

Regular Board Meeting

December 16, 2014

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

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$46,819.89
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$7,831.59
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$14,888.49
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,502.43

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.

West Salem School District Update

Superintendent Troy Gunderson reviewed the West Salem School District annual report with the Board and updated the Board on the status of various matters.

Resolution 9.14

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve Resolution 9.14 Adopting the La Crosse County Multi-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2015-2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

2015 Joint Powers Agreement County 9-1-1

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for 2015 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Alcohol Beverage License

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the issuance of an alcohol beverage license to Kayla Marie James. Roll call vote: Baltz – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Street Committee

Trustee Koelbl reported on the December 9, 2014, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss right-of-way damage at 356 North Mark Street, discuss winter street maintenance procedures, and discuss with possible action special parking accommodation requests by business owners on West Hamilton and South Youlon Streets. Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker informed the Committee that during routine winter snow plowing and clearing maintenance, the boulevard right-of-way at 356 North Mark Street was damaged. Approximately six inches of the grass area along the curb line was removed by snow plow equipment. The adjacent property owner contacted Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler about the damage, and Mr. Halbrucker was contacted by the property owner's daughter. Mr. Halbrucker informed the Committee Village Ordinances state the space between the sidewalk and curb shall be upon the same plane with the sidewalk and the top of the curb. The right-of-way fronting 356 North Mark Street does not comply with this Ordinance in that the boulevard is elevated much higher than the curb line. Mr. Halbrucker also informed the Committee that the Village is not responsible for restoring damage caused by any Village activity, but the public works department will bring dirt to the site and plant grass seed in the spring to restore the area. Adjacent homeowner Elna Witt did not believe dirt and seed will correct the situation, stating the seed would wash away when it rained. The Committee discussed putting the boulevard in compliance with Village Ordinances which would involve removing dirt from the sidewalk to the curb or a portion thereof. The Committee recommended leveling off the boulevard to comply with Village Ordinances. Police Chief Charles Ashbeck shared with the Committee special parking requests received from the business tenant at 123 West Hamilton and the business owner of 121 North Youlon Street. Curvy Chicks is located at 123 West Hamilton, and Sue Weidemann asked Laurie Carlson to attend the Committee meeting on behalf of the business. Curvy Chicks is open Thursday from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m., Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There may be plans to expand the business hours in the future. There are two area residents who routinely park their vehicles directly in front of 123 West Hamilton Street. Clients dropping off consignment goods and customers are unable to conveniently access the business. The Committee discussed several options available to address the long-term parking concerns. There is no parking on West Hamilton from Leonard Street to the alley from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Residents living in that area are parking overnight west of that alley. The Committee directed Police Chief Ashbeck to talk with the owners of the vehicles and request they park farther west and not directly in front of the business entrance, and he was asked to report to the Committee on the results of his contact with the vehicle owners. Jandt-Frederickson Funeral Home is located at 121 North Youlon. The business has constructed a handicap accessible carriage walk from Youlon Street to the sidewalk in front of the business. Area residents routinely park their vehicles in front of this walk and in front of the business. Business representatives have made contact with the residents, but the vehicles are still being parked in front of the business. The Committee suggested the funeral home purchase "special needs" signage for placement in front of the funeral home with the intent that the neighbors respect the purpose of the signage. Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker has received several complaints from residents living in cul de sacs and from residents living adjacent to alleys. The issues expressed to Mr. Halbrucker are the resident's reported lack of timely snow removal and/or plowing of cul de sacs and alleys. Mr. Halbrucker informed the Committee the salt/sand expenses are over the 2014 budgeted amount. The department cannot purchase more than a bucket load of salt due to lack of enclosed,

dry areas to store the salt. Sand/salt mixture is purchased from La Crosse County but needs to be transported from Midway, and the Village has limited storage space for it. The Committee is satisfied with Mr. Halbrucker's policies and procedures on snow plowing and street snow and ice maintenance, and no changes were recommended. Mr. Halbrucker informed the Committee plans for the reconstruction of North Mark Street are in progress and will require designated bicycle lanes. Bicycle lanes require no vehicle parking on the street. The Committee asked about providing sharrows instead of bicycle lanes. A sharrow is a short-form for "shared lane bicycle marking". The pavement marking would include a bicycle symbol and two white chevrons and is used to remind motorists that bicycles are permitted to use the full driving lane. There are no striped bicycle lanes on streets marked with sharrows. Mr. Halbrucker explained a request to provide sharrows instead of bicycle lanes would result in even longer delays of the North Mark Street reconstruction project. The Committee directed Mr. Halbrucker to inform the West Salem School District that after the project is complete, there will be no parking allowed at any time on North Mark Street from East Avenue to East Hamlin Street. This notification will give the School District ample time to prepare for the change

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the Street Committee meeting held on December 9, 2014, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve the Street Committee's recommendation to level off the boulevard at 356 North Mark Street to comply with Village Ordinances. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Baltz, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator