

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, October 7, 2013

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Town Board was called to order in the Community Meeting Room of the Bernard J. Kennedy Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Robinson, Sipsma, Van Dinter, and von Rutenberg. Members absent: None. Also present: Jessica Schroeder, Peter and Marianne Bloch, Diane Jensen, Deb Harman, Michael Drew, and Tom Wilson.

For comment on matters not on the agenda, Van Dinter presented the November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation to Diane Jensen and Deb Harman as requested. The minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson.

A Regular Operator License for Casey Sabel as on file with the Clerk and presented was approved subject to State and local requirements on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, with von Rutenberg abstaining.

Von Rutenberg then left the Meeting Room.

The Board then heard the appeal of its previous denial of a Regular Operator License for Jessica A. Schroeder (request for reconsideration), which was denied as previously presented due to falsifications on the license application making her unfit for the trust of the license, and several violations related to alcohol use in the last 5 years making Schroeder a habitual offender. After hearing from Schroeder who admitted to the two alcohol use violations, one being a crime, and other violations of the law, and after further questions and discussion, the Board confirmed the denial of the license application on a motion by Robinson, second Enge, based on her falsification as to previous offenses on the application showing that she is not fit to trust with an operator's license, and due to the several legal violations two of which were alcohol related being OWI offenses, including a second OWI which is a misdemeanor, all within 5 years, making her a habitual offender and so not qualified for an operator license.

Von Rutenberg then returned to the Meeting Room.

Van Dinter gave a report on the WAEMS Ambulance Insurance Cost Payment Issues item. Sipsma and Wilson then gave a report on the Middleton Fire District Agreement Revisions item.

After discussion, the Board approved the American Legion Post 481 Liquor License Agent Change, 5337 W. River Road, to LaMonte Johnston as requested, on a motion by Robinson, second Sipsma, with von Rutenberg abstaining.

After a discussion on the potential Holy Wisdom Prairie Restoration Contribution, Wilson was authorized to contact Holy Wisdom and negotiate for a potential contribution on a motion by Sipsma, second Robinson, with Van Dinter abstaining.

Wilson reported on the 2014 Budget and informed the Board of the usual Town meetings on the budget set for November 12 starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered. Van Dinter reported on meetings of the plan commission/committees.

For Administrative Matters, Wilson reported that the staff is dealing with losses of friends and family as well as family sickness; Wilson reported of issues on Briggs Road regarding a new road maintenance agreement; and, Wilson reported on meetings

and advertising regarding the North Mendota Energy Park.

For Miscellaneous Business, or Forthcoming Events, Wilson advised the Board of the temporary alcohol license submitted by St. Mary of the Lake Church for an October 27 event which the Board can discuss and act on at its next regular meeting.

Current bills as presented by the Administrator were paid after questions were answered on a motion by Sipsma, second von Rutenberg.

Motion to adjourn by von Rutenberg, second Sipsma. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson

Town Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer