

Regular Board Meeting

August 21, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Hoffman, Leicht, and Wehrs. Also present: Matt Perenchio, Charles Ashbeck, Gerald Van Oss, and Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2007, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$76,343.86
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$25,864.12
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$11,445.66

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

Request for Sponsorship of Community Garden

Eloda M. Frisby appeared before the Board to request support for a community garden or a prairie garden. The Board instructed Ms. Frisby to obtain more information for Board review.

Resolution 9.07 – Fireworks Permit

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve Resolution 9.07 issuing a Fireworks Permit to Dan Heerts as follows. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, Dan Heerts has requested the Village Board grant permission for a fireworks display to be held at the West Salem High School home football game on Friday, September 14, 2007, to include a 15-minute ground and aerial display set off at the softball field between the West Salem Middle and High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Village Ordinance 2.01(D)(2)(a) limits the issuance of a fireworks permit by the Village President to the period June 27 through July 4; and

WHEREAS, Dan Heerts has agreed to provide the Village of West Salem with a copy of his pyrotechnic certificate of insurance listing the Village of West Salem and the West Salem Fine Arts Board as additional insureds under his insurance policy prior to September 1, 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon receipt prior to September 1, 2007, of a certificate of insurance listing the Village of West Salem as an additional insured under its insurance policy, the Village Board of Trustees

of the Village of West Salem does hereby waive the provisions of Ordinance 2.01(D)(2)(a), and the Village President is directed to issue such permit to Dan Heerts for September 14, 2007.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2007.

/s/ _____
Dennis Manthei, Village President

(SEAL)

/s/ _____
Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Resolution 10.07 – Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve Resolution 10.07 for continuing participation in the Coulee Region Joint Municipal Court. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2003, the Village of West Salem entered into an Agreement for the Establishment of a Joint Municipal Court by and between the City of Onalaska, the Town of Campbell, Town of Shelby, Village of Bangor, Village of Holmen, Village of Rockland, and the Village of West Salem; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2003, the Village of West Salem effected Section 1.25 Joint Municipal Court of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees has determined it is in the best interests of the Village to continue to participate in the Joint Municipal Court through December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has reviewed estimated 2008 Joint Municipal Court participation costs as estimated by the City of Onalaska Finance Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of West Salem that through December 31, 2008, the Village of West Salem shall, in addition to court costs retained by the Court as per Section 7(b) of the Agreement, fund any net operating expenses after application of the local share of court costs based upon each municipality's percentage of the total annual filed cases as per Section 7(c) of the Agreement.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that through December 31, 2008, the Village of West Salem shall fund the Court annual DARE allocation based upon each municipality's percentage of the total annual filed cases.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2007.

/s/ _____
Dennis Manthei, Village President

(VILLAGE SEAL)

/s/ _____
Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Operator's License Applications

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve operator's licenses for Julie A. Barney, Kevin M. Candahl, and Robert Hundt. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Update on Village Reassessment Progress

Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler updated the Board on the 2007 reassessment of property. The assessment firm is approximately one month behind due to unforeseen personal and professional circumstances. Anticipated Board of Review is the end of October.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Trustee Harold reported on the August 14, 2007, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review with the Hockey Association a proposed West Salem Community Shelter Agreement between the Village of West Salem and the West Salem Hockey Association. Over the years, the Association and the Village have operated under an oral agreement regarding the Association's use of the shelter during hockey season. Recognizing the Village Board and the Hockey Association Boards will change their membership over time, the Committee feels the time is appropriate to put in an agreement form the terms of the building use. Several revisions and additions were made to the Agreement. The open, community skate time was addressed by the Committee, and the Hockey Association has agreed to provide a minimum of ten hours per week of open skate time, three hours of which will be supervised. The security system has proven very successful, and recreational immunity for the Village remains in place for unsupervised open skate hours.

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the minutes of the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of August 14, 2007. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the August 7, 2007, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review with the Village Attorney a proposal to the Police Union. The Committee convened in closed session, and the Committee took no action.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2007, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to convene in closed session at 8:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to reconvene in open session at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the August 13, 2007, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and recommend a proposal to settle the Police Union Contract to the Village Board for approval. The Committee submitted a final recommendation for consideration by the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the contract recommendations to settle the Police Union Contract. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Shared Ride Service Update

Trustee Engel updated the Board on the continued success of the Shared Ride service with Onalaska and Holmen. West Salem has averaged 400 rides each month. Due to the success of the service and the increasing ridership, West Salem's budgeted support for the service will decrease in 2008.

2007 Population Estimate

The Wisconsin Demographic Service Center's preliminary estimate of the January 1, 2007, population for the Village of West Salem is 4,823. This represents an increase of 85 persons since the 2000 census.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator