

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

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Schuster called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees present were White, Maloney, Jaeger, Ermeling, Ziegler and Schmutzler. Administrator Zuleger, Public Works Director Donner, Community Development Director Higgins, Taxpayer Relations Coordinator Hodell and Fire Chief Pierce were also present. There were approximately 22 audience members present.

**II. CONSIDERATION OF VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

A. *\*M/S/P Ziegler/Jaeger: to approve the Village Board Minutes of 6/16/08 and place on file.*

**III. VISITOR**

**A. Public Input on Proposed Revisions to Chapter 10 “Animals” Ordinance**

**1. Paper Cities Kennel Club**

Zuleger gave a presentation on proposed additions to the animal ordinance. He stated the controversy of the proposed ordinance is about ownership of the number dogs and cats allowed. He said right now residents can only have two dogs. This ordinance has been in existence since 1985. He reviewed the limitations on the number of cats and dogs allowed in a particular zoning. Staff said by having exemptions in place for kennels, animal fanciers and breeders will allow the residents that make a living with pets to be covered by the ordinance. Zuleger said staff needs to protect the public trust. The policy question to address is the number of dogs and cats allowed that gets a majority of the public in compliance so the Village has a reasonable chance of licensing and vaccination.

Schuster asked for comments from the audience.

Mrs. Faville, 5809 Ferge Street, stated she has four cats. Her cats are not contributing to any problems for anyone. She supports pet licensing to encourage pet owners to vaccinate their pets.

Andy Sutton, 1604 Heuss Avenue, stated he generally supports the ordinance but has concerns with licensing. He said irresponsible pet owners will not license their pets.

Marion Markstrum, 6300 Birch Street, stated she has two show dogs. She would like the ordinance to allow her to keep her two dogs. She has no concerns with licensing dogs or cats.

Susan Webber, with Paper Cities Kennel Club, indicated they object to dwelling limits. They recommended the public get educated on animal care. They also object to breeder and animal fancier licensing fees. They asked for action on the proposed ordinance be postponed.

Schuster commented on regulating the number of dogs per dwelling. He said an apartment building would have less green space than a single family home.

William Spain, 6300 birch Street, feels he should be able to have more than two animals if he is a responsible owner.

Zuleger explained the reasoning for the dwelling limits. Staff felt that if there was more green space then owners could handle more dogs.

Rachelle Huderman, 6300 Birch Street, has two dogs and does not want to have to give one up. She objects to only being allowed one dog.

Schuster said there is a grandfather clause in the proposed ordinance that allows residents to keep both dogs if the ordinance would change to “one” dog in a specific area.

Mrs. Manning, 5610 Hewitt Avenue, objects to only being allowed two dogs. She would like to see the ordinance changed to three dogs. Mr. Manning said the Village should not bother the responsible pet owners.

Mickey Lindberg, 4703 Augustine Avenue, is also concerned with the two dog limit. She would like to be able to have more.

Schuster asked how many dog licenses have been issued to date. Jacobs said approximately 875 to 900.

Mr. Weiler, 6104 Labrador Road, is not a pet owner but is concerned that ordinances are not being enforced. He is also concerned with residents taking their dogs for walks at the end of Birch Street and not cleaning up after them.

Heather Marincel, with the Humane Society, stated no one is trying to punish responsible pet owners we are just trying to get the animals nuisances under control.

An audience member, who is also a member of the Paper Cities Kennel Club, would like to see the ordinance stay pet and breeder friendly.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Weston Manor Mobile Home Park License (July 8, 2008 to June 30, 2009)**

*\*M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to approve the license for Weston Manor Mobile Home Park.*

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Endorsement of Appointment of George Peterson to RMMSD Board**

*\*M/S/P Maloney/Schmutzler: to approve the Appointment of George Peterson to RMMSD Board.*

##### **B. Ordinance Repealing Chapter 10 "Animals" of the Code of Ordinances and Amending, Renumbering & Recreating a New Chapter 10 "Animals"**

White suggested putting the necessary changes in taking into consideration the testimony received and then take action at a later date. Maloney agreed with White but suggested giving this a little more time before any final action is taken. Zuleger suggested taking the comments that were heard and work with the Humane Society and the Kennel Club on any changes to the proposed ordinance. Ziegler also feels it would be good to wait awhile before final action on the ordinance. He also feels the fees as listed are reasonable.

*\*M/S/P Maloney/Schmutzler: to table the Ordinance Repealing Chapter 10 "Animals" of the Code of Ordinances and Amending, Renumbering & Recreating a New Chapter 10 "Animals" and to table Item. C. 1-7 – Amendments to the Village Fee Schedule. Q/Ermeling stated if there are zoning limitations she is concerned with residents moving from one area to another.*

##### **C. Amendments to Village Fee Schedule**

1. **Neutered/Spayed cat - \$5 per year (new)**
2. **Unneutered/Unspayed cat - \$15 per year (new)**
3. **Dog and Cat License Late Fee - \$5 (new)**
4. **Kennel License - \$150 per year (old fee \$60 + \$6 per extra tag)**
5. **Breeder License (new)**
  - a. **Breeder license, commercial – \$250 per year + each dog must be individually licensed**
  - b. **Breeder license, residential - \$100 per year + each dog must be individually licensed**
6. **Animal Fancier Permit (new)**
  - a. **Foster Animal Rescue - \$25 per year + dog must be individually licensed**
  - b. **All other uses- \$100 per year + each dog must be individually licensed**
7. **Commercial Animal Establishment License (Sec.10.125(b))**
  - a. **Non-municipal animal shelters/sanctuaries – \$0**
  - b. **Circus and transient animal exhibitions – \$500 per day**
  - c. **Pet shops – \$150 per year**
  - d. **Any other commercial animal establishment - \$100 per year**

*Action for item C. 1-7 were taken under item B.*

- 8. **Adult Oriented Establishment Fee - \$500 (new)**  
*\*M/S/P Ermeling/White: to approve the adult oriented establishment fee of \$500. Maloney asked if this was being done so that inspections can begin. Staff said yes.*
  
- D. **Bid Results and Contract Award for Machmueller Street Reconstruction (Everest Avenue to Heuss Avenue)**  
*\*M/S/P White/Maloney: to award the contract to A-1 for the Machmueller Street reconstruction in the amount of \$188,817.20.*
- E. **DNR "Permit", Low Hazard Exemption (LHE) for Beneficial Use of Street Sweepings**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Schmutzler: to approve DNR "Permit", Low Hazard Exemption (LHE) for Beneficial Use of Street Sweepings.*
- F. **2008 CIP Budget Adjustments**  
*\*M/S/P Ermeling/Ziegler: to approve the 2008 CIP Budget Adjustments in the amount of \$559,760.*
- G. **Operator Licenses**
  - 1. **Jeffrey Coil, Laura Demos, Jay Espeland, Tiffany Hessel, Nicole Knapp, Debbie Koenig, Stephanie Krause, Earl Kumbera, Amanda LeDuc, Jessica Schilling, Alex Schroeter, Rhonda Venner, Jodi Zempel**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Schmutzler: to approve the Operator licenses as listed.*
  - 2. **Gretchen Huff-New Agent for Fairfield Inn & Suites**  
*\*M/S/P White/Ziegler: to approve Gretchen Huff as the new agent for Fairfield Inn & Suites.*
- H. **Vouchers**  
*\*M/S/P White/Maloney: to approve vouchers 23592 to 23774.*

**VI. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- A. **Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to acknowledge the Public Works and Utility Committee Minutes of 06/16/2008 and place on file.*
- B. **Finance Committee Minutes**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to acknowledge the Finance Committee Minutes of 05/29/2008 and 06/26/2008 and place on file.*
- C. **Park and Recreation Committee Minutes**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to acknowledge the Park and Recreation Committee Minutes of 06/19/2008 and place on file.*
- D. **Building and Grounds Committee Minutes**  
*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Ziegler: to acknowledge the Building and Grounds Committee Minutes of 06/26/2008 and place on file.*

**VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. **Parks & Recreation Superintendent**  
 No comments.
- B. **Police Chief**  
 No comments.
- C. **Fire Chief**
  - 1. **Significant Fire and EMS incidents since last Board Meeting**  
 Pierce reported the average response time was at 5.73 minutes for June. He reviewed the June EMS and Fire statistics. The beginning of July has been busy for the Department. He also gave an update on a carbon dioxide leak at Arrow Sports Bar.
- D. **Director of Public Works**  
 Jaeger asked about striping on Northwestern. Donner said the earliest it would get done would be this fall.

The Village Board expressed their appreciation on the efforts of the Street Department.

1. **ATC Settlement Street Use Permit (Heeren and Shorey)**  
*\*M/S/P Ziegler/White: to approve the ATC settlement in the amount of \$40,000, per the recommendation of the Publics Works and Utility Committee.*

**E. Zoning Administrator/Community Development Director**

Higgins reported the Plan Commission packets would be sent out in the next couple of days.

**F. Taxpayer Relations Coordinator**

Hodell reported the Farmers Market is improving every week.

**G. Finance Director**

1. **2008 Capital Borrowing Update**

Jacobs reported the Board would take action on the 2008 G.O. notes and the audit report at their next meeting.

2. **Moody's Update-Water Utility Rating Upgrade**

Moody's will release the Water Utility bond rating this week.

3. **2008 Budget Status Update**

Jacobs reported the June revenues were at 58.1 percent, while the expenditures were at 47.9 percent.

4. **2009 Operating and CIP Budget Preview**

Jacobs reported the proposed maximum tax rate increase could be between 19 and 24 cents.

**H. Administrator's Report**

1. **Economic Development Update (TIF #1-TIF #2)**

Zuleger will make a presentation to a medical manufacturer this week. Schofield Enterprises is looking at adding 90 employees by the end of the year. The Teamsters Headquarters has plans in place to locate in Business Park South. TIF #2 has reached the increment goal and staff is looking at closing it out. This Thursday Zuleger will meet with Ministry, Marshfield, NTC, the Chamber and several local communities to discuss the medical manufacturing project. There will also be discussions on creating an Economic Development position within the Chamber.

2. **Smoking Poll Update**

Zuleger reviewed the results of the Weston Smoking Survey. Noting 348 favor strongly and 189 oppose strongly to a smoking ban in most indoor public places. 286 favor strongly and 228 oppose strongly that bar/taverns be exempt.

3. **2008 Village Board Retreat (August 29, 2008)**

Zuleger reviewed the Board Retreat Agenda for August 29, 2008.

4. **2009 Village Budget Directive**

The budget directive is two percent on operations and 3 percent on wage and fringes.

Staff will take a look at additional positions needed in the Village, including the request for more police officers.

5. **Employee Relations**

- a. **IBT Local 662 Update**

There will be no structural changes to the DPW and clerical union contracts, with the exception of wage increases.

- b. **Health Insurance Options**

He met with the Teamsters. They asked the Village of look at the Central States C-6 Health Plan. The approximate premium is \$982/ mo. for a family plan. Weinkauff will do a comparison between Security and the C-6 Plan. There would be a lot of savings for the Village as well as the employees.

6. **Park and Recreation Update**

Zuleger reported the Skate Park opened today. The kids have kept the Park pretty clean, except for cigarette butts. The irrigation on Schofield Avenue is being worked on. The field is done at Machmueller Park.

**VIII. TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

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

**A. Maloney**

None

**B. White**

None

**C Jaeger**

None

**C. Schmutzler**

None

**D. Ziegler**

None

**E. Ermeling**

None

**IX. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

**A. Committee Appointments**

*\*M/S/P Schuster/Jaeger: to approve the appointment of Robin Hegg to the Personnel Committee.*

**X. ADJOURN**

*\*M/S/P Jaeger/Maloney: to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauf  
Village Clerk