

Regular Board Meeting

March 3, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Baltz, Koelbl, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Excused: Lautz. Also present: Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Rita Schmitz, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, West Salem School District Superintendent Troy Gunderson, Leroy Brown, Roger Fish, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

Rita Schmitz informed the Board of an upcoming American Legion Baseball and Friends of West Salem Baseball fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, May 9 at the West Salem Community Shelter. Funds raised will be used to pay for improvements to the Damian Miller Baseball Field. Mrs. Schmitz requested the Village Board waive the shelter rental fee for this event as it will benefit the community.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to waive the West Salem Community Shelter rental fee for the West Salem American Legion and West Salem Friends of Baseball fundraising event scheduled for Sunday, May 9, 2015. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$35,035.79
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$17,787.70
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$19,654.13
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$509.19

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.

West Salem School District Referendum

West Salem School District Superintendent Troy Gunderson addressed the Village Board to discuss and answer questions regarding the referendum question included on the April 7, 2015, Spring Election ballot. Residents in the West Salem School District will be asked to vote on a referendum to borrow up to \$31.2 million to build a new

middle school for students in grades 5 through 8, to renovate the current middle school, and to improve and/or repair several outdoor facilities. Proposed improvements and repairs include the transportation facility, swimming pool, running track, stadium, tennis courts, and ball diamonds. Mr. Gunderson stated if the referendum is approved, the owner of a \$150,000 home can expect an approximate increase of \$17 in school property taxes as compared to the 2014 school tax bill. The site plan includes provisions for the West Salem Hockey Association to lease land from the School District and build a new hockey facility on land adjacent to the new school. The West Salem Boys & Girls Club is working with the School District to contribute funds toward the present middle school renovation and relocating the club to the middle school, if the referendum is approved.

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of alcohol beverage licenses to Kent T. Buehler and Jason Lee Muellenberg. Roll call vote: Baltz – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Wehrs requested a discussion of appointing the Village President to the West Salem Fire Protection District Board be included on the next Village Board meeting agenda.

Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker informed the Board of the high number of sidewalks not being shoveled, and the Board discussed complaints regarding the lack of snow removal in front of downtown businesses. It was suggested a Street Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss snow removal issues.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator