

Special Board Meeting

October 12, 2015

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Deal, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Hennessey. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

The purpose of the Special Village Board meeting was to review and act on an itemization and billing statement in the amount of \$1,348.86 received from the City of Onalaska for time expended as a result of West Salem's termination of participation in the Shared Ride Public Transit program and to act on an anticipated Memorandum of Understanding to amend the Joint Shared Ride Public Transit Agreement wherein a notice of termination must be made on or before August 1 of the preceding year instead of October 1.

As requested, the City of Onalaska provided a statement with itemization of the time expended to explore options as a result of West Salem's discontinuance of the Shared Ride Public Transit Program. Village Board Trustees and the Administration office have received numerous phone calls and personal visits regarding the Village Board's decision to terminate West Salem's participation in the public transit program, and after closer review of the ridership numbers and discussing the program with the public transit provider, the Village Board did reconsider its termination of the program. Onalaska has accepted West Salem's request to rejoin the program with the condition it pay the costs incurred by Onalaska due to the termination notice.

The Board discussed a proposal to reallocate costs to each participating municipality based on population served rather than ridership numbers. There were 11,857 documented rides in West Salem from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015. The Village Board has requested a more specific compilation of how many residents in West Salem are using the system, and this information is not readily available. The Board discussed better clarification of revenue and expenses for the program. It was agreed Trustee Leicht and Administrator Schnitzler will compose a letter to the City of Onalaska for Trustee Brown, the appointed representative to the Onalaska Utilities Committee, to share with the Onalaska Utilities Committee.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to pay the City of Onalaska billing in the amount of \$1,348.86 for the time expended for West Salem's termination of participation in the Shared Ride Program. Roll call vote: Lautz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding to revise the existing Joint Shared Ride Public Transit Agreement wherein a notice of termination must be made on or before August 1 of the preceding year instead of October 1 was tabled until the document is received from Onalaska.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Deal to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator