

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, November 6, 2017

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 7:04 p.m. by Chair Grosskopf. Members present: Cuccia, Enge, Grosskopf, and Sipsma. Members absent: Trotter. Also Present: Rosa Ropers, Jim Ableidinger, Sheryl Schroeder, Peter Lindblad, and Tom Wilson.

Nobody was present for Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda. The minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

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

Rosa Ropers of the Friends of Schumacher Farm Park made a presentation to the Board on the status of items at the Park currently and improvements. Information was provided on activities and for potential members. No action was requested.

After a presentation on the potential project by Wilson, a review of documents provided, and discussion, the Six Mile Creek Streambank Restoration Project (Westport Bridge Area at Carriage Ridge) Engineering Costs/Contract proposal of Strand Associates, Inc. as presented, including grant assistance, was accepted with Wilson authorized to proceed appropriately into the next budget on a motion by Enge, second Sipsma.

After an explanation by Wilson and discussion, the Woodland Drive/Highway Funding Loan Refinancing/Extension with the State Bank of Cross Plains in Waunakee for approximately \$250,000 at 2.95% interest for 11 months was approved and execution of documents consistent with the approval was also authorized on a motion by Sipsma, second Cuccia.

After a discussion on the Architectural/Design Standards Study/Plan item, the Board by consensus felt a Town Design Standard Subcommittee should be formed to work with and report to the Town Plan Commission, comprised of Cuccia, Trotter (if he agrees), Wilson and Joe Pichette (if he agrees).

After a brief review by Wilson and discussion, the proposed 2018 Budget as presented was approved to take to the required public hearing and to the Town Meeting on Tuesday November 14, 2017 commencing at 7 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

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

There were no Administrative Matters raised. For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson reminded the members of the Town Holiday event planned on Wednesday December 20 and to contact the Executive Assistant for attendance.

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

Wilson made a brief presentation on the current status of the Area #9 Assessment Payments matter.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board then adjourned to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding Area #9 Assessment Payments on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote, at 7:55 p.m. with the Town Attorney.

The Board then returned to Open Session after discussion with the Town Attorney at 8:06 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote.

The Board confirmed its previous action on the Area #9 Assessment Payments item, and rejected the discussed settlement offer by the one remaining objecting party, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Thomas G. Wilson
Town Attorney/Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer