

Regular Board Meeting

December 18, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Engel, Hanson, Harold, Hoffman, and Wehrs. Excused: Leicht. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Realtor Mick O'Grady, Ron and Linda Radke, Harry Peterson, Matt Perenchio, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

North Rose Street Resident Harry Peterson appeared before the Board to present a petition to stop the daily siren testing in West Salem. Mr. Peterson stated the daily testing is unnecessary and is a quality of life issue. Residents Monte and Jan Jacobson sent a letter to the Board citing daily annoyance, loud noise level, and public nuisance.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Wehrs to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$51,722.23
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$7,169.65
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$7,813.46

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

New Construction and Operation of Fireworks Business

Ron and Linda Radke appeared before the Board to present their proposal for a fireworks business they would like to locate on Buol Road between Lloyd's Speedstop and Americinn Motel. The Radkes have operated a fireworks business in Tomah for six years, and they would like to take advantage of the Interstate traffic and establish a new business in West Salem. They would construct a 3,000 square foot pole building at the location, and they would sell only "safe and sane" fireworks. Realtor Mick O'Grady stated the Radkes' plans will add tax base to the Village, and the business would be open three to six months of the year. Police Chief Ashbeck expressed concerns about sale of illegal fireworks to Village residents and how the Radkes plan to enforce the restrictions on sales to Village residents.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Harold that the Village not grant a permit to the Radkes for operation of a fireworks business. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Board and Committee Agendas Posted on Website

Trustee Hanson informed the Board of resident requests that Village Board and Committee agendas be posted on the Village website. Trustee Hanson felt this was a reasonable request in that it gives the public a chance to react to items on the agenda. Webmaster Greg Mader has agreed to post the meeting notices at an added annual cost.

Motion by Trustee Hanson to authorize the website provider to post Village Board and Committee agendas on the website and the costs to be funded by a donation. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Hoffman to authorize the website provider to post Village Board and Committee agendas on the website with the costs taken from the contingency fund in the budget. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Appointment of Election Officials

Motion by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Harold to appoint the following individuals as Election Clerks for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2009. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Constance Blunck, Chief Inspector, Margaret Lyga, Alternate Chief Inspector, MaryLou Schauf, Jean Walter, Georgia Ertz, Barbara Hoffman, Jean Ledman, Arleen Haverly, Deanna Simrell, Linda Lusk, Doneane Hegenbart, Lena Amundson, Denise Stinson

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Trustee Harold reported on the December 7, 2007, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to address the electrical charges incurred for the 2006-2007 hockey season and the charges incurring for the current season. Pursuant to the Agreement, a bill was sent to the Association for electrical charges incurred in the amount of \$3,458.33. The bill was prepared based on the difference between the average summertime charges for the community shelter and the hockey season electrical charges. Chairperson Helen Harold stated the Hockey Association was prepared to pay \$2,000 toward the electric bill, and the bill sent was higher than the Association anticipated. The School District also utilizes the facility during open skate time for physical education classes. According to the provisions of stewardship program grant used to construct the facility, the facility must be kept open for public use for reasonable hours and times of the year. During the winter when the facility's primary use is a skating rink, the rink must be available to the public for reasonable hours. In light of this information, the Hockey Association has scheduled public open skate time from 8:00 a.m. to around 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and various times on the weekends. The Committee recommended accepting the \$2,000 the West Salem Hockey Association is prepared to pay and call it even. The Committee also recommended the Hockey Association pay 50 percent of the electrical charges for the 2008 hockey season to be billed monthly for one year. The Committee will meet in January to again review the Agreement.

Motion by Trustee Harold, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting minutes of December 7, 2007. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Hamilton-West Salem-Onalaska Border Agreement Update

President Manthei updated the Board on the status of a border agreement with the Town of Hamilton and City of Onalaska. The Village Attorney Alan Peterson reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding, Map, and proposed calendar timeline. Attorney Peterson felt the Memorandum was in good form, but he advised not proceeding to a formal boundary agreement at this time. President Manthei informed the Board of a meeting the Town of Hamilton held with all of the property owners along Highway 16 west of the Village. All of the property owners felt the whole corridor should be designated exclusive agriculture, and any future development and annexation should be with the Village of West Salem. President Manthei indicated the Village would review a final Memorandum of Understanding in January.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Engel to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator