

Regular Board Meeting

March 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Lautz and Wee. Also present: Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Peg Lyga, Irma Koonce, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

Irma Koonce, 529 North Tilson Street, and Peg Lyga, 539 North Tilson, informed the Village Board of a significant feral and stray cat issue in the North Tilson Street area. Irma Koonce has baited and trapped five cats in her yard so far, and she has transported all of them to the Humane Society. Peg Lyga states there are still eight or nine cats roaming the neighborhood, and she is very sure there are more. The cats are sitting on bird baths stalking birds. Many are having kittens. Jane Bangsberg, 112 South Clark Street, and LeAnn Krall, 126 Ken's Lane, both informed Peg Lyga of many cats roaming in the area. Irma Koonce stated most of the cats are feral cats, but she is certain some of them are domesticated and the cats belong to someone. Residents are allowing their cats to roam outside, and this is against Village Ordinances. Irma Koonce stated the Humane Society will accept cats transported to it. The Humane Society no longer picks up stray cats. The Humane Society keeps the cat for one week. If the cat is not claimed, an adoption assessment is made, the cat is spayed or neutered, and then it is delivered to a farm. Ms. Koonce stated something needs to be, and she asked what can be done. Police Chief Charles Ashbeck stated the police department has one trap residents can borrow to catch the stray cats. Enforcement of the running at large ordinance would be difficult. West Salem has discussed cat licensing in the past, but the costs to begin a cat licensing program are significant, and this will not solve the feral cat problem. Enforcement of licensing cats is an issue due to police and administration department staffing and resident compliance. If the owner of a stray cat can be identified, a citation can be issued for allowing an animal to run at large. The Village Board agreed to refer the matter to the Law Enforcement Committee for further discussion.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

General Fund: \$97,994.14

Water Utility: \$19,191.74

Sewer Utility: \$14,432.82

Storm Water Utility: \$2,485.15

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

Ordinance No. 481

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Ordinance No. 481 Amending Board of Review. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Temporary Class B Retailer's License

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class B Retailer's License to JT's Longshots for JT's Days scheduled for May 12 and 13, 2018, at Riverview Ball Fields. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses to Alana M. Bilskemper, Todd A. Galstad, and Nicholas S. Noe. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the March 6, 2018, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Karen and Chip Martin of 112 Erickson Court North. The residents presently keep one, spayed mini bull dog at their home. They wish to add two, spayed Boston Terriers to their home. All three animals are primarily kept indoors, and the dogs are leashed when outdoors. Happy Dog Yards, LLC comes to the home every Thursday for yard cleaning. Responses to the notice of this meeting were received from neighbors Kathleen and William Johnson and Marilyn Romskog in support of the Application. The police department has had no animal related contact with the Martins. The Committee recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Karen and Chip Martin.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Karen and Chip Martin. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the March 13, 2018, Planning Commission Public Hearing and Meeting. The public hearing concerns a conditional use permit application filed by Susan Weidemann and Heidi Schroeder-Tumerman, 123 West Hamilton Street, to construct living space in a portion of the building. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed conditional use permit. The Planning Commission then reviewed for recommendation to the Village Board a proposed Conditional Use Permit to allow Heidi Schroeder-Tumerman to construct living space in the building at 123 West Hamilton Street. Attorney Klos reviewed the three conditions proposed in the Conditional Use Permit:

1. The ground floor apartment must be constructed pursuant to plans drawn by a Wisconsin-licensed architect and approved by the State, if so required, and pursuant to the terms of the State Building Codes and West Salem Ordinances, as applicable;
2. The architect plans must be submitted to West Salem Building Inspector Randy Sullivan, and, upon his approval, a building permit shall be issued and the plans shall be filed with Permit No. 33; and
3. Construction for the residential area must be completed by December 31, 2018.

It was noted the Conditional Use Permit, if approved, will stay on record with the property. The Planning Commission recommended to the Village Board approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 33, as presented.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018, Planning Commission meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 33. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator