

## Regular Board Meeting

September 1, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Iverson, Koelbl, Leicht, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, Coulee News Special Correspondent Brad Bryan, Laurie Chambers, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Sharon Fuller, Virginia Gates-Loehr, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

### Public Comment

Laurie Chambers addressed the Board with regard to property she and her family presently own on Neshonoc Road. The property is zoned "Business". The family has had offers to purchase with the buyer's desire to develop multi-family housing on the site. However, the Planning Commission and Village Board have denied conditional use permits for multi-family housing developments in the past. The family has turned down offers from buyers wishing to construct a strip mall and a convenience store because the family feels residential uses would more neighborhood-friendly. Ms. Chambers would like to address the Planning Commission to ascertain the Commission's wishes for the property.

### Minutes

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

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| <u>General Fund:</u>  | \$33,249.96 |
| <u>Water Utility:</u> | \$4,751.82  |
| <u>Sewer Utility:</u> | \$8,777.60  |

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

### Safe Routes to School Presentation

Virginia Gates-Loehr, Safe Routes to School Coordinator for La Crosse County Health Department, presented the Safe Routes to School program. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee has been working toward applying for Safe Routes to School funding for the past year. The program is federally-funded to ensure areas within two miles of a school are safe routes to walk and bike and to encourage biking and walking to school. Funds are available for planning, engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation, and Ms. Gates-Loehr has knowledge of \$250,000 in funds being awarded to communities. She has been working with the

Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee on safe routes planning, a walk to school challenge, and a community survey. The Village Board agreed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee should continue its work toward a Safe Routes to School program and funding.

#### Ordinance 6.16 School Bus Warning Lights

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the list of stops where school bus warning lights are utilized as submitted by the West Salem School District. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Operators Licenses Approval

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve operator's licenses for Angela C. Davidson, Cody L. Gerke, Nicholas Paul Hickok, Brady Boyd Hundt, Bethanie Charlotte Krause, Annemarie Noel, James J. Paul, Cassie K. Petranek, and Kristin Whitney Schomberg. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Coin Machine Permit Application

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve issuance of six Coin Machine Permits for Cenex Convenience Store. Roll call vote: Hanson – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

#### Recreation Committee Meeting

Trustee Leicht reported on the August 31, 2009, Recreation Committee meeting. The election of a chairperson was postponed until all of the Committee members were present to vote. Brian Quinn presented his proposed Eagle Scout project. Mr. Quinn would like to pursue construction of a gazebo in the lower park at Lake Neshonoc. The Lions Club has committed \$8,500 toward the project, and the remaining costs will be fundraised by Mr. Quinn. The shape of the gazebo will be octagon with a metal roof and maintenance free. The Committee recommended approval of the Eagle Scout project. The Recreation Director will also talk with the Hockey Association with regard to assisting in the updates of the electrical boxes at the West Salem Community Shelter.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2009, Recreation Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs that, based on the approval of the Recreation Committee meeting minutes, the Village Administrator send a letter to Brian Quinn notifying him the Village Board is in favor of his proposed Eagle Scout project. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee

The meeting was cancelled due to the Safe Routes to School Coordinator could not attend.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator