

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

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. Trustees present were White, Ziegler, Maloney, Jaeger and Schmutzler. Ermeling was absent and excused. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Community Development Director Higgins, Taxpayer Relations Coordinator Hodell and Fire Chief Pierce were also present. There were 5 people present in the audience.

II. CONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

A. *M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 2/18/08 and place on file.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. R-02-2008, Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments, Birch Street, Jelinek Avenue, and Alderson Street; Street Improvements, Sidewalk, and Curb and Gutter

**M/S/P Ziegler/White: to approve R-02-2008, Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments, Birch Street, Jelinek Avenue, and Alderson Street; Street Improvements, Sidewalk, and Curb and Gutter.*

B. Adoption/Approval of Storm Water Education and Outreach Program

**M/S/P Ziegler/Jaeger: to table the Approval of the Storm Water Education and Outreach Program.*

C. Lighting on Sandy Lane

**M/S/P White/Schmutzler: to approve the lighting on Sandy Lane, per the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee.*

D. Coin and Entertainment License for Darrell Bradfish, The Fishtank, 6606 County Road J

**M/S/P Schmutzler/Maloney: to approve the Coin and Entertainment License for Darrell Bradfish, The Fishtank, 6606 County Road J.*

E. Operator/Bartender Licenses

1. Pamela Gierszewski, Nancy Koskey

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to approve the Operator/Bartender Licenses listed above.*

F. Vouchers

**M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve Vouchers 22712 to 22791.*

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/18/08.*

B. Public Safety Committee Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/21/08.*

C. Joint Sidewalk Workshop Minutes

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to acknowledge the minutes of 02/25/08.*

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Zuleger reported he continues to talk with possible donors for the skateboard park.

B. Police Chief

Zuleger reported the Village and Everest Metro are hoping to lift the overnight parking ban by the end of the week.

C. Fire Chief

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

Pierce reported the statistics would be available for the next meeting.

D. Director of Public Works

1. Project Update

Donner reported there is a vacancy on the RMMSD Board. If the Board members know of anyone interested please let him know. He also reported the Urban Area Sewer Service Plan has been approved.

2. Utility and Street Operations Report

There were several freeze-ups last week and over the weekend. He also reported the Street Crew has been busy with clearing inlets.

E. Zoning Administrator/Community Development Director – Building Inspector

1. Update on Village’s FEMA-National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Certification

Higgins reported she is still waiting for National Flood Insurance certification from FEMA. She also received two requests from residents having to prove to mortgage companies that they are not in a flood plain.

2. Building Permit Issuance to Date

Higgins reported the Building Inspector issued the first 2008 single family home building permit last week.

F. Taxpayer Relations Coordinator

1. Weston Fest

Hodell reported the Committee is looking for donations and volunteers for Weston Fest. She also said this year a carnival will be held during Weston Fest.

2. Nuisances

Hodell reported she continues to receive a lot of calls on snow maintenance issues.

G. Finance Director

1. Year End Budget Status Update

Jacobs reported he and the Staff Accountant have been busy with year-end audit work. The auditors will start preliminary work the last week in March.

H. Administrator’s Report

1. Economic Development Report

Liquor License Economic Development Grant Criteria

Zuleger reviewed the grant criteria. The criteria is as follows:

- a. The applicants primary business use is a sit down restaurant serving alcohol regulated under Section 6.103 – Beer and Wine.
- b. The applicant will make real property improvements that will increase the taxable increment by \$500,000 or adds furniture, fixtures and equipment to the personal property rolls that equals \$500,000.
- c. The applicant will create the equivalent of 10 FTE jobs paying no less than \$8 per hour (including gratuities).

**M/S/P Jaeger/White: to approve the Liquor License Economic Development Grant Criteria as presented.*

2. Weston Emergency Medical Services Update

Zuleger explained there was media today regarding discussions staff is having with Ministry Health care on providing paramedic ambulance service. He further explained the goal is to see if the Village can provide paramedic ambulance service at the same price, plus 3 percent for inflation. The Village should see a final report from Ministry on or around March 15th.

Staff also received notice last week from the International Association of Firefighters that their election has been certified. Management will be negotiating with the fulltime firefighters. Patient care criteria will be put in the contract. The discussions with Ministry do not have any bearing on the labor negotiations with the Firefighters. We may need to push paramedic training among fulltime firefighters.

Zuleger said the Fire chief, Administrator and the Public Safety Committee will take a lot of grief on this issue. If the Village can get a higher level of care for the same price he feels we owe it to the taxpayers.

Zuleger also reported there was an open records request from the IAFF Union President.

3. Schofield Avenue Lane Expansion Project

Zuleger reviewed the request for congressional appropriation on the Schofield Avenue Lane Expansion Project. He indicated the appropriation request is \$1,500,000. This request has been submitted to Congressman Obey.

4. Sidewalk Initiative

a. YTD Survey Results

Zuleger received 40 responses on the sidewalk question, which was in the Village Newsletter. 16 people responded with a yes, while 24 people responded with a no.

b. Workshop Recap

Zuleger believes three things came out of the recap.

1. The Village wants to maintain the connection policy.
2. The Village will pay for those projects (reimbursement will be an issue to debate at the Finance Committee level).
3. The Village would like people to maintain sidewalks in front of their house

Jaeger said if the Village does restripe Ross Avenue she would like to see “no parking” signs put up. It was indicated there was a lot of parking by Weston School.

5. Lamar Digital Billboard Hwy. 29 Site

Zuleger said this is a new site for a billboard. One of the other billboards will come down. This item will be on the Plan Commission agenda in April.

6. New Era Vision Statements / Staff

a. Board Interviews

Zuleger would like to schedule interviews with board members. He would like to get some scheduled this week.

Zuleger read a new era vision statement created by Jaeger. He said he liked this one. He wants to the Board to consider this vision statement.

b. Good to Great

Zuleger said staff is studying the book “Good to Great”.

7. Consideration of Salary Increase for Park Maintainer/Certified Arborist

Zuleger reported Park Maintainer Falkowski passed the Certified Arborist test. She did all the study on her own. She has been working on tree inventory and a tree ordinance. He is recommending a \$1 increase in her salary. **M/S/P Maloney/Schmutzler: to approve the \$1 increase for Park Maintainer Falkowski.*

I. Clerk’s Report

Weinkauf informed the Board that Deputy Clerk Budnick finished entering all new voter registration applications from the last election. It only took a week for her to enter approximately 300. Right now we are focusing on trying to match voter participation counts with SVRS.

VII. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

A. Maloney

Maloney asked to be excused from the next Plan Commission meeting. He asked for a “Good to Great” book.

B. White

No Comments.

C. Jaeger

Jaeger said she received a comment on the Village’s “Welcome” signs. It was indicated they look kind of 70’s. Zuleger said staff could spruce these signs up a bit.

D. Schmutzler

No Comments.

- E. Ziegler**
Ziegler also asked for a book.
- F. Ermeling**
No Comments.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS
No comments.

IX. ADJOURN
**M/S/P Maloney/White: to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauff
Village Clerk