *M/S/P Ziegler/Schmutzler: to approve the Village Board Minutes and Board of Review minutes from 05/17/10 and place on file.**

III. QUALITY STAR PRESENTATION – JOHN BORTH, CHIEF UTILITY OPERATOR

This presentation will take place at a future meeting.

IV. VISITORS

A. S.O.A.R. , Bob Hughes, Paul Schwantes in re: We Energies Biomass Plant

Mr. Rob Hughes, Rothschild WI, said he lives across the street from the proposed Biomass Plant. He has environmental concerns. He said the medical experts are opposed to these plants. He talked about the pollution control. He feels it is justifiable for them to spend a little bit more and get better pollution control. He said someone needs to look at the accumulative effects of this plant. He feels the pollution will have a heavy impact on this whole area. He does not understand how this can be 30 percent cleaner. He explained the emission numbers. He talked about the air quality standards. There are a lot of discrepancies in their application. He would like to see an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from the DNR and PSC. He talked about water loss. He explained the effect of particulate exposure. He has some concerns about energy use. He talked about lost property values. Kids are the most susceptible to this. He would like the Village of Weston to request an EIS. There are too many discrepancies and questions. Schuster asked Mr. Hughes if he is totally against the project. He said no, but just wants to make sure that it is safe. Zuleger reviewed the air quality standards that he received from WE Energies. Maloney asked if Rothschild requested the EIS. It was indicated their Board has not met on this issue yet. Ermeling asked about a cleaner air scrubber. Zuleger said this would have scrubbers, but we have yet to get an answer if the scrubber would pick up the biomass particulate matter. Mr. Hughes thinks they will put in a cheaper scrubber.

B. Alcohol Point System Ordinance

1. Marathon County Tavern League Representative

Mr. Rod Fischer, President of the Marathon County Tavern League, said there were 7 tavern owners in attendance. Most of the tavern owners have not seen the proposed ordinance. He said they are not 100% favorable of a point system. They would like the ordinance explained to them. He said they do not know if this will be bad for business or good for business. He feels the bar owners should have been more informed about this proposed ordinance. Mr. Fischer asked the Board to table action on the ordinance for at least 30 days to get more information and possibly meet with the Police Chief. Schuster says that is a reasonable request. Mr. Fischer also added that Wausau seldom uses their point system.

2. AOD Partnership Council – Colleen Rinken

Colleen Rinken, Highland Avenue, Weston, feels the point system would be an excellent thing to have. She said the ordinance seems to be proactive and solution focused. As a treatment provider she would like to see the ordinance passed.

3. Judy Burrows, Weston

Judy Burrows, Howland Avenue, feels this ordinance makes a lot of sense. She compared the point system to losing points on your driver's license for not obeying the law. She said this is a good ordinance. She thinks

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consistency across the communities is important. She asked the Board to consider adopting this ordinance. Maloney said this point system is a lot different than a speeding ticket. A speeding ticket is for an individual. He supports tabling this item.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Alcohol Point System Ordinance

Sparks said there have not been any issues with any of the liquor license holders in Weston. He said the point system adds a layer to work with a license holder before any action is taken. He said he would be happy to meet with any license holders to explain the proposed ordinance. This ordinance is similar to Wausau's. This ordinance has been reviewed by both Schofield and Weston's Public Safety Committee. Schuster asked Sparks if he could meet with the tavern owners and explain the ordinance. Sparks said yes. Ermeling agreed that it would be a good idea to meet with the tavern owners to review the ordinance. She does not have any concerns with the ordinance. Sparks said these point systems are very common in other communities. Zuleger pointed out that office staff go through a thorough vetting each year for all the license applications before recommending approval.

**M/S/P Ermeling/Maloney: to table this item until the first meeting in July to allow the Police Chief to meet with tavern owners to discuss the Alcohol Point System Ordinance.*

B. STH 29 and Birch Street Pedestrian Bridge

1. Relocation Order RO-01-10

Donner said this is a relocation order to adopt the revised right-of-way plat. The Public Works and Utility Committee recommended adoption.

**M/S/P Ziegler/Ermeling: to approve Relocation Order RO-01-10.*

C. Water Tower Lease Agreement – Open Range Communications, Inc.

Donner said the main change to this lease is the rent of \$1000 a month with a 3% annual escalator. The recommendation from the Public Works and Utility Committee is to make the lease contingent on review by legal counsel and structural review by a third party.

**M/S/P Schmutzler/Ziegler: to approve the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Open Range Communications Inc., per the recommendation of the Public Works and Utility Committee.*

D. 2010 Ambulance Service Agreements for Easton and Ringle

**M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve the 2010 Ambulance Service Agreements for Easton and Ringle.*

E. Speed Limits Ordinance

**M/S/P Ermeling/Schmutzler: to approve the Speed Limits Ordinance. Q/ Schuster said he sometimes wonders if traffic is slowed down in some areas just to please the public. He hopes the Committee members are really giving consideration when lowering the speed limit. He said you still have to move traffic through the area. White commented that Staff approached the Committee on the speed reduction.*

F. Operator License

1. Diane Faulks

**M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve the Operator License for Diane Faulks.*

G. Vouchers

**M/S/P Ermeling/Ziegler: to approve Vouchers 28893 to 29028.*

VI. COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to acknowledge the Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes of 05/17/2010 and place on file.*

B. Finance Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to acknowledge the Finance Committee Minutes of 05/27/2010 and place on file.*

C. Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to acknowledge the Park and Recreation Committee Minutes of 05/13/2010 and place on file.*

D. Public Safety Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Schmutzler/White: to acknowledge the Public Safety Committee Minutes of 05/20/2010 and place on file.*

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Zuleger reported the new slide is doing exactly what it is supposed to do. He also reported staff worked this last Saturday on the Born Again Learning Trail at Machmueller Park.

B. Police Chief

Sparks said he is working on a more formal program to control underage drinking. He also reported he received a call from the Sheriff's Department regarding the Safety Building being an alternate transmission site. He said this would be a good location and they already have the equipment.

C. Fire Chief

1. Significant fire and EMS incidents since last board meeting

Meilahn reported the National Fire Safety Council is looking for donations. He also reported the red aerial has been repaired and is back in use in Wausau. He said that Wausau's yellow aerial is at Red Power awaiting repair.

D. Director of Public Works

1. STP/Urban Funds Project Submittal

Donner said he will submit an application for the Surface transportation – Urban program funds through Federal Highway and the Wisconsin DOT. He said the most likely streets are Weston Avenue from Von Kanel to Ryan and Ryan from Weston Avenue to Schofield Avenue. The Public Works and Utility Committee was in agreement with this. White asked when was the last time the Village received funding for a project. Donner said 2004 was the last time the Village received funding through the Urban Program Funds.

2. Project Update

3. Utility and Street Operations Report

No comments.

E. Community Development Department Report / Zoning Administrator

1. Sign Ordinance Task Force

Higgins reported she is working on putting together a Sign Ordinance Task Force. She is hoping to have the first meeting by the end of the month.

F. Finance Director

1. Stormwater Utility Fund Analysis

Trautman reported the Finance Committee would like to hold the Storm Water Utility rate at \$48.00 per ERU until 2012 or 2013. The Finance Department plans to present finance options on interfund borrowing.

2. Financial Audit Update

Trautman reported the auditors are reviewing the CAFR right now. They are on schedule for a June 21st presentation.

3. 2010 Assessment Update

Trautman gave a 2009/2010 update on the change in assessed valuation.

G. Administrator's Report

1. Economic Development

Zuleger said there will be an 18 to 22 thousand square foot building coming to Weston that will bring 20 jobs in Business Park South. He said he is still waiting for Target to release the covenants for Bigby Coffee. There is some interest in the Home Supply building for a call center. There is also a company looking at the Filing Systems building in the Business Park. KFC is still looking to locate across from Briq's. He also reported there is some interest in a teen center next to Goodwill.

2. Weston Fest / Step Into Weston Campaign

Zuleger reported staff has received over \$29,000 in fundraising for Weston Fest. There will be very minimal Room Tax funds used this year. The promotional poster should be done by the end of the

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week. Zuleger also reported the Marketing consultant will meet with staff this Thursday regarding the Step into Weston Campaign.

3. Ministry Health Care Intercept Program Renewal

Zuleger would like the Village Board to endorse extending the paramedic intercept partnership with Ministry Health Care for five years. Staff thinks the program makes a lot of great sense. **M/S/P Maloney/Ermeling: to continue to do paramedic intercept with Ministry Health Care.*

4. Boundless Playground Fundraising Strategy

Zuleger said the goal is to raise \$200,000 from special interest groups, \$100,000 from businesses, \$150,000 from taxpayers and citizens and between \$50,000 and \$75,000 through federal and state grants and a partnership with both the Wausau and D.C. Everest School Districts. Ermeling said she would like to see written agreements. Zuleger suggested drafting a donor agreement similar to a developers agreement.

H. Clerk's Report

Weinkauf reported there is a Personnel Committee meeting on June 16th at 5:30 p.m. and the Board of Review will meet on June 28th at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

A. Maloney

None

B. White

None

C. Jaeger

None

D. Schmutzler

None

E. Ziegler

None

F. Ermeling

None

IX. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Schuster read a letter sent by Mountain Bay Elementary thanking Zuleger for his support to their rodeo.

X. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Maloney/Schmutzler: to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.*

Respectfully,



Sherry Weinkauf
Village Clerk