

Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 428 Amending Tree Planting and
Creating Boulevard Care

November 18, 2008

Public hearing called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Hoffman, Leicht, and Wehrs. Also present: Ray Ebert and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

This public hearing pertains to proposed Ordinance No. 428, which, if adopted, will amend portions of Section 5.09 tree planting to add boulevard care provisions and requirements.

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

November 18, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Hoffman, Leicht, and Wehrs. Also present: Ray Ebert, Coulee News Special Correspondent Brad Bryan, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Harold to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008, Joint Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

General Fund: \$58,751.77

<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$50,067.42
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$9,158.78

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

Ordinance No. 428 – Amending Tree Planting and Boulevard Care

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve Ordinance No. 428 to Amend Tree Planting and Creating Boulevard Care. Roll call vote: Hanson, Hoffman, and Leicht – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Resolution No. 17.08 – Exceed Levy Limit

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve Resolution No. 17.08 to Exceed Levy Limit. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, the West Salem Fire Protection District, a joint fire department organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, provides fire protection for the Village of West Salem, Town of Hamilton, and Town of Barre, La Crosse County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the West Salem Fire Protection District annual assessment is required to be computed and included in the Village municipal levy; and

WHEREAS, the municipal levy limit worksheet provided by the State of Wisconsin contains a line item which can be used to increase the municipal allowable levy for joint fire department charges budgeted in the fall of 2008 for 2009 operations that are higher for calendar year 2009 operations than for 2008 operations, if the increase meets statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village of West Salem to obtain an allowable adjustment to its municipal levy, the total charges assessed by the West Salem Fire Protection District for the current year increase, relative to the total charges assessed by the District for the previous year, must be less than or equal to the increase in the consumer price index (which was 4.4 percent), plus 2 percent, or 6.4 percent; and

WHEREAS, the West Salem Fire Protection District has set a revised budget to increase its total charges to all members by an amount not exceeding 2 percent plus 4.4 or a 6.4 percent increase over the 2007 levy of each municipality; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each city, village, and town that is served by the joint fire department must adopt a resolution in favor of exceeding the limit as described above; and

WHEREAS, the Village's share of the district's budget increase is more than the Village's allowable 2 percent levy increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of West Salem hereby approves exceeding the municipal levy limit to allow for an increase in charges assessed by the Village of West Salem for the West Salem Fire Protection District, said increase being 6.4 percent over the West Salem Fire Protection 2007 assessment of \$86,933 or \$5,563 for a total 2008 Fire Protection assessment by the Village of \$92,496.

DATED this 18TH day of November, 2008.

/s/ _____
Dennis Manthei, Village President

(SEAL)

/s/ _____
Teresa Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Resolution 18.08 – Cooperative Recycling Efficiency Program

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 18.08 Cooperative Recycling Efficiency Program. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem desires to promote and enhance recycling education for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem may apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for entering into a Cooperative Recycling Agreement with other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, joint educational efforts will decrease the overall cost of sending brochures to all Village residents; and

WHEREAS, a unified recycling message among several La Crosse County municipalities will eliminate some confusion from residents who move between municipalities in La Crosse County and gain recognition of recycling educational brochures throughout La Crosse County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem that a Cooperative Recycling Agreement between the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska, Villages of Holmen and West Salem, County of Buffalo, and the Towns of Shelby, Campbell, Onalaska, Farmington, Greenfield, Holland, Hamilton, and Medary is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village President and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate said Agreement.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2008.

/s/ _____
Dennis Manthei, Village President

(SEAL)

/s/ _____
Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee

Trustee Harold reported on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee meeting of November 3, 2008. Tim Tiber reported on this BPAC meeting. Education of bicyclists and motorists in communities is the major area of focus currently. Virginia Loehr, County Safe Routes to School Coordinator, presented the results of the biking and walking audit. The following were the specific major concerns: No room for pedestrians or a pedestrian walkway on the County Highway M bridge; crossing Highway 16; no sidewalk connecting to the library on Neshonoc Road; railroad tracks on Mill Street; no sidewalks on Mill Street near park; more connecting avenues in the school campus area; improved safety in the school campus area; and crossing at Garland and Lincoln,

Tilson, and Mill Streets. The maximum amount which can be awarded is \$250,000. Virginia suggested it would be logical to first start at the school and assess from the campus out. The Committee is to remember the 5 E's of SRTS: Education, engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation. After discussion, it was determined to have the school committee members determine immediate needs, concerns, and school data, and the other committee members will work on collecting Village data needed for the grant process. The next Committee meeting is December 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of November 3, 2008. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Utilities Committee

Trustee Engel reported on the November 13, 2008, Utilities Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the West Salem to Nathan Hill utility study prepared by Dave Sauer and to receive an update on Storm Water Utility charge options. Dave Sauer presented an initial stormwater management financial plan. The draft estimates projected expenses and replacement costs, and projects the number of residential and non-residential equivalent units. Expenses are estimated to be \$96,500 for 2009. The Committee felt leaf and brush expenses were included in street sweeping activities, and the expense amounts will be adjusted accordingly. The Committee recommended the Village maintain and continue the stormwater fee per ERU at \$4.00 per quarter. Mr. Sauer's preliminary engineering report for utility services from the west Village limits to Nathan Hill was reviewed. West Salem is studying the feasibility of extending sanitary sewer and water utility service to the west of the existing Village limits. The future land use of the sewer service area has been studied for future sanitary sewer and water main extensions based on alignments that would connect to the existing force main in Veterans Park. Several maps were reviewed and cost estimates are included in the study.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Hoffman to approve the November 13, 2008, Utilities Committee meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Hoffman reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on November 18, 2008. Harold Hoffman informed the Committee of a request received from Police Chief Charles Ashbeck for an exception to the residency requirement for Police Secretary Julie Erickson. The Committee recommended approval of an exception to the residency requirement for employee Julie Erickson. The Committee recommended Village Board Trustee and Village Board President salaries be increased by \$100 per year. As elected officials are not permitted to increase their own salaries, Village Trustees and the Village President elected in April of 2009 will receive a \$100 per year increase, and Trustees elected in April of 2010 will receive a \$100 per year increase. The Committee also reviewed tourism expenditures and recommended an increase to \$4,000 per year. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2009 Operating Plan, which includes total expenditures of \$2,187,353 and a levy of \$994,791. The Committee also recommended scheduling a public hearing on the 2009 Operating Plan for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Operators License Application

Motion by Trustee Hanson, seconded by Trustee Engel to deny an operator's license for Nicole I. Shelmidine. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator