

## Regular Board Meeting

February 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Iverson, Koelbl, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Tim Degenhardt, Peyton Czerwan, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

### Public Comment

Tim Degenhardt addressed the Board to state he had not attended the public hearing held to receive comment on proposed Ordinance No. 450 amending the snowmobile ordinance. Mr. Degenhardt was not in favor of paying to obtain a permit to operate a snowmobile in the Village. Mr. Degenhardt was informed there is no proposed charge for the permit.

### Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2013, Village Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$1,757,967.59
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$36,790.72
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$11,033.52
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$2,135.49

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

### Resolution 3.13

Motion by Trustee Iverson, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve Resolution 3.13 Supporting Same Day Voter Registration. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

**WHEREAS**, it is a self-evident truth that more, rather than less, voter participation is intrinsically desirable in a democracy and that a healthy democracy requires a high level of public participation; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century the State of Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition favoring public participation in the electoral process, as demonstrated by the fact that Wisconsin's voter turnout was third in the nation in the last six general elections; and,

**WHEREAS**, states with same day voter registration have significantly higher voter participation rates than states that do not, as evidenced by studies showing 7-14% greater turnout in states with same day registration; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is one of the most politically active states in the union and its citizens consider it a civic duty to express our opinions at the ballot box and regard the right to vote as a sacred trust; and,

**WHEREAS**, voter registration is required for every citizen who is a new voter, has moved, or has had a name change; and,

**WHEREAS**, municipal clerks, many of whom are part-time, find that same day voter registration contributes to a more efficient voter registration system, and election inspectors do not find same day registration to be burdensome and take pride in seeing that every qualified elector's voice is heard at the ballot box.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees expresses its support for same day voter registration.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to West Salem's State Legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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Dennis Manthei, Village President

(VILLAGE SEAL)

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Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

#### Street Committee

Trustee Koelbl reported on the February 12, 2013, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss for recommendation to the Village Board Ordinance No. 450 amending the snowmobile ordinance and to discuss possible charges to June Dairy Days for any damages to Village infrastructure, facilities, and buildings resulting from the June Dairy Days events. Attorney Klos presented significant revisions to proposed Ordinance No. 450 based on the comments and suggestions made at the February 5 Village Board meeting. Some individuals inquired as to why the Village has a snowmobile ordinance, and Attorney Klos explained that under State statutes, snowmobile driving on Village streets is prohibited unless an ordinance is adopted. Adopting an ordinance also requires the Village to spell out which roads can be ridden on and which roads cannot be ridden on. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to allow residents to essentially travel some Village streets from their residence or any point of public lodging to either get out of the Village or to get to a State-approved route, which is State Corridor Route 30. The changes made to the ordinance make it clear usage of Village streets is only to get from a residence or a hotel to the trail or out of the Village. The ordinance adds language to allow riding south of Buol Road and on the east side of County Highway M. The speed limit was increased from ten miles per hour to twenty miles per hour as suggested by the snowmobile alliance. Attorney Klos outlined the registration and signage procedures in the ordinance. The revised ordinance now requires registration by operators and not snowmobiles and allows guests of a registered operator to operate within the Village for access purposes as long as they are immediately following a registered operator. Registration would be taken care of by the police department as officers would have the ability to track registrations internally. Attorney Klos reported one additional change to the ordinance regarding the speed allowed for travel in the Village. James Koelbl informed the Committee this item was added to the Committee agenda as a result of the prior Street Committee meeting with the June Dairy Days Committee. The Committee and June Dairy Days have agreed Pathways has changed the area June Dairy Days utilizes for its annual event. Significant funds were invested in the Pathways project,

and the Village intends to maintain this infrastructure for as long as possible. If, through no fault of June Dairy Days, the streets or park or other Village facilities are damaged during the annual event, there should be an agreement in place that June Dairy Days agrees to remedy the damage or reimburse the Village for repairing any damage. Jeanne Bahr informed the Committee the hired carnival is traveling to West Salem in the next week or two to view the area and make plans for its set up. June Dairy Days will inform the organization no damage can occur to the streets, trails, or sidewalks. The Committee directed Attorney Klos to draft a one-page agreement for review.

Motion by James Koelbl, seconded by James Leicht to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013, Street Committee meeting as presented. Motion approved.

#### Ordinance No. 450

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve Ordinance No. 450 Amending Snowmobile Ordinance as revised. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Joint Meeting of West Salem Board of Trustees and West Salem Board of Education

President Manthei reported on the February 18, 2013, joint meeting with the West Salem Board of Education. School Superintendent Troy Gunderson stated the School District should begin having discussions on ownership of the baseball diamond land. Presently, the School District leases the land from the Village for \$1.00 per year. The School District has plans to construct a new baseball field north and west of the present baseball field. One-half of the new field would be on School District property, and the other half would be on Village property. Mr. Gunderson stated the School District is in need of a second baseball field, and he felt discussions should be had to acquire the whole parcel of land from the Village. Village Attorney Klos provided a map showing what land is presently leased to the School District of the Village-owned property. Attorney Klos informed the Boards the West Salem Community Shelter was constructed utilizing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant funding. The grant also includes the land west of the community shelter to its westerly boundary. The Village would be required to complete a conversion procedure in order to sell off a portion of that land to the School District. School District resident Paul Degenhardt questioned the School Board on whether the Legion Ball league would be allowed to sell beer at Legion ball games, and Mr. Gunderson responded this would not be an option. The School District would need to have the parcel appraised, and the School District and the Village would then negotiate for a purchase price. The Village Board and the School Board agreed to schedule their respective Buildings and Grounds Committees for a joint meeting to discuss sale of the land to the School District. Superintendent Gunderson acknowledged School District signage has been attached to Village-owned sign posts. The School District will begin removing their signs, and the School Board will decide what signs will be posted and where the signs will be located. The School District would like to involve the Village Public Works Department in this process to insure signage is legally placed and the signs are proper. Police Chief Charles Ashbeck and Superintendent Gunderson have discussed how the School Resource Officer is presently being used and whether the position should be expanded and whether more of the officer's time should be spent in the schools. The School District's cost share is a calculation based on 50 percent of the officer's costs to the Village when the officer is on the school campuses. Mr. Gunderson stated the School Board should discuss "buying" more of the School Resource Officer's time so the officer is not called out on

other police officer duties. The School District wants to pay its fair share of the police officer's costs, and it should decide if it would like to use the School Resource Officer more. Chief Ashbeck stated the School Resource Officer is invaluable to both the School District and the Village. If the officer were able to spend more time in the schools, the officer could teach more programs, take over the DARE and GREAT programs, and form relationships with the students at the elementary school level. Chief Ashbeck stated there are other school districts that pay the full costs of the School Resource Officer. Mr. Gunderson felt a full time transition could take one or two budget years to accomplish. The School District and the Village are interested in discussing this matter more. Superintendent Gunderson stated the School facilities are paid for by the School District taxpayers. The School District encourages and permits the use of the facilities by the School District community, and it will allow the facilities to be used by others living outside of the School District for a monetary charge. The School District has first use of all facilities, and as the School District grows there have been more activities and more demands for the facilities. There needs to be an agreement on how to schedule all of the activities and requests for use of the School facilities. Mr. Gunderson explained the current method does not work so scheduling of the facilities is now being performed by one individual instead of several, and this change will improve the process. Village President Manthei stated there needs to be sufficient notice to the Village when use of School facilities removes the Village from a facility. Trustee Lautz suggested priority be given to the Recreation Department after School uses. Mr. Gunderson stated as the School District fills the scheduling calendar, the School District should let the Recreation Department be next as the Recreation Department serves a large number of participants and has predominant use of the facilities. School Board Member Schlimgen asked whether the Village would be open to contributing to a second gym if it were constructed with a new middle school facility. School Board Member Falck suggested a central website link be created with the facility use schedule on it. School activities coaches could schedule their games and practices in the calendar earlier which would enable the Recreation Department to schedule its programs in a timely manner. The Boards agreed cooperation and collaboration are important, and the Recreation Department and the School facilities scheduler need to get together regularly, and this matter will be monitored to see how it works out. Village President Manthei presented the Village's future land use map from the 2010 Comprehensive Plan document. After meetings with the Town of Hamilton, the Village mapped a 20-year growth area for the Village. The Boards discussed future residential developments in the West Salem area, the need for additional school facilities, the Board's shared agreement to continue the school campus concept, infrastructure extensions to a new School building, operation and maintenance of the School District swimming pool, the potential for future tax increment districts, and a shared agreement to work together in long-range planning.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the West Salem Board of Education on February 18, 2013. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator