

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, August 1, 2016

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 7:03 p.m. by Chair Van Dinter. Members present: Enge, Grosskopf, and Van Dinter. Members absent: Sipsma and Trotter. Also Present: Josh Kuelling, David Goodchild, Jon Schultz, Brad Robinson, Bob Khouri, Peter Lindblad, and Tom Wilson.

For Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda, Peter Lindblad presented Bob Khouri to the Board members as the writer at The Waunakee Tribune who will be taking over local government coverage of the Town, and Brad Robinson was present to present issues in his neighborhood and request assistance from the Board.

The minutes of the July 5, 2016 regular meeting and July 12, 2016 special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge

After discussion on two of the applications submitted due to violations listed, the Regular Operator License as on file with the Clerk and presented for John Chandler was approved subject to State and local requirements on a motion by Enge, second Grosskopf, and the Regular Operator License for David Goodchild as on file with the Clerk and presented was approved subject to State and local requirements after he and his employer addressed false statements on his application regarding related alcohol offenses and contingent on the filing of a corrected application on a motion by Enge, second Grosskopf.

Wilson reported on the status of Comprehensive Plan items.

After a brief presentation by Wilson, comments from the petitioner, and a lengthy discussion including the consideration of comments from absent members, the Board recommended the rejection of the CUP (Allow 1600 Square Foot Garage in SR4 Zone), Schultz, 5570 River Road (Waunakee ETZ), as presented for the following reasons: No compelling reason was presented to allow this larger structure along River Road in this residential neighborhood, neighbors are unanimous in objection, applicant has the alternative of attaching additional garage space to his current house, allowing this CUP in a residential neighborhood could set an unwanted precedent for the allowance of similar structures in other similar neighborhoods, and the standards of the Village Code for allowing the CUP are not met in this situation, nor is the integrity of the Village Zoning Code maintained by the allowance of the requested CUP, on a motion by Enge, second Van Dinter, by a vote of 2-1 (Grosskopf dissenting).

Wilson presented the 2015 Audit/Financial Report to the Board members for their information.

After a brief discussion, the Schumacher Farm Park Barn Project Contribution Request matter was postponed to a September meeting and Wilson was directed to request the group make a specific request and be present at the meeting on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge.

After discussion and reviewing the written advice of the Town's insurer, the Levin Claim (Sewerage Back Up Damage), 5001 Mirandy Rose Court, Middleton, was rejected as submitted without waiving any defenses on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge.

After a presentation by Wilson and discussion, Resolution 16-11 (“Just Fix It” State Road Repair Resolution) was adopted as presented on a motion by Enge, second Grosskopf.

After a presentation on the status of the CTH Q Improvements/Land Acquisition matter, and on request of the Village of Waunakee staff and consultants, the Board reaffirmed its authorization for Town staff to follow the statutory condemnation process to acquire property from Lone Star Holdings, LLC, including issuing an Award of Damages in the amount of \$144,250.00, on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge.

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

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson advised the Board members that staff is working on fixing the concrete around the Town Hall as authorized and budgeted, and by consensus the Board wanted to maintain the stamped concrete area but see if something can be done to make it less slippery.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events, Wilson reminded the Board of the Park Committee’s joint meeting with the Waunakee Park Committee on August 3 here at 5:45 p.m., Wilson reported on the recent Dane County Parks meeting regarding the planned Upper Yahara River Trail, Wilson reported on work regarding the town zoning code, and the Labor Day regular meeting was discussed with the consensus to handle as usual (if need a meeting, move it to Tuesday).

Current bills were paid as presented by the Administrator and recommended by the Audit Committee after questions were answered on a motion by Grosskopf, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Enge, second Grosskopf. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer