

Regular Board Meeting

November 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Dave Hundt, Tim Groth, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

Dave Hundt addressed the Village Board to praise the Public Works Department for its maintenance and upkeep of the Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park. Mr. Hundt states it is well used. Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker added senior exit projects have been proposed to add more play equipment to the park.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, October 17, 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>	\$74,627.12
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$12,771.94
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$20,247.62
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$3,707.57

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

Downtown Parking

Dave Hundt and Tim Groth addressed the Village Board with business owners' concerns about the lack of parking in the downtown area. Mr. Hundt stated he has come to the Board before asking that it consider purchasing the Contractor Supply parcel for public parking. He states downtown has become busier, and when B's Place and the American Legion businesses open and expand, parking will become more of a problem. Patrons are dropping vehicle passengers off at the front doors, and then driving around looking for parking. Mr. Hundt stated purchasing the Contractor Supply lot is also important to June Dairy Days, and Allied may not continue to allow parking on their lots. Tim Groth informed the Board customers have stated they would like to patronize his restaurant, but they cannot find parking. Special events downtown

increase the lack of parking issue. The downtown businesses would appreciate anything the Village Board can do to solve the lack of parking issues.

Ordinance No. 480

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to schedule a public hearing on Ordinance No. 480 Amendment of Village President and Trustee Compensation for Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Long-Term Stormwater Management Maintenance Agreement

At a previous meeting, the Village Board was presented with a proposed Long-Term Stormwater Management Maintenance Agreement with the West Salem School District for development around the elementary school, the middle school, and for construction of the new multi-use facility building and tennis courts. School District responsibilities regarding maintenance of pervious parking lots and biofiltration and retention ponds were clarified. The Agreement states if the School District does not manage its stormwater, the Village will correct the issues and charge the School District for the work. The School District wanted language added that it will not pay for maintenance caused by Village negligence. The Agreement is now in final form approved by legal counsel for Village action.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the Long-Term Stormwater Management Maintenance Agreement with the West Salem School District as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Resolution 7.17

Administrator Schnitzler presented the Village Board with a proposed resolution in support of a declaration of La Crosse County as a premier resort area. West Salem participated in a work group to determine the recommended distribution of revenue from the proposed premier resort area tax. The preliminary plan is for La Crosse County to retain 75 percent of the revenues and to distribute the remaining 25 percent to municipalities in La Crosse County based on the miles of roads in each municipality. The State of Wisconsin must pass a bill before the tax can move forward to a County binding referendum. Several communities have passed resolutions in support of the tax for submission to the State for consideration. Based on the anticipated revenue of the tax, West Salem would realize an additional \$47,600 in street funding each year.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to not support Resolution 7.17. Roll call vote: Brown, Hennessey and Schumacher – nay; Lautz, Leicht and Manthei – aye. Motion did not pass due to a tie vote.

Alcohol Beverage License Application

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the issuance of an alcohol beverage license to Nichole A. McPherson. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Village and Fossum Development Agreement Update

Attorney Klos updated the Board on the status of the agreement with Eileen and Kevin Fossum regarding development of their property adjacent to the West Salem Community Center. November 5 was the two-year anniversary of the Village's vacation

of the east-west alley through the Fossum property. The agreement provides the structure located on the north half of the parcel is to be demolished and a new building constructed on that site, installation of a nine-foot high chain link fence with slatting, and removal of a portion of the structures on the south side of the parcel partially located on the land conveyed to the Village. In the event the requirements are not completed by November 5, 2017, Fossoms will pay to the Village the sum of \$25,000 as compensation for the additional square footage received in the land swap and such payment shall be due sixty days after the two-year anniversary of the alley vacation. Fossum can satisfy the \$25,000 compensation obligation to the Village by deeding back to the Village the land they received as a result of the alley discontinuance. As of November 5, the removal of a portion of the structure on the south half of the parcel has been completed. Attorney Klos was directed to send a letter to Fossoms setting forth the requirements of the development agreement.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator