

Regular Board Meeting

August 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Also present: Coulee News Special Correspondent Benjamin Pierce, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$65,153.16
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$12,493.46
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$12,329.91
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$7,490.23

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

Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License to the West Salem Hockey Association for a WSHA Face Off Party scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. at the West Salem Community Shelter. Roll call vote: Schumacher – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License to Berg Hemker Olson Post 51 American Legion for American Legion Family Day scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2017, at the West Salem Community Shelter. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

West Salem School District Bus Stops

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the submitted West Salem School District list of bus stops as locations where school bus operators are directed to use flashing red warning lights when stopped to load or unload persons pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 349.21(1) and West Salem Ordinance 6.16. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Alcohol Beverage License Application

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Brown to table the application for an Alcohol Beverage License submitted by Tyler Burgett until the next Village Board meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the August 1, 2017, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was review for recommendation to the Village Board an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Stephanie Turnipseed and to review and consider for revisions and/or recommendation to the Village Board for public hearing Ordinance No. 479 Amending Animal Control to Allow Keeping of Chickens. The Committee reviewed the Application submitted by Stephanie Turnipseed, 521 West Elm Street to exceed the number of pets allowed at one residence in order to add to her home a third spayed, female Pittie mix she has been fostering. She presently keeps one, spayed female Chihuahua and one, neutered male Chihuahua at her home. Letters in support of the Application were received from Andrew and Linda Stargard, Beverly Jandt, and the La Crosse County Housing Authority. The Committee recommended approval of the Application. The Committee was directed to review the animal control ordinance after a resident spoke to the Village Board requesting a reconsideration of the prohibition of keeping chickens. Ordinance No. 479 is similar to that of the City of La Crosse. Mr. Leicht stated according to this resident, West Salem is the only community in this area that prohibits owning chickens, and there are residents who presently keep chickens at their residences. The primary purpose for owning chickens is for the eggs. Mr. Leicht felt if the surrounding neighbors have no objection and the resident complies with the terms of the ordinance, the Village should consider this change. Mr. Hennessey stated when a resident lives in a town, he or she is agreeing to live a certain way and in a certain setting. Owning chickens is more of a rural, farm activity. Mr. Lautz felt neighbors owning chickens would result in neighboring dog owners having to construct different fences in order to keep a dog from going after a neighbor's chickens, dogs would perhaps bark at the chickens, and he felt there was no reason to change the ordinance. The present Ordinance contains exceptions to the animal control ordinance for shows or projects of the 4-H Clubs and for display for judging purposes, and this exception is being utilized by residents in West Salem now. A motion was made to recommend Ordinance No. 479 to the Village Board for public hearing, but the motion failed due to lack of a second. The Committee then recommended to the Village Board the animal ordinance be left as is.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Stephanie Turnipseed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Law Enforcement Committee's recommendation to leave the animal control ordinance unchanged. Roll call vote: Leicht – present; Brown – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.
Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator