

Public Hearing  
Ordinance No. 480  
Amendment of Village President and Trustee Compensation

December 5, 2017

Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Lautz and Wee. Also present: Troy Gunderson, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Police Lieutenant Jeremy Randall, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear any taxpayer or citizen comments or questions pertaining to Ordinance No. 480. If adopted, Ordinance No. 480 will revise Section 1.03(B) of the Code of Ordinances to increase the compensation for Village President from \$1,400 per year to \$1,500 per year and increase the Village Trustee compensation from \$500 per year to \$600 per year.

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

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Public Hearing  
2018 Proposed Operating Plan

December 5, 2017

Public hearing called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Troy Gunderson, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Police Lieutenant Jeremy Randall, Sherry Laufle, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear any taxpayer or citizen comments or questions pertaining to the proposed Village operating plan for 2018.

Troy Gunderson, 519 Lakewood Street, appeared before the Board to discuss the aging street infrastructure in the Village, and the lack of street reconstruction and repairs. Mr. Gunderson pointed out that according to the 2016 Wisconsin Taxpayer Alliance, West Salem expends \$59 per person on street repairs. The State average for municipalities with West Salem's population range is \$123 per person. Mr. Gunderson stated the Village needs to ask the electorate for more funding for street reconstructions and repairs. He suggested hiring an independent firm to create and distribute a community

survey. The Village needs to create a long-range plan for its infrastructure, and he is willing to be a part of this discussion about future funding for the Village.

Sherry Laufle, 323 North Leonard Street, also appeared before the Board to ask questions about the proposed 2018 operating plan and to ask about long-range plans.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Troy Gunderson, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Staed, Police Lieutenant Jeremy Randall, Sherry Laufle, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$33,126.79
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$65,216.15
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$11,532.85
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$90,984.56

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

Ordinance No. 480

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve Ordinance No. 480 Amendment of Village President and Trustee Compensation. Roll call vote: Leicht – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Resolution No. 7.17

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Resolution 7.17 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SHORT TERM  
PROMISSORY NOTE BORROWING  
AND TAX LEVY FOR VILLAGE BORROWING**

**WHEREAS**, Villages are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, as supplemented and amended, to authorize short-term promissory note borrowing for public purpose, including liquidity for paying general and current operation expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem hereby finds that it is necessary that funds be raised for the public purpose of paying general and current operating expenses as defined in Section 64.04(1)(b) and borrow said money through the issuance of general obligation promissory notes for such public purpose under Section 67.12(12) and now deems it to be necessary and desirable and in the best interest of the Village to authorize the issuance of a general obligation promissory note (the "Note") in a principal amount not to exceed \$48,000 to cover general and current operating expenses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, to authorize short-term promissory note borrowing for general and current operating expenses in an amount to not exceed \$48,000 for a term of forty-eight months at an interest rate of 3.00 percent, with said Note being designated a general obligation promissory note and be executed and delivered in 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby approve and authorize the preparation and filing of an application for the above-named financing and that the Village President and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, including, but not limited to, a promissory note on behalf of the Village of West Salem in accordance with this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in order to provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest of the \$48,000 2018 Note as due, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the Village, in addition to all other taxes for this purpose, a tax sufficient to cover the principal and interest due in the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 based on payments due on the note.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village previously passed Resolution 8.16 authorizing a short term promissory note borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$60,500 for thirty-six months at an interest rate of 2.75 percent to be borrowed in 2017, which amount borrowed actually turned out to be \$40,500 by way of Resolution passed December 6, 2016, and in order to provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Note as due, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the Village, in addition to all other taxes for this purpose, a tax sufficient to cover the principal and interest due in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 based on payments due on the note.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village previously passed Resolution No. 1.17 authorizing short term promissory note borrowing in the amount of \$70,512 for a term of thirty-six months at an interest rate of 3.25 percent by way of a Resolution passed on February 7, 2017, and in order to provide for the collection of a direct annual

tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Note as due, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the Village, in addition to all other taxes for this purpose, a tax sufficient to cover the principal and interest due in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 based on payments due on the note.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village previously passed Resolution No. 5.17 authorizing short term promissory note borrowing for street reconstruction in the amount of \$185,000 for a term of thirty-six months at an interest rate of 3.00 percent by way of a Resolution passed on July 18, 2017, and in order to provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Note as due, there is hereby levied upon all taxable property in the Village, in addition to all other taxes for this purpose, a tax sufficient to cover the principal and interest due in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 based on payments due on the note.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proceeds from all taxes levied when collected by the Village pursuant to this Resolution shall be pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on the Notes described herein.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by unanimous vote of the Village of West Salem Board of Trustees this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

(SEAL)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis Manthei, Village President  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

#### 2018 Operating Plan

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the 2018 Operating Plan which calls for total expenditures of \$2,513,803 and a levy of \$1,322,426. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the issuance of alcohol beverage licenses to Bryce M. Gilbertson and Shari R. Olson. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator