

## Regular Board Meeting

February 15, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Iverson, Koelbl, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Wilson, Duane Luethe, Shane Wehrs, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, County Supervisor Ray Ebert, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

### Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

General Fund: \$1,654,282.71

Water Utility: \$11,847.12

Sewer Utility: \$14,581.12

Storm Water Utility: \$39,000.00

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

### June Dairy Days Street Closings and Park Closing Hours Requests

Duane Luethe addressed the Board regarding the 2011 June Dairy Days event activities and special requests. The June Dairy Days Committee is again requesting the use of the Village Park, Riverview Park, the Lions Shelter, Memorial Drive, South Mill Street, and temporary use of Leonard Street for parades and other activities from June 3 to June 5. The Committee is requesting Leonard Street also be closed for a kiddie parade scheduled for Sunday, June 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Committee requests the use of Memorial Drive starting at 12:00 a.m., Thursday, June 2 for the carnival vendors to set up rides for the weekend. To comply with the park closing hours ordinance, June Dairy Days is asking for a waiver of the usual closing times on Friday and Saturday nights. Park security will be provided until 6:00 a.m. on both days. June Dairy Days ends at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, and normal park closing times will resume.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the requests as presented by the June Dairy Days Committee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Alcohol Beverage License Application

The Board reviewed an alcohol beverage license application submitted by The Shop Downtown West Salem, LLC for 158 and 160 South Leonard Street. Partner in The

Shop Downtown West Salem Shane Wehrs reported the business will be closed for approximately one month for remodeling, and he expects it will reopen as The Silverado Saloon soon thereafter.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the alcohol beverage license application as submitted. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Regional Principles of Collaboration Compact

President Manthei provided background on the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund's request that the Village sign a 7 Rivers Alliance Regional Principles of Collaboration Compact. The Compact promotes the importance of collaborating in serving citizens and formally acknowledges a commitment to work together for the continued success of the region.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve entering into the Compact. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the February 7, 2011, Planning Commission meeting. The purpose of the Planning Commission meeting was to review and act on a proposed Resolution supporting applications from Paul Wehrs and Rodney Olson for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements on their respective properties and to review and consider scheduling for public hearing a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Shon Jordon to create a residential use and apartment in the back half of a Business District parcel. Charlie Handy spoke to the Commission regarding the Wehrs and Olson applications to the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements. The landowners' commitments to convey conservation easements on their properties and La Crosse County's commitment to accept the easements are contingent upon the agricultural conservation easements being eligible to receive State of Wisconsin grant funding. The grant funding would assist in payment of the purchases of the conservation easements. Mr. Handy explained conservation easements are similar to a real estate transaction. Development rights are purchased from landowners to provide continued agricultural activity in the State of Wisconsin and are meant to preserve farmland. La Crosse County serves as the local sponsor. Formulas are used to determine the purchase price of the easement, and the conservation easement is permanent. The Commission recommended to the Village Board approval of Resolution 3.11 supporting the purchase of agricultural conservation easements for Rodney Olson and Paul Wehrs. The Commission reviewed a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Shon Jordan for 114 South Leonard Street. Mr. Jordan is applying for a Conditional Use Permit to create a residential use and apartment in the back half of a Business District zoned parcel. Mr. Jordan presented his proposed floor plan for the apartment. The business in the front of the building would maintain separate utilities, ingress and egress, and restroom facilities. Access to the apartment would be from the alley in the back and secondary access from the side. The Commission scheduled a public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit Application for Monday, February 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011, Planning Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 3.11 Support for Applications to the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Coulee Region Humane Society Cat Licensing Request

In writing, the Coulee Region Humane Society has requested that West Salem consider cat licensing.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to refer the request to the Finance and Personnel Committee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator