

Regular Board Meeting

September 16, 2014

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

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Wehrs – abstain; remainder of Board - aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$179,100.51
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$10,127.87
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$12,742.04
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,571.82

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

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of alcohol beverage licenses to Melissa Lynn Coelin, Leah Marie Donley, Carissa L. Gerke, Jenna Lynn Hanson, and Alexandra Kay Machacek. Roll call vote: Baltz – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the September 3, 2014, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Dave Hemker, 412 North Leonard Street. Mr. Hemker presently keeps two, female, yellow Labrador dogs. He wishes to add a third female, yellow Labrador. Two statements were received from property owners within 300 feet of the Hemker residence. One written statement was in favor of allowing Mr. Hemker to exceed the pet limit, and one anonymous statement was opposed. The Committee reviewed a list of seven prior police complaints received and/or contacts made from 2009 through 2014 at the Hemker residence regarding his dogs. Complaints received and contacts made were with regard to dogs running at large, dogs barking, and excessive amount of dogs. Mr. Hemker stated he moved into the home in 2009, and his wife moved into the home in 2010, bringing with her a dog. This dog was not familiar with the underground

fencing system, and she has since been trained. One of the concerns addressed by the anonymous statement alleged Mr. Hemker was running a “puppy mill”, and Mr. Hemker assured the Committee he is not operating a puppy mill. Teresa Schnitzler informed the Committee initial permits are limited to a one year term, and a renewal application is required to be filed upon expiration of any permit. The renewal will update any change of information since the previous application was filed. Conditions may be placed on permits, and the Village Board is allowed to issue renewal permits for periods of time as it determines at its discretion. The Village Board also has the power to revoke the excess animal permit after a Village Board finding of fact that a nuisance exists or has been worsened by the allowance of the excess animal. The Committee determined no nuisance will be created by issuing the special permit to Mr. Hemker and recommended to the Village Board issuance of a special permit to allow Mr. Hemker to keep three dogs at his residence at 412 North Leonard Street. The Committee then convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to-wit: discuss West Salem Police Union successor agreement. In open session, the Committee agreed Chief Ashbeck will compile a summary of suggested changes to the successor police union contract and the West Salem Police Union will be contacted to schedule a meeting to discuss a successor police union contract should be scheduled.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the issuance of a special permit to allow Dave Hemker to keep three dogs at his residence at 412 North Leonard Street. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the September 11, 2014, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for possible recommendation to the Village Board an offer to purchase Lot 7, Riverview Estates submitted by Laura and Brad Villand. Mr. Villand presented the Committee with an offer of \$10,000 for the ownership of Lot 7 in Riverview Estates. The Villands would like to buy the property so they can grass seed the lot and make it look cleaner and more presentable. The Villands do not want to put money into cleaning up the lot if they do not own it. The Villands would grant an easement to the Village for access to the Faye Drive ditch. Mr. Halbrucker stated Cedar Corporation will be surveying in the Rhyme Street area on September 16. Lot 7 could be surveyed and a legal description for the easement drafted. The Committee agreed the offer is worth further consideration. Mr. Villand agreed no permanent structures would be placed within the easement area. The Committee recommended moving forward with an engineering survey to designate a 20-foot wide access easement on Lot 7, and if the easement location is agreeable to the Villands recommend accepting the offer of \$10,000 for the sale of Lot 7 to the Village Board. The Committee plans to schedule budget preparation meetings the weeks of October 6 and October 13.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Baltz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Attorney Klos explained the lot was purchased in order to correct erosion issues in the Faye Drive ditch. The erosion issues have been corrected for the most part, but access to the ditch will be needed for maintenance purposes. Attorney Klos clarified with the Board the 20-foot wide access easement will be perpetual, the purchaser cannot build or place permanent structures on the easement area, and if the Village uses the easement and disturbs the area, the Village will level it back to its prior condition and re-seed it.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to move forward with an engineering survey to designate a 20-foot wide access easement on Lot 7, and, if the easement location is agreeable to the Villands, accept the offer of \$10,000 for the sale of Lot 7. Roll call vote: Baltz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator