

Regular Board Meeting

April 7, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Baltz, Lautz, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Excused: Koelbl and Leicht. Also present: Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Correspondent Jourdan Vian, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Peyton Czerwan, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Leroy Brown, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

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

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$60,474.27
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$10,603.68
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$13,885.41
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$515.40

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

Resolution 1.15

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Resolution 1.15 Governmental Responsibility for Runoff Management Grants. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, is interested in acquiring grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of implementing measures to control agricultural or urban storm water runoff pollution sources pursuant to Section 281.65 or Section 281.66, Wis. Stats., and Chapters NR 151, 153, and 155; and

WHEREAS, a cost-sharing grant is required to carry out storm water runoff pollution grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem hereby authorizes Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, to act on behalf of the Village of West Salem to:

- Submit and sign an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;
- Sign a grant agreement between the Village of West Salem and the Department of Natural Resources;

- Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation;
- Submit signed documents; and
- Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete approved projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of West Salem shall comply with all State and federal laws, regulations, and permit requirements pertaining to implementation of this project and to fulfillment of all grant document provisions.

DATED this 7th day of April, 2015.

VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN

/s/

Dennis Manthei, Village President

(VILLAGE SEAL)

/s/

Teresa L. Schnitzler

Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Schmacher, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses to Dylan J. Spranger, Tamara Dawn Keller, Karee Kay Dunham, and Morgan Jean Meyer. Roll call vote: Baltz – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the April 1, 2015, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendations three Applications to Exceed Pet Limits, review an Application for a Taxicab License, and review for revisions and updates Code of Ordinance 11.06 Taxicab License. Rebecca and Patrick Horihan submitted an Application to Exceed Pet Limit in order to permanently keep a dog the Horihans have been fostering from Ruff Life Rescue at their home at 121 West Jefferson Street. The dog is a one-year old mixed breed female. The Horihans also keep a Jack Russell Terrier and a Cavalier King Spaniel. All three dogs have been vaccinated for rabies, and all three dogs are kept indoors. The Horihans plan to erect a chain link fence to enclose their property as well. The Committee recommended granting the request to the Horihans to exceed the pet limit with notification to all property owners within 300 feet of the Horihans and final action by the Village Board. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Titia and Carl Ekern. The Ekerns wish to add either a rescue dog or a puppy to their household at 129 Meadow Lane. The Ekerns presently keep two male pugs primarily indoors. Their backyard is large and fenced in. The Committee recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Titia and Carl Ekern with notification to all property owners within 300 feet of the Ekerns and final action by the Village Board, but contingent upon the Ekerns properly licensing the third dog, providing a current rabies vaccination certificate for the third dog, and submitting a current photograph of the third dog. Sandra and Donald Mattie presently keep 24 cats at their residence at 227 East Jefferson Street. The Committee noted all 24 cats have received rabies vaccinations, and all but two of the cats are either spayed or neutered. The Matties have kept cats in their home for nineteen years. Over the years, the Matties have taken in stray cats and rescue cats, providing needed veterinary care, spaying or neutering the cats, and the Matties state they provide a good home with clean beds, good food, clean water, and

many litter boxes. The Matties do not wish to take in any more cats, and when a cat passes away, it will not be replaced. All of the cats are kept indoors, except one cat does spend short periods of time in the fenced-in backyard under supervision. The Matties have no health issues due to the cats kept in their home. Letters were submitted by each of the Mattie's neighbors supporting the Mattie's Application. Police Chief Charles Ashbeck informed the Committee there have been no complaints regarding the number of cats kept at the residence. Chair Merlin Wehrs visited the Mattie home, and he found the home clean with proper provisions for the cats. The Committee noted this is an exceptional situation, and each application to exceed the pet limit is reviewed on a case-by-case. The Committee agreed the number of cats is excessive, but the cats are well-cared for, their home is clean, there do not appear to be health issues, and the Village has received no complaints regarding the cats. The Committee then recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit for an additional 22 cats submitted by Sandra and Donald Mattie with notification to all property owners within 300 feet of the Matties and final action by the Village Board based upon the clean condition of the home, the fact the cats are well cared for, and there have been no complaints regarding the cats, but contingent upon the Matties not adding more cats or replacing cats as each passes away. The Committee reviewed information received from Scott Bedessem for a taxicab license. Mr. Bedessem has been operating Bangor West Salem Taxi LLC through Bangor since January 10, 2015. Mr. Bedessem is in the process of moving to West Salem, and he would like to operate his taxicab service in West Salem. Police Chief Charles Ashbeck informed the Committee a State of Wisconsin license number under which Bangor West Salem Taxi operates was not submitted by Mr. Bedessem. The Ordinance states no operator of any vehicle for hire or reward shall operate for more than 12 hours out of every 24 hours. Mr. Bedessem was not present at the meeting, and the Committee agreed more information is needed before the application can be further reviewed. The Committee agreed to table the Application for a Taxicab License until the State license number is submitted and the hours Mr. Bedessem plans to operate the service are included in the application. Code of Ordinance 11.06 Taxicab License is currently outdated and in need of revision. The Committee directed Chief Ashbeck to work with Teresa Schnitzler and Village Attorney Bryant Klos to draft a revised and updated Ordinance 11.06 for future review by the Committee.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator