

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Jeremy Randall, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Tiffany and Rick Johnson, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$98,558.76
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$17,410.67
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$24,871.23
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,652.60

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

Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the issuance of an Alcohol Beverage Retail License to Whiskey River 54669 LLC, 153 Leonard Street South. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Street Committee

Trustee Brown reported on the September 1, 2020, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss possible revisions to the West Salem Code of Ordinance Section 5.12 Placement of Dumpsters on Public Ways to prohibit dumpsters on South Leonard Street with recommendation to the Village Board. Dave Hundt appeared at the August 18, 2020, Village Board meeting to request that dumpsters not be allowed in the downtown business district because the practice removes on-street parking. James Leicht stated the downtown business district should not be treated like the rest of the Village with regard to the placement of dumpsters on streets. He stated dumpsters should not be allowed on South Leonard Street from Hamilton to Elm unless there are extenuating circumstances when a dumpster cannot be placed behind the business. The request should then be forwarded to the Village Board for special permission. Scott Schumacher pointed out that the two dumpsters on South Leonard Street last month was a rare occurrence, and if the applicants paid for

the permit, the applicants should be allowed to place the dumpster in the street. James Leicht made a motion to establish a business district where dumpsters should be limited to the back of the business unless there is an extenuating circumstance as to why it should be placed on South Leonard Street, and then the Village Board would decide if it should be allowed. Motion denied for lack of a second. Scott Schumacher then moved, and Leroy Brown seconded a motion to recommend to the Village Board that Code Section 5.12 be revised to limit dumpsters on South Leonard Street from Hamilton to Elm to no more than twenty-eight days.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020, Street Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 498 Revise Placement of Dumpsters on Public Ways for Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Leicht and Wee – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the September 2, 2020, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for possible revisions and recommendations to the Village Board a proposed ordinance regulating the operation of ATV/UTV's and golf carts on public streets. Chair Lautz called upon the three residents of Riverview Estates present to speak on the proposed ordinance. Brandon Iverson, 833 Wagon Drive, stated he has purchased a golf cart. He stated golf carts are an economically friendly means of transportation, and he would like to be allowed to use his golf cart on Village Streets. Brad Villand, 1061 William Avenue, stated golf carts are a safe means of transportation which he would mainly use to pick up his children within the neighborhood. Jed Wachter, 1021 William Avenue, spoke in favor of allowing ATV's and golf carts on Village Streets. He stated there are at least thirty children living in this area, and golf carts are a safe means of transportation with good visibility and travel at low speed. He would like to be able to use a golf cart to go over to the La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway from his home. Several of the residents also own ATV's and UTV's. Chair Lautz then called on La Crosse County Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain to speak on La Crosse County's proposed ordinance to open county trunk highways for ATV/UTV use. Mr. Chamberlain first stated that using a golf cart to cross Country Trunk M to the speedway would not be allowed. Mr. Chamberlain stated there is a County ordinance already in place, but the proposed ordinance addresses changes in State Statutes. Chapter 23 allows cities, towns, and villages to open all roads within its boundary to ATV's and UTV's. La Crosse County sent a copy of the draft ordinance to all municipalities in the County so that all have knowledge of it. The draft ordinance presently will affect three towns in the northern part of the County. The County will take into consideration a municipality's approval or opposition to opening county trunks within their boundary to ATV/UTV's, but it is ultimately the County's decision. Chief Randall was asked for his enforcement issues with this ordinance. Chief Randall stated he has not personally seen any negatives on allowing golf carts on public streets. He has concerns about some streets and traffic with ATV's and golf carts, however. If the Village were to allow it, he states his department can manage it. Attorney Klos cited Wis. Stat. Sec. 349.18 regulating golf carts. If golf carts are allowed on Village streets,

the Village would be required to post signage indicating where golf cart use is allowed and where it is not allowed. In order to allow ATV/UTV use on all Village streets, routes also need to be signed properly, and he is concerned about the amount of taxpayer dollars that would be needed in order to meet State Statutes for future enforcement. The Committee then discussed the proposed ordinance. Concerns were expressed about safety, noise, and enforcement required for both ATV's and golf carts. Ron Chamberlain offered the services of his sign expert to work with the Village on where signage would be required. An estimate of the costs of signage could then be calculated. The Committee tabled Ordinance No. 497 until an estimate of the signing costs is available. Ron Chamberlain then informed the Committee that La Crosse County was successful in its application for grant funding to construct a pedestrian bridge at the end of the trail at Veteran's Memorial Park. The grant will fund \$666,048 for design and construction. The application for completion of the trail at the landfill was also successful. The County will design and construct the bridge, and an agreement will be drafted for the Village to take over maintenance of the bridge once it is completed.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Wee, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator