

Public Hearing
2013 Operating Plan

November 20, 2012

Public hearing called to order at 6:55 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Iverson, Koelbl, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Randy Sanford, Dave Bean, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

This hearing was held for the purpose of hearing any taxpayer or citizen comments or questions pertaining to the proposed Village operating plan for 2013. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed 2013 operating plan.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

November 20, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Iverson, Koelbl, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wehrs. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Peyton Czerwan, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Randy Sanford, Dave Bean, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$55,066.65
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$8,106.89
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$12,449.79
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$15,897.65

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

Pathways Downtown Revitalization Project and Street Lighting Update

Randy Sanford, Short Elliott Hendrickson, and Dave Bean, Badger Environmental, updated the Board on the Pathways Project and the street light progress. As discussed at the November 7, 2012, Village Board meeting, Badger Environmental had requested an extension of the contracted final completion date due to streetlight delivery being delayed. Dave Bean informed the Board the street lamps will be delivered on Wednesday, November 21. The street light poles will be shipped from Texas on December 17, 2012. The shipment takes approximately five days. Mr. Bean has talked with the street pole supplier in an attempt to move the process along quicker. Mr. Sanford stated the contract was approved on August 27, and at that time, the street light supplier estimated an eight-week lead time. Once the order was placed, the supplier stated delivery would be in ten weeks. Mr. Dean informed the Board the State of Wisconsin has changed its procedures to actually purchasing all of the street light poles itself due to this same problem. Trustee Leicht shared complaints he has received from the downtown business owners asking why some of the street lights were not left in place so as to provide adequate lighting. Mr. Bean explained the old street lights had to be removed because the new street lights are being placed in the same locations. In addition, cement requires time to cure before the new street lights can be installed. Trustee Leicht stated he would like to have more lights placed downtown until the new lights can be installed. Police Chief Ashbeck expressed concerns about lack of lighting at the intersection of East Hamilton and North Leonard Street.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to extend the contracted final completion date to Friday, January 4, 2013, provided Badger Environmental maintains adequate lighting in the downtown area. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Proposed 2013 Operating Plan

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the 2013 operating plan, which calls for total expenditures of \$2,454,082 and a levy of \$1,118,860. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Resolution 15.12

Motion by Trustee Lutz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 15.12 Restoration of Shared Revenue Funding. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 cut shared revenue funding for municipalities by 7% (\$47.7 million) effective 2012; and

WHEREAS, shared revenue funding for municipalities has been cut twice before due to the State's fiscal difficulties, including costs of \$57.6 million in 2004 and \$23.1 million in 2010; and

WHEREAS, for over ninety years, the State shared revenue program has been a key component of Wisconsin's State and local relationship and an important part of the State's overall program of property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott Walker and legislative leaders have made job creation and economic growth a top priority; and

WHEREAS, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest in services that businesses demand, like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, and snowplowing; and

WHEREAS, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest in infrastructure that businesses demand, like sewer pipes, water mains, roads, culverts, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, to create jobs and economic growth, municipalities must invest significant funds in a variety of development tools, such as development incentives and grants, business incubators, recruitment and retention efforts, community branding, public/private partnerships, economic development networks, urban service area extensions, and tax incremental financing districts; and

WHEREAS, a strong infrastructure for economic growth, which includes an efficient and effective transportation system to serve the workers and business community, is vital and necessary to the future of our State; and

WHEREAS, job creation and economic growth in our communities will generate additional sales and income taxes for the State; and

WHEREAS, the State should reinvest a portion of its revenue growth in local communities to spur further job creation and economic growth and put Wisconsin on a road to permanent financial stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem urges the Governor and Legislature to restore shared revenue funding to 2002 levels, which for West Salem was \$536,367, once the State's tax collections increase as a result of job creation and economic growth in our communities.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2012.

/s/

_____ Dennis Manthei, Village President

(SEAL)

/s/

_____ Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve alcohol beverage licenses for Clare L. Kensall and Stephanie Lynn Seitz, but deny a license to Gloria Ludvika Laugalis. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve a Special Event Application submitted on behalf of West Salem Youth Hockey for a Hot Chocolate 5K run walk scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2012, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

School Facilities Use Update

Trustee Schumacher informed the Board of various issues and scheduling conflicts with the West Salem School District for use of School District facilities for Recreation Department programs. Trustee Schumacher has discussed the issues with School Board members, and he will continue to do so working toward a resolution for the Recreation Department. The Village Board supports Trustee Schumacher's efforts toward resolving the situation.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Wehrs reported on the November 8, 2012, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to meet and discuss a

successor police union contract and then meet with the West Salem Police Union to continue discussion of a successor police union contract. The Committee convened in closed session to discuss a successor agreement. In open session, Police Union President Robert Schuppel and Police Union Secretary Brett Myers joined the meeting, and Police Union President Robert Schuppel set forth the Police Union's position on the successor contract. The Union stands on its request for a two-year contract. The Union has requested clarification on the Village's proposal regarding vacation time selection. The Village has proposed to add language where selection of vacation time shall be by seniority and may be denied within the reasonable discretion of the employee's supervisor. This proposal is an issue for the Union in that it would like a definition of "reasonable discretion". After discussions, the proposal will be taken back for discussion with the Union members. Union President Schuppel stated the Union would like a ranking system for time off as well. Union President Schuppel addressed the Village's proposal to require police officers to contribute the employee percentage portion to the Wisconsin Retirement System, and the Union would like to know if the Village would increase compensation to cover the employee percentage so the Union does not sustain a pay cut. Merlin Wehrs stated the Village would drop this proposed change to the contract. The Village proposal to include permanently in a successor contract that holiday time will be used in the calendar year it applies to, or it will be lost, barring extenuating circumstances that prevents the officer from using the time is rejected by the Union. Article 9.05 of the present Union contract reserves the right to adjust or move around employee work schedules. The Union proposes this article be eliminated from a successor contract as it is a hardship for employees. Merlin Wehrs responded to the Union proposals and requests as follows:

1. The Village's proposal on holiday time will remain.
2. The selection of vacation time may be denied within the reasonable discretion of the employee's supervisor will remain.
3. The Village will drop the proposal to require the Union pay the employee portion to the Wisconsin Retirement System.
4. The Village proposal of a one-year contract will remain.
5. The Village offers a 1.5% wage increase.
6. Article 9.05 regarding adjustment of employee work schedules will remain.
7. The Village agrees to a new section being added to the contract regarding compensatory time, but the Village proposes the scheduling of compensatory time off is at the reasonable discretion of the employee's supervisor and compensatory time must be used or paid out in the calendar year earned. The Village stated granted compensatory time off does not need to be taken in 1/2-hour blocks, and the Union's proposal that the department maintain a department computer where an officer can view his or her compensatory time bank is denied. The Village will revise the language for compensatory time off and submit the revision to the Police Union for review and consideration.

The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, November 29, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., and the Committee will plan to meet with the Police Union at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Wehrs, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of November 8, 2012. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator