

Regular Board Meeting

August 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Iverson, Koelbl, Leicht, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Coulee News Special Correspondent Brad Bryan, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, Ted Thompson, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$48,784.80
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$15,675.88
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$14,631.23

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

Ordinance No. 432 – Annexation

Ordinance No. 432, an ordinance for direct annexation by unanimous approval of real property from the Town of Hamilton, was reviewed by the Board. Trustee Hanson stated border agreement negotiations with the Town of Hamilton and City of Onalaska should have been continued, and if a border agreement was in place now, West Salem would not be looking at this annexation. Trustee Hanson also stated it is his belief that after the annexation is adopted and becomes effective, the developer will have a plan for development sooner than five years. Future Boards need to examine all angles of development west of the Village. Trustee Leicht expressed concern about the loss of valuable farmland, and he felt if there were alternatives other than West Salem or Onalaska annexing this area, the Board would have been reviewing those alternatives. Trustee Leicht felt West Salem should determine how rapid development occurs in the area, and annexation appears to be the best form of control. Trustee Leicht stated he has spoken with West Salem residents and the residents affected by the annexation, and all have stated they would rather be a part of West Salem than Onalaska. At the Planning Commission public hearing, the developer presented his plans for the area, and the developer stated any plans for development were five to fifteen years in the future. Trustee Leicht challenged the Board and future Boards and Commissions to thoroughly review any development plans brought to them and to use the Comprehensive Plan as their guide.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve adoption of Ordinance No. 432 Annexation Ordinance for Direct Annexation by Unanimous

Approval of Real Property from the Town of Hamilton. Roll call vote: Hanson and Koelbl – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved by more than 2/3 of the Village Board.

Resolution 8.09

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 8.09 Support of Efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau to Obtain an Accurate Count for the 2010 Decennial Census. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a decennial census and the next census will be conducted in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the decennial census serves as the basis for the allocation of seats in the United States House of Representatives as well as the allocation of Federal and State-revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, the accuracy of the census information is important as it is utilized extensively by State and local government and private business for demographic studies and analysis; and

WHEREAS, for these and other reasons, an accurate census count is in the best interest of the citizens of Wisconsin and the Village of West Salem; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has formed a Complete Count Committee whose responsibilities include disseminating information about the importance of the U.S. Census and to be conscious of a wide variety of community interests throughout their publicity efforts, including, but not limited to: public and private education, business community, minority populations, senior citizens, faith-based communities, civic organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and the media;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees that the Village does hereby support efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau in obtaining an accurate count for the 2010 Decennial Census and agrees to work with the La Crosse County Complete Count Committee and other area jurisdictions in disseminating information about the importance of the U.S. Census and confidentiality of information provided to the Census Bureau in obtaining an accurate 2010 census count of the Village of West Salem residents.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2009.

/s/ _____

Dennis Manthei, Village President

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/s/ _____

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve a Special Event Application submitted by Teresa Schnitzler for the 14th Annual Rose Street Block Party scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Operator License Applications

Motion by Trustee Iverson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve issuance of operator licenses to Kevin M. Candahl, Joshua R. Chapman, Laura A. Dagendesh, Richard T. Garbers, Joseph A. Mathison, Jessi N. Miller, Marian K. Olson, and Desiree Wehrs. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Coin Machine Permit Application

Police Chief Charles Ashbeck informed the Board of State law limiting the number of poker and gambling machines to five per premise. The Coin Machine Permit Application submitted by Cenex Convenience Store is not clear on what kinds of coin machines are included on the application.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to deny the coin machine permit application until clarification is obtained and to review the application at a future meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee

The Board reviewed minutes of the August 4, 2009, West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Committee is continuing to gather information regarding "Welcome to West Salem" signage along Highway 16 entering West Salem from both the east and the west. Members are gathering information on existing signs and also looking at possible alternate sites to locate the existing signs. The Committee sent postcards to previous users of the La Crosse River Bike Trail, and upkeep will continue on the Rustic Road information boxes. Ideas for an area information booklet were discussed, and when the Village needs more brochures, the Committee will assist. The West Salem Downtown Street Dance/Flea Market is scheduled for September 6, 2009. The Committee requested funding toward advertising and promotion of the event to bring tourism to the area.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2009, West Salem Area Tourism Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the funding request for \$212 toward advertising and promotion of the West Salem Downtown Street Dance/Flea Market. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Iverson reported on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting held August 5, 2009. The Committee met in closed session with legal counsel regarding a West Salem Police Union successor agreement.

Motion by Trustee Iverson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Street Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the August 6, 2009, Street Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the Economic Development Advisory Committee's discussion and recommendations received from its August 3, 2009, meeting. The Committee recommended to the Village Board a letter be sent to the following firms requesting each firm's qualifications and the firm's ability to undertake the Pathways project and requesting a return reply by August 31, 2009, and consideration will be given to other firms that may show an interest: Ayres Associates, Inc., Cedar Corporation, CWE, Inc., DAAR Engineering, Inc., Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc., KL Engineering, Inc., MSA Professional Services, Inc.,

Schreiber/Anderson Associates, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., Smith Group JJR, LLC, and Strand Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers. The Committee then reviewed proposed duties and guidelines in ordinance form for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee will meet to review the proposed guidelines on Monday, August 10, 2009. The Committee recommended presentation to the Village Board for approval the duties and guidelines for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the minutes of the Street Committee meeting held on August 6, 2009. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee

Trustee Koelbl reported on the August 10, 2009, Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee duties and guidelines as recommended by the Street Committee. The Committee recommended the citizen members on this Committee commit to a two-year term to ensure consistency and continuity. The Committee shall meet no less than twice per year, and the Committee recommended at least five of the appointed members be present at each meeting. The Powers and Duties of the Committee shall include recommendations regarding designated bicycle and pedestrian access and connections to existing trails, bike pathways, bike routes, and bike shared roadways. Ginnie Loehr will give a "Safe Routes to School" presentation to the Village Board on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. Steve Flottmeyer, Project Development Supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, will attend a September 21, 2009, Committee meeting to discuss Highway 16 safety issues and safe crossings. The Capstone Thesis Program was reviewed, and it is recommended the Committee maintain its current status so that the Committee remains update on future developments.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of August 10, 2009. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the August 11, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review an opportunity to purchase a police squad under the Federal "Cash for Clunkers" program. The 2002 squad car with 137,400 odometer miles qualifies as a "clunker". Police Chief Ashbeck's 2010 capital purchase plan included replacement of the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria with a Chevrolet Impala. The 2002 squad car is used primarily for surveillance, travel to training, conferences, and meetings, and for Police Chief response to calls. Since it is not a primary police vehicle, a substantial savings can be realized by purchasing an Impala with higher fuel efficiency and by not purchasing a police package vehicle. Chief Ashbeck obtained proposals for two Chevrolet Impala LTs and one for a Chevrolet Impala LS. After adding various administration and service fees, deducting several rebates, price reductions, and cash incentives, the final proposed prices were \$17,845.50, \$19,414.00, and \$17,444.00, respectively. The \$17,845.50 includes floor mats, engine heater, and door protection molding. Delaying the squad car purchase five months to January 2010, the same vehicle would cost \$24,909. Chief Ashbeck

proposed applying the budgeted 2009 ½ squad set aside of \$11,300 and ¼ of the 2012 squad car equipment set aside of \$2,900 toward a purchase now resulting in a net of additional funds required of \$3,645, \$5,214, or \$3,244. The overall savings realized if the squad car is purchased in August of 2009 versus January of 2010 is \$7,063.50. The Committee recommended proceeding with the purchase of the 2009 Impala LT for an amount not to exceed \$17,845.50 and applying the 2009 budgeted ½ squad car set aside of \$11,300 and ¼ of the 2012 set aside of \$2,900.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the purchase of a 2009 Impala LT for an amount not to exceed \$17,845.50 by applying the 2009 budgeted ½ squad car set aside of \$11,300 and ¼ of the 2012 set aside of \$2,900. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator