

Regular Board Meeting

January 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Baltz, Koelbl, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wehrs. Also present: Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, LeRoy Brown, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$2,426,860.35
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$9,569.23
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$18,894.49
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$69,617.66

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Baltz – present; remainder of Board - aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the December 22, 2014, Planning Commission meeting. The purpose of the Planning Commission meeting was to review for recommendation to Village Board a land transfer proposal between the Village of West Salem and Fossum Management, LLC. doing business as Contractor Supply. Contractor Supply owns two buildings, one at 136 East Elm Street and the other at 140 South Mill Street. The parcels are divided by an east-west Village alley. Attorney Klos informed the Commission discussions have been on-going with Village officials and the Fossums to draft a proposed land swap in the interests of squaring up the Fossum property and the Village acquiring property adjacent to the Village Hall. The Fossums explained alley traffic has become increasingly dangerous to employees, customers, and delivery truck contractors utilizing the area between the two buildings. The Fossums plan to raze the building at 140 South Mill Street and construct a new, larger structure. Attorney Klos drafted a proposed land trade wherein the Village would retain a strip of land directly east of the alley running from Memorial Drive south to East Elm Street. The alley would be approximately 21 feet wide to accommodate angled parking, an alley, and parking snow removal. Allied Cooperative still owns a portion of property where the former spur track was located in East Elm Street. The Village owns the parcels on the north side and the east side of the 140 South Mill Street building. La Crosse County Guernsey

Breeders also owns a parcel of land just north of the existing building at 140 South Mill. The proposed trade would grant those areas to Fossums, and the Village would acquire the parcel west of the Village Hall and alley and public parking right-of-way. Attorney Klos explained if the Village moved forward with the proposal, the east-west alley would have to be vacated and abandoned through a legal process and official notification of adjacent property owners. The proposal would result in the Fossums owning a site approximately 121' X 325.5' bounded by Memorial Drive, South Mill street, East Elm Street, and a north/south alley and adjacent parking. The Fossum proposed building is 100' X 160', which includes some outside covered storage on the alley side. All of the calculations of land areas are based on the La Crosse County GIS mapping site. The Planning Commission directed survey work on this area be completed to determine exact property lines, show what area Fossums would deed to the Village, show what the Village would deed to Fossum, and where the utilities are located.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2014, Planning Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the January 5, 2015, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Pamela and William Maas, 770 Lewis Street. The Maas household presently keeps two English springer spaniel dogs and one dakota springer dog. Teresa Schnitzler informed the Committee notices were sent to the surrounding neighbors, and no comments have been submitted. The Ordinance states initial permits are limited to a one year term, and a renewal application is required to be filed upon expiration of any permit. The renewal will update any change of information since the previous application was filed. Conditions may be placed on permits, and the Village Board is allowed to issue renewal permits for periods of time as it determines at its discretion. The Village Board also has the power to revoke the excess animal permit after a Village Board finding of fact that a nuisance exists or has been worsened by the allowance of the excess animal. The Committee determined no nuisance will be created by issuing the special permit to Pamela and William Maas. The Committee recommended to the Village Board issuance of a special permit to allow Pamela and William Maas to keep three dogs at their residence at 770 Lewis Street.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee meeting held on January 5, 2015. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the issuance of a special permit to allow Pamela and William Maas to keep three dogs at their residence at 770 Lewis Street. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Baltz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator