

Regular Board Meeting

July 1, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, and Wehrs. Excused: Harold, Hoffman and Leicht. Also present: Coulee News Assistant Editor Matt Perenchio, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, and Deputy Clerk Carrie Cooper.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$180,524.76
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$8,324.59
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$30,718.56

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

West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee

The West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee met on June 17, 2008. The Committee was informed by Steve Plenge that the Village Board had approved the postcard mailing from the April meeting. Approximately 450 cards were sent out in April to previous users of the La Crosse River Bike Trail. Greg Mader, webmaster for the West Salem website, was extended an invitation to address the Committee regarding procedures for updating the Village's website. Mr. Kindschy reported the progress of opening the Lewis Octagon house. Opening has been delayed due to costs and project delays. The Committee informed Mr. Kindschy that once the house opens, the Committee will review signage. A member of the community asked Mr. Plenge to address the Committee about the possibility of assisting in a summer long fishing contest on Lake Neshonoc. More details will be made available as more information is obtained. The Committee felt it was a good idea to help promote tourism on Lake Neshonoc as well as the West Salem area. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at Noon at Features.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008, West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee met on June 23, 2008, with Virginia Loehr, Coordinator for Safe Routes to School in La Crosse County present. Ms. Loehr gave a presentation on the program and followed up with a question and answer period. Carl Wallace reported on Bicycle Friendly Communities. Tim Tiber reported on the meeting of the BPAC-Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed to proceed with the SRTS program. Lisa Gerke will contact Mark Ledman and Rick Cline of the West Salem School District for their input. SRTS is a reimbursement program and is 100 percent funded. Sharon Fuller will contact the principals of Coulee Region Christian School and Christ Lutheran School to see if they would like to be a part of the SRTS program. The next meeting of the Committee is July 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Jackie Eastwood, Bicycle Pedestrian Planner, will be invited to attend.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of June 23, 2008. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Street Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the Street Committee meeting of June 24, 2008. Recent tree and brush disposal practices have resulted in complaints from the public and an area business. The Street Committee was asked to review present tree and brush disposal procedures and make recommendations to the Village Board. Tom DeLong detailed for the Committee present disposal procedures, situations and issues associated with the present procedures, and future considerations. The Public Works Department has burned tree and brush material on three occasions over the last year. Curbside tree and brush chipping is conducted twice a month, April through October, and the chips are disposed of with the grass and leaves. One area of concern for the Department is trees and brush coming to the dumpsite from other areas and from business contractors. Without off-hours supervision at the drop off site, brush is being brought in from other communities, and contractors are utilizing the area off hours and weekends. The Town of Hamilton has the same problem at their drop off site. The Committee suggested contacting the local paper for an article on the dump site being abused, that the Village is looking at remedies, and the site may have to be closed down if the abuse continues. The Committee also suggested additional signage, more policing of the area, and discussed fencing off the dump site. Tom DeLong was asked to obtain costs to contract with a firm to grind the tree limbs and brush on a semi-annual basis at the rented, Nuttleman site. The Town of Hamilton is interested in cost-sharing for this service as well. The ground material could then be offered to the public. The Committee will look into costs of chipping and grinding tree limbs and brush, and, based on those costs, then ask the Town of Hamilton to join in the disposal costs.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2008, Street Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Engel reported on the June 25, 2008, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the Committee meeting was to meet with public works director applicants. The Committee convened in closed session for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public

employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as authorized by Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c), to-wit: Public Works Director Position interviews.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by President Manthei to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2008, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting

Trustee Engel reported on the June 26, 2008, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the Committee meeting was to meet with public works director applicants. The Committee convened in closed session at 5:32 p.m. for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as authorized by Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c), to-wit: Public Works Director Position interviews. The Committee reconvened in open session at 7:21 p.m., and recommended the Village Board offer Scott Halbrucker the position of Public Works Director at an annual salary of \$55,000.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes of June 26, 2008. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 10.08 – Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve Resolution 10.08 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

RESOLVED, that the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees informs the Department of Natural Resources that the following actions were taken by them:

1. Reviewed a summary of the 2007 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report, which is attached to this Resolution; and
2. Due to the high letter grades and high grade points generated as a result of completing this Report, the Board did not feel that any action was necessary at this time.

PASSED by unanimous vote of the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees on the 1st day of July, 2008.

(SEAL)

Dennis Manthei, Village President

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Operator's License Applications

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve operator's licenses for the following: Heather Schaffer, Amy Wolden, Dana Heider, Benjamin Neumann, Joyce Wehrenberg, Cindy Ashland, Ronald Corn, Susan Olson, April Rossman, Zelda CP Prentice-Weinhauf, Robert Hundt, Nancy Jackson, David Johnson, Gerald Van Oss, Drew Knutson, and Kenneth R. Williams. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Police Department Update

Chief Ashbeck updated the Board on the recent bike sale. The sale was more successful than the Police Department anticipated, and all bikes were sold shortly after 8:00 a.m. Many folks wishing to purchase bikes were upset because the bikes sold out early. Chief Ashbeck also reported criminal history background checks are no longer free. The charge per background check is \$5.00. Two of the police squads were damaged shortly after June Dairy Days. Two fuel pumps have had to be replaced as a result.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Hanson to refer background checks to the Finance and Personnel Committee for review. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Carrie Cooper, Deputy Clerk