

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

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Trustees present were White, Ziegler, Maloney, Jaeger, Ermeling and Schmutzler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Finance Director Jacobs, Community Development Director Higgins, Chief Vergin and Fire Chief Pierce were also present. There were 14 people present in the audience.

II. CONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

A. *M/S/P Ziegler/Jaeger: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 4/7/08 and place on file.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution R-03-2008 – Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments on Machmueller Street from Jelinek Avenue to STH 29 - Curb & Gutter and Street Improvements

***M/S/P Ermeling/Schmutzler: to approve Resolution R-03-2008 – Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments on Machmueller Street from Jelinek Avenue to STH 29 - Curb & Gutter and Street Improvements.**

B. Resolution R-04-2008 – Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments on Shepherd Lane - Street Improvements

***M/S/P Jaeger/White: to approve Resolution R-04-2008 – Preliminary Resolution for Special Assessments on Shepherd Lane - Street Improvements.**

C. Resolution R-05-2008 – Resolution Authorizing the Project to Proceed and Levy Special Assessments on Birch-Alderson-Jelinek Reconstruction Project

***M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to approve Resolution R-05-2008 - Resolution Authorizing the Project to Proceed and Levy Special Assessments on Birch-Alderson-Jelinek Reconstruction Project. Q/Donner said there is an amendment to the report that states there will not be any special assessments related to driveway approach replacements. Q/ James Garrity, 5805 Alderson Street, stated he strongly objects to the road construction assessment, which is one third of the total cost. He asked if there is room for adjustment on the cost. Schuster said no. Schuster said he understands that the road has more traffic, but there are a lot of streets like that in the Village. Q/ Donner said just under \$500,000 will be special assessed. The balance of one million will be picked up by the Village. He said the assessment ordinance is written as it is. The Village did not deviate from that ordinance when they took action on this item at the hearing.**

D. Contract with CWE, Inc. for the Design and Construction Services on Howland Avenue and Camp Phillips Road Traffic Signals

***M/S/P Maloney/Schmutzler: to approve a Contract with CWE, Inc. for the Design and Construction Services on Howland Avenue and Camp Phillips Road Traffic Signals in the amount of \$46,600.**

E. Project Agreement with Department of Transportation for Birch Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over STH29

***M/S/P White/Ermeling: to approve the project agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Birch Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over STH29.**

F. Contract Prices with American Asphalt for Driveways, Asphalt Overlays and Pavement Replacement

***M/S/P Schmutzler/Jaeger: to approve the Contract Prices with American Asphalt for Driveways, Asphalt Overlays and Pavement Replacement.**

G. Plan Commission Items:

1. Application #CU2008-001 by Lamar of Central WI, Marshfield requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an off-premise billboard sign which will contain LED technology - 8702 Progress Way

**M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to approve Application #CU2008-001 by Lamar of Central WI, Marshfield requesting a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of an off-premise billboard sign which will contain LED technology - 8702 Progress Way, per the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Q/Ermeling said this is adding another off premise billboard sign. Other communities are trying to get rid of some of the sign pollution. Once these signs are up they are hard to take down. She does not have a problem with how the sign looks, but does have a problem with adding additional off-premise signs. A motion to amend was made by Ermeling to have Lamar remove one of their other billboard signs and replace with this one. There was no second. Motion to amend dies due to lack of a second. All were in favor of the original motion, except Ermeling who voted no. Motion passed.*

2. **SP#2008-024 Lamar permanent sign permit for LED billboard – 8702 Progress Way (Off Premise sign)**
**M/S/P Maloney/White: to approve SP#2008-024 Lamar permanent sign permit for LED billboard – 8702 Progress Way (Off Premise sign), per the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Q/Ermeling said the Village will have a hard time in the future denying anybody else that wants off-premise signs. She feels the Village is opening itself up to a lot of problems. Q/Maloney feels these signs can be addressed one sign at a time. There was nice trading on the other 6 or 7 signs. The signs will be washed downward to keep the light out of the sky. He also feels pollution is a strong word for signage. He said businesses need to grow and this is a growing community. He feels there are more telephone wires and telephone pole pollution than sign pollution. He stated it conforms and is zoned properly. All were in favor, except Ermeling who voted no. Motion passed.*
 3. **Architectural Review of proposed Exterior Remodel Coin-OP Laundromat – 1419 Neupert Avenue (Tesch)**
**M/S/P Ermeling/Schmutzler: to approve the Architectural Review of proposed Exterior Remodel Coin-OP Laundromat – 1419 Neupert Avenue (Tesch), per the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Q/White said he noticed they started construction and asked if they were issued a permit. Higgins said they were not in for a permit. She will make the Building Inspector aware of this.*
 4. **Architectural Review of proposed Exterior Remodel Mom’s Café – 3406 Schofield Avenue (Roth/AHM Services, LLC)**
**M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to approve the Architectural Review of proposed Exterior Remodel Mom’s Café – 3406 Schofield Avenue (Roth/AHM Services, LLC), per the recommendation of the Plan Commission.*
 5. **Staff Approved CSM #05-08 through #10-08**
**M/S/P White/Schmutzler: to acknowledge the Staff Approved CSM #05-08 through #10-08.*
 6. **Staff Approved Sign Permits: #SP2008-023 through #SP2008-028**
**M/S/P Ziegler/White: to acknowledge the Staff Approved Sign Permits: #SP2008-023 through #SP2008-028. All were in favor, except Ermeling who voted no.*
 7. **Staff Approved Occupancy Certificates: #000810 - #000811**
**M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to acknowledge the Staff Approved Occupancy Certificates: #000810 - #000811.*
- H. Town of Easton and Town of Ringle Ambulance Contracts**
**M/S/P White/Ermeling: to approve the Town of Easton and Town of Ringle Ambulance Contracts.*
- I. Street Light between Alex Street and Alan Street on Sandy Lane**
**M/S/P Ermeling/Maloney: to approve the Street Light between Alex Street and Alan Street on Sandy Lane.*

- J. Class B Beer and Liquor License for TB Chang, LLC – 4215 Barbican Avenue**
**M/S/P Schmutzler/Jaeger: to approve the Class B Beer and Liquor License for TB Chang, LLC – 4215 Barbican Avenue.*
- K. Operator/Bartender Licenses**
1. Rachel Lessor and Ann Maas
**M/S/P Ermeling/Maloney: to approve the Operator/Bartender Licenses.*
- L. Vouchers**
**M/S/P White/Schmutzler: to approve vouchers 23030 to 23171.*
- IV. COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- A. Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes**
**M/S/P Ziegler/White: to acknowledge the Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes of 04/07/2008 and 04/16/2008 and place on file.*
- B. Plan Commission Minutes**
**M/S/P Ziegler/White: to acknowledge the Plan Committee Minutes of 04/14/2008 and place on file.*
- V. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks & Recreation Superintendent**
 Jaeger reported approximately 65 Aquatic Center passes have been sold to date.
- B. Police Chief**
 Vergin reported several drug arrests were made last week. The Police Commission will meet this coming Monday. The Neumann case is currently being reviewed by the District Attorney’s office and a press conference will be held a week from today.
- C. Fire Chief**
1. Previous month’s statistics, call volumes, and trends
 Pierce expressed his appreciation to Trustee White on the Easton and Ringle contracts he put together while he was Fire Chief. The Administrator met with the volunteers and some good ideas came out of that meeting. Since that meeting there has been a huge increase in volunteer turnout.
- D. Director of Public Works**
1. Project Update
 There was a short discussion on truck traffic on both Jelinek and Alderson. Donner stated on Jelinek from Business 51 to Alderson, then Alderson from Jelinek to Ross is part of the classified system for an urban area transportation system. There would be trouble closing those streets to truck traffic. Donner reported the next step on the Sandy Creek crossing is to meet with representatives of the Town and residents in nearby subdivisions.
- 2. Utility and Street Operations Report**
 He also reported there was a leak down at Alderson and Shorey, a fire at the Eau Claire River lift station and a high water issue at the Ross Avenue lift station.
- E. Zoning Administrator/Community Development Director**
1. EnerGov Software Update
 Higgins reported Energov would be here the week of April 29th to review some of the forms and applications that will be used in the new software system. Training will be held May 19th.
- 2. New Lahr Avenue Frontage Road Proposed Address Changes**
 Higgins reported Marathon County has restructured Lahr Avenue to a frontage road. She will mail out address change notices to the property owners.

3. Discussion of Sign Ordinance, Permits and Fees

Higgins asked the Board members their thoughts on the sign ordinance. Maloney feels the Village should keep the amber text. He said some of signs are getting crazy with all the different colors and flashing. Schuster said he likes the Lamar sign on Schofield Avenue. Jaeger asked what the difference is in the ordinance addressing that sign versus other signs that move. White and Schmutzler both feel the Village needs to watch for brightness on signs. Ziegler also feels the Village should keep the amber color. He also said from a business stand point he understands why they want some of the flashy signs, but is concerned from a community prospective that the Village could open themselves up to allowing too many different kind of signs. Ermeling also would like to stay with the amber color. She does not like the flashing and scrolling on the signs. Schmutzler does not want to see the inflatable dancers. The Board feels the ordinance should remain pretty much the same as it is. It was suggested that sign timing issues could be changed, as well as staying away from exploding colors on signs. Jaeger suggesting notifying Weston businesses regarding the Village's sign ordinance. This way they know the regulations before purchasing a new sign.

F. Finance Director

1. Year-end Audit Update

Jacobs reported the auditor for the Everest Metro Police Department will be here this Friday. The Village auditors will be here next week.

2. Accounting Software Update

Jacobs said there is a schedule in place for the changeover on the accounting software.

G. Administrator's Report

1. Economic Development Report

Zuleger reported he met with someone from Green Bay that would like to put a 30,000 sq. ft. facility in the Business Park. This would bring approximately 30 to 40 jobs to the area. He met with United Structure regarding two clients that are interested in land out in Business Park South. The Teamster land purchase is being worked on. There is also a print business that is interested in land in the Business Park.

Zuleger will be meeting with NTC to discuss the medical manufacturing initiative.

He also reported Marathon County created an Economic Development Committee. He does not agree with this. He said this will affect how McDevco works. He feels economic development should be centralized in the Chamber of Commerce. He said the Chamber would be the fairest place. He will express his concerns to Marathon County.

2. IAFF Negotiation Update

Zuleger reported the first negotiation session with the union was held today. The negotiations will remain confidential per State Statutes. The issues are very solvable with respect to what they want to see in their contract. It was a cordial professional meeting. Pierce was also happy with the way it went.

3. Capital Improvement Plan for 2008

There will be two reconstructions on Machmueller Street and Shepherd Lane. The Board may want to put these projects in the CIP. There will be a CIP amendment on the agenda the first meeting in May.

4. Community Affairs Update

1. Everest Men Respect

There will be two more fundraisers. The high school is looking at a curriculum. He spent time with 30 Everest football players and they are meeting once a month to go through leadership training. Vergin continues to be involved in counseling the Hmong community.

2. Camp Phillips & Howland Signals

The YMCA is very grateful for the signals.

3. Future Weston

The first Future Weston Academy meeting will be held on May 8th. Zuleger has received several profiles from residents interested in being part of the Future Weston Academy.

4. Veolia Recycling Site

There were not any major complaints about the site being closed on Sunday. The site is also being cleaned everyday.

H. Clerk's Report

Weinkauff reported the Board of Review is officially scheduled for June 9th and 4:00 p.m.

VI. TRUSTEE BUSINESS

A. Maloney

None

B. White

None

C Jaeger

Jaeger asked staff to forward a letter to the Park Committee from Mr. Klug regarding purchasing their property at 2202 Jelinek Avenue.

D. Schmutzler

None

E. Ziegler

Ziegler indicated he is unable to attend the Board of Review.

F. Ermeling

None

VII. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

Jerry Petrowski was present and talked about the requirement for fire suppression units on portable trailers. He drafted an exemption for the mobile trailers that are used for cooking. He was then able to convince the Governor to sign it. He said the compression braking issue has been rectified with a speed limit change. He asked if there was any land available for a multi mobile loading station. Zuleger said there is no land available in Weston for that.

There was a short discussion on economic development.

VIII. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Ziegler/Ermeling: to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauff
Village Clerk