

VILLAGE OF WESTON BOARD MINUTES
5500 SCHOFIELD AVENUE, WESTON, WI

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Trustees present were White, Ziegler, Ermeling, Maloney, Jaeger and Schmutzler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Community Development Director Higgins, Park Superintendent Osterbrink, Chief Vergin and Fire Chief Pierce were also present. There were 4 people present in the audience.

II. CONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

- A. **M/S/P Ziegler/White: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 2/4/08 and place on file.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Repair Reimbursement Agreement with American Transmission Company

**M/S/P White/Schmutzler: to approve the Road Repair Reimbursement Agreement with American Transmission Company.*

B. Signal Investigation Study for CTH X and Howland Avenue Intersection

**M/S/P Ziegler/Jaeger: to approve the Investigation Study for CTH X and Howland Avenue Intersection in the amount of \$3707.80.*

C. Plan Commission Items:

1. **Staff Approved CSM #36-07 through #38-07 and CSM#02-08**

**M/S/P Ermeling/Maloney: to acknowledge Staff Approved CSM #36-07 through #38-07 and CSM#02-08.*

2. **Staff Approved Sign Permits: #SP2008-001 through SP2008-017**

**M/S/P White/Schmutzler: to acknowledge the staff approved sign permits: #SP2008-001 through SP2008-017.*

3. **Site Plan for Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant: 3702 Schofield Avenue (WMCR Corp/Fred J. Piette Company, Inc/MTS/Omni Associates)**

Zuleger indicated there were several contingencies for this site plan. One of the issues was the lack of masonry on the building. The developer is now going to go 100 percent masonry. There are also some issues pending regarding submission.

**M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to approve the site plan for Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant: 3702 Schofield Avenue, with the contingencies listed.*

4. **SP2008-018 and SP2008-019 - Request for two permanent freestanding monument signs at Callon Corners, 6815 County Road J - (Sec. 94.157(b)(4)) (Heron Group/Graphic House)**

**M/S/P White/Ermeling: to approve the request for two permanent freestanding monument signs at Callon Corners, 6815 County Road J.*

D. Operator/Bartender Licenses

1. **David Rogers, Julia Bertoglio, Michael Kumbera, Keith Cota, Angela Zahradka**

**M/S/P Jaeger/schmutzler: to approve the operator/bartender licenses for David Rogers, Julia Bertoglio, Keith Cota and Angela Zahradka.*

**M/S/P White/Maloney: to deny the operator/bartender license for Michael Kumbera.*

E. Vouchers

**M/S/P Ziegler/Ermeling: to approve vouchers 22591 to 22711.*

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes

**M/S/P White/Jaeger: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/04/08.*

B. Plan Commission Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/11/08.*

C. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/11/08.*

D. Finance Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 01/24/08.*

V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Jaeger indicated a public hearing would be held on the Village's Outdoor Comprehensive plan February 20th. Zuleger reported staff received the final price list for the skateboard park. Staff continues to work on donations.

B. Police Chief

Vergin indicated he is doing internal memos for the Department.

C. Fire Chief

1. Previous month's statistics, call volumes, and trends

Pierce reported January was a busy month for EMS. He also reported the response time went over six minutes because of weather related issues. The Department has six new volunteers. There were no significant fires in the Village.

D. Director of Public Works

1. Status of Projects

a. Safe Routes to School Project (DCE Junior High School)

Vergara reported the contract is at the Governors office waiting for his signature.

b. Birch-Alderson-Jelinek Reconstruction Project

Vergara reported the sanitary and the storm were televised last week. This will be done again in the spring because they could not get through the 12" storm inlets.

c. Discussion of WisWARN Public Works Mutual Aid Network

Vergara explained this is a product from the Department of Homeland Security.

2. Utility and Street Operations Report

No comments.

E. Zoning Administrator/Community Development Director – Building Inspector

Zuleger said there is a lot of commercial activity going on right now. Any growth in Weston this year will be on the commercial end. Staff is working on putting together some protocol for tracking use of buildings. Staff is also tracking ordinance violations, nuisances and crimes as they relate to rental units in Green Acres. 80 percent of problems come from the rental units.

F. Taxpayer Relations Coordinator

1. Nuisances

Hodell reported she has been busy with snow removal issues.

2. Website

Hodell reported business links have been added to the Village's website.

3. Weston Fest

There is a Weston Fest Business P.M. scheduled for Thursday, February 28th.

