

Regular Board Meeting

December 15, 2009

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

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$110,402.93
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$107,383.26
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$8,197.88

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

Appointment to West Salem Area Community Foundation Board

Trustee Engel reviewed the written request received from the West Salem Area Community Foundation. The Foundation would like the Village Board to make an appointment to the Foundation Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2010.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to nominate and appoint Village President Dennis Manthei to the West Salem Area Community Foundation Board. Roll call vote: Manthei – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Highway 16 Sidewalks

Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker informed the Board of two issues with regard to the Highway 16 sidewalks. When the La Crosse County Highway Department clears snow and ice from Highway 16, the sidewalks along the highway become full of the highway snow and ice making the sidewalks impassable. Village equipment is inadequate in clearing the snow and ice without significant damage to the boulevard and grass. In addition, sidewalk clearing activity results in some snow and ice falling back onto Highway 16. Mr. Halbrucker presented quotes received for purchase of equipment to clear snow properly from the sidewalks. The second issue is business owners along Highway 16 placing their private snow on public rights-of-way. The Board discussed the ordinances regarding business owners placing snow on public right-of-ways, possible options of lease to own new equipment, and warnings and potential charges to business owners violating the ordinances.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to refer the Highway 16 sidewalk issues to the Street Committee for review and recommendation to the Board. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Police Department Presentation

Police Chief Charles Ashbeck presented www.crimereports.com to the Village Board. The software plots and tracks reports filed by the West Salem Police Department. Chief Ashbeck demonstrated the features and advantages of the program. The program has been in place for a number of weeks, and the demonstration software will be in place through the end of the year. At that time, the Village will need to decide whether to continue with the program or uninstall the software. The cost is \$500 per year and is maintenance free for the Village.

Motion by Trustee Koelbl, seconded by Trustee Engel to support the crime reporting program. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Operator's Licenses

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Koelbl to approve operator licenses for Paul L. Donnell and Alyse M. Koch. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Department Head Updates

Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan reported the West Salem Lion's Club donated \$8,500 for construction of a gazebo in the Neshonoc Lake Addition lower park. Construction has begun and will continue through the winter. The Recreation Department recently received an in-kind grant for flag football equipment. Mrs. Czerwan also informed the Board eight nominations for Christmas light decorating have been received, and the contest remains open for additional nominations.

Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker announced the new water storage tower has been filled with water. After two successful, passing tests, the reservoir will go "on-line". This week the reservoir will be integrated with the Village scada system. Large article pick up was delayed due to the large snowfall last week, and residents should be reminded not to place snow into Village right-of-ways. Mr. Halbrucker also set out the snow clearing and removal procedures utilized by the Public Works Department.

Utilities Committee

Trustee Engel reported on the December 9, 2009, Utilities Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Faye Drive stormwater management. The Committee convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to-wit: Faye Drive storm water management. In open session, the Committee recommended requesting the complete engineering plans from Harter Development Corp. and to refer such plans to Foth Infrastructure for review and recommendation to the Utilities Committee.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Iverson to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009, Utilities Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator