

Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 423 Annexation

January 3, 2008

Hearing called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Leicht, and Wehrs. Excused: Hoffman. Also present: Matt Perenchio, Tim Groth, Gerry Van Oss, David Hundt, Susan Higdon, Stewart Higdon, Jeff Huber, Ray Ebert, Jason Slusser, Wade Peterson, Charles Ashbeck, and Teresa Schnitzler.

This hearing pertains to Ordinance No. 423, which, if adopted, will annex 2.91 acres of land, more or less, by direct annexation into the Village of West Salem from the Town of Hamilton. The Petition for Direct Annexation was executed and filed by Linda L. Meeker and Daniel Meeker, being the sole owners of the territory being annexed.

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Regular Board Meeting

January 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Leicht, and Wehrs. Excused: Hoffman. Also present: Ray Ebert, Matt Perenchio, Wade Peterson, Charles Ashbeck, Tim Groth, Gerry Van Oss, David Hundt, Susan Higdon, Stewart Higdon, Jeff Huber, Jason Slusser, and Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

David Hundt appeared before the Board concerning the Reserve Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License applied for by SSJH, LLC, for 153 South Leonard Street. Mr. Hundt would like the Board to deny the license application based on the low number of new jobs created, decline in the tavern business industry across the State, business revenues declining, and the fact there are presently six licensed bars in downtown West Salem.

Susan Higdon spoke to the Board in support of the license application stating Breakers is not a tavern but a new restaurant. She projects 85 percent of their business focus will

be on food and later for a catering business, the business will bring more people to the downtown area, and it will update a blighted building in downtown West Salem.

Stewart Higdon spoke in favor of the license application and explained the building plans for the Breakers, business plans for the future, and discussed youth activities for the business.

Tim Groth expressed concerns regarding the present lack of parking in downtown West Salem.

Gerry Van Oss questioned how the business will accommodate youth and 18 to 21-year olds wanting to play pool in the building separate from the bar area.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2007, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$107,767.57
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$34,099.95
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$8,255.58

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

Ordinance No. 423 – Annexation

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve Ordinance No. 423 Annexation Ordinance. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Application for Reserve Class B License

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve the issuance of a Reserve Class B License to SSJH, LLC. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Joint Powers Agreement for 2008

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve the Joint Powers Agreement County 9-1-1 Emergency System for 2008. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court Update

Teresa Schnitzler updated the Board on the Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court, and the fact West Salem Police Chief Charles Ashbeck is the 2008 Chief of Police member of the Committee.

Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Joint Municipal Court Committee

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Harold to appoint Teresa Schnitzler as the West Salem Representative to the Joint Municipal Court Committee and Julie Erickson as Alternate member of the Committee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the January 3, 2008, Planning Commission meeting. The Commission reviewed a Certified Survey Map for two parcels totaling 16.45 acres in the Lakeview Business Park. One new parcel will create a smaller business façade located in front of larger parcels. The new lots will enhance and maintain a professional appearance from Industrial Drive and continue to promote economic development in the Business Park. The Commission recommended approval of the Certified Survey Map as presented. The Commission also reviewed an amended conditional use permit application and plan submitted by Rick Beyer for construction of a 44-unit multi-family housing project along County Trunk Highway C (also known as Neshonoc Road). Multi-family housing is permitted in a Business District with a conditional use permit. Mr. Beyer's plan includes 44, 1-2 bedroom 2-story units on grade. The project is targeted to house new employees at the Sprint building on Neshonoc Road with a construction to begin spring of 2008. The amended plan includes a third access off East Hamilton Street to the development, adding community space in the development, addressing garbage removal concerns, and proposes landscaping measures for traffic noise control. Village Ordinances require 66 parking spaces, and the development provides a total of 85 parking spaces. Storm water will flow to a green space detention pond area for added control and as required by the Department of Natural Resources. The Commission recommended scheduling a Village Board public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit Application for February 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviewed the final completed draft of the West Salem Smart Growth Plan. All previous Planning Commission updates, revisions, and changes have been incorporated into the final Plan. Upon Planning Commission approval by resolution, the Plan will be distributed in full to all interested parties. It is expected the Village Board will schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, for approval and adoption of the Plan. The Planning Commission also approved Resolution 1.08 regarding the preparation of a comprehensive smart growth plan for the Village of West Salem.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 3, 2008. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 424 Adopting Village of West Salem Comprehensive Plan

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. on Ordinance No. 424 to Adopt the West Salem Comprehensive Smart Growth Plan. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Approved by voice vote.