G. Finance Director

1. Tax Collection Final Update

Jacobs reported the Village Collected \$15.1 million in taxes. The percentage is down approximately 5 percent from last year. The local banks collected 15 percent. 622 dog licenses were issued.

H. Administrator's Report

1. Village Operations

a. Winter (07-08) Maintenance Costs

Zuleger reported the Street Crew is well over 400 hours in overtime. He reviewed a summary of winter maintenance hours and wage costs. He said there have been 15 significant events this year. Last year there were 7 significant events. The Street Crew has been spending a lot of time widening roads. Zuleger said the Village should be able to cover the extra winter maintenance costs with surplus. He also plans to do a mailbox rating.

2. Economic Development Report

Zuleger said he is working with Mr. Schierl on promoting the Cross Pointe subdivision. He is also working on four lots for Business Park South. He is working with a local company that would like to expand their business in Weston.

3. 2008 Capital Funding Strategy

Zuleger reviewed the 2008 capital borrowing program. It was noted the grand total capital borrowing for 2008 is \$1,886,018.

**M/S/P Jaeger/Ermeling: to approve using donations, corporate sponsorships and donated materials for the Skateboard Park to offset the estimated cost of \$250,000, and then use whatever the net of that is to be funded by the room tax.*

4. Veolia Drop-Off Site Plan

Zuleger said the site plan was put in the board packets. This area will be fenced in. The biggest issue is keeping people out of the Veolia site where they have been vandalizing trucks.

5. Discussion: The Role of Government with Developer Investment

Zuleger said the Board over the last seven years has been kind of varied in their approach in dealing with developers. Over the last five years the Board has taken a stand that development needs to stand on its own. He also noted the specific performance requirements in the TIF. The recent history has been that the developer would stand on their own. If there is going to be a change in policy staff needs to know. The Plan Commission is struggling with the issue of bailing out developers and the Village taking over projects. Staff hopes the Board takes a stand that development needs to stand on its own.

He would like the Board to define the Village's role in developer investment. It's the developer's responsibility to make the development successful and not the Village Board. Zuleger said if the Plan Commission wants to be involved in spurring this development there is a lot of discipline that will have to be used. Most communities have pretty restrictive specs in their developer agreements. He also feels there is a conflict of interest issue with a neighbor that sold the property and is voicing a contrary opinion. He also explained the TIF letter of credit payments.

6. Everest Men Respect Campaign

A Press conference was held last Thursday. The head of the Women's Community said it was the most incredible experience she has had in her career. The District Attorney gave a presentation. The School Superintendent discussed the K-12 effort. The senior high kids are working hard on this campaign. The Coaches will teach this curriculum to the kids. To date he has received over 400 signatures on petitions. This campaign consists of five things to include: public relations, K-12 Education, the Clergy offering counseling services, Chief Vergin's intervention program and the Hmong intervention program.

7. Discussion of Emergency Medical Options for the Village of Weston

Zuleger explained management would be entering into negotiations with the IAFF Local 415 on a union contract for the fulltime firefighters. It would be an increase in expenditures if the Village would implement the Wausau contract. Management will be bargaining hard with them on a Weston custom designed EMS and Fire contract. Staff has also talked with Wausau regarding possible merging. There is not an interest in fire service. Staff has also been talking with St. Claires regarding privatization of ambulance services. This would be an upgrade from EMT- IV Tech to paramedic.

Pierce explained the CQI (Constant Quality Improvement) program to the Board. This program helps identify how well EMT's are doing on the job. This is one way to measure performance and a good way to evaluate the care people are getting. Zuleger wants these total quality management principles in the union contract.

I. Clerk's Report

1. Election Update

Weinkauff stated she is ready for the election tomorrow. She recently hired more poll workers to staff the polling places. She also stated Key to Life is a very nice facility.

VI. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Board Members may express concerns and opinions at this time – No Action will be taken

A. Maloney

Maloney asked about the Amber alert sign. He thought the timing should be extended 5 to 10 seconds more.

B. White

No comments.

C. Jaeger

Jaeger is pleased with the Village's website.

D. Schmutzler

No comments.

E. Ziegler

No comments.

F. Ermeling

Ermeling asked to be excused from next meeting.

VII. *PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS*

No comments

VIII. *ADJOURN*

**M/S/P Ziegler/Jaeger to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauff, Clerk