

Regular Board Meeting

March 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Village Trustees present: Iverson, Koelbl, Leicht, and Wehrs. Excused: Lautz. Trustee Schumacher arrived later as noted below. Also present: Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Peyton Czerwan, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$50,854.80
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$9,003.70
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$14,902.58
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$379.12

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 452

Proposed Ordinance No. 452, if adopted, will create a Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee, set forth the purpose, appointment and terms, rules and procedures, appeals and notice procedures, and costs associated with the creation of the Law Enforcement Disciplinary Committee. West Salem's population does not require a Police and Fire Commission, but the Village needs an avenue to consider police officer and police chief discipline matters.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 452 for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Acceptance of Bid

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Iverson to accept the bid from Brickl Bros. for additional storage space construction in the West Salem Community Center in the amount of \$9,210. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License to the West Salem Volunteer Fire Department for its annual fire fighters dance scheduled for Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2013. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Alcohol Beverage License

Motion by Trustee Iverson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve an alcohol beverage license for Erin Elizabeth Miller. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the March 13, 2013, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss police department employees and Police Union Contract mediation. The Committee convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to-wit: Police Employees and Mediation. In open session, the Committee recommended acceptance of the resignation of a West Salem police officer.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Trustee Schumacher arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Street Committee

Trustee Koelbl reported on the March 15, 2013, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with La Crosse County Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain regarding maintenance of the future State Highway 16 multi-use path, discuss La Crosse County mowing maintenance along State Highway 16 within the Village, and to review for recommendation to the Village Board a Memorandum of Understanding with June Dairy Days. Ron Chamberlain stated the Wisconsin Department of Transportation plans to construct an eight to ten foot paved multi-use trail along the south side of newly-widened Highway 16 from Veterans Memorial Park west to approximately the driveway at the La Crosse County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The path is planned to begin on the west side of the river. The State of Wisconsin is not required to build the path unless the local municipalities want it and the local municipalities are willing to take care of it. The Department of Transportation has funds to pay for the construction of this path in its entirety. Mr. Chamberlain has been contacting local municipalities to find out if there is any interest in taking over maintenance of the multi-use paths located within each municipality. The trail does not have to be cleared of snow in the winter. Maintenance would involve keeping the trail clean, mowing the grass along the path, pothole patching when needed, and general asphalt maintenance. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2015 or 2016. La Crosse County does not have the funding to maintain the new trail. Mr. Chamberlain stated the City of Onalaska is willing to look at the path in their municipality, and he has not yet met with the Town of Hamilton. Scott Halbrucker confirmed the Village would need to mow five feet on each side of the path, crack fill once a year, seal coat every five years, and the trail should not be a high maintenance item. The Public Works Department

does not have an issue with taking on this maintenance. Mr. Chamberlain estimated the life expectancy of the trail to be 15 to 20 years. The Department of Transportation would expect to enter into an agreement for maintenance with either La Crosse County or the local municipalities. The Committee agreed this is a worthwhile project that should go forward. The Committee recommended to the Village Board that the Village agree to maintain the multi-use path as long as the City of Onalaska and the Town of Hamilton also agree to maintain the portions of the trail within their boundaries. Ron Chamberlain then informed the Committee that La Crosse County is under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for mowing of State right-of-ways. There are areas in the State where private organizations have contracted with the Department of Transportation for mowing. Mr. Chamberlain stated the Governor's new budget does provide more funding for more maintenance along State right-of-ways. If a private firm or individual wanted to take over mowing maintenance, a permit from the Department of Transportation is required along with adherence to all equipment and clothing safety requirements. The Committee then reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and the June Dairy Days Association drafted by Village Attorney Bryant Klos. The Memorandum addresses Village concerns that Pathways street and trail improvements and the Village Park are at risk for damage by the June Dairy Days contracted carnival and vendor companies and vehicular traffic in the Village Park during the annual June Dairy Days event. The Memorandum states that June Dairy Days will do its utmost to keep all vehicles out of the park during the June Dairy Days event and that no damage will occur to any new asphalt or concrete located on Memorial Drive or South Mill Street. The Committee recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2013, Street Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Leicht to table Village Board action on the maintenance of the multi-use path until the next Board meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with June Dairy Days as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to convene in closed session at 7:20 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to-wit: police employees and pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to-wit: purchase of property. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to reconvene in open session at 7:47 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Iverson to accept the resignation of a West Salem Police Officer. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator