

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, March 4, 2019

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 7:01 p.m. by Chair Grosskopf. Members present: Cuccia, Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Trotter. Members absent: None. Also Present: Bob Anderson, Dave Ferris, Doug Shillinglaw, Peter Lindblad, Kevin Even (during part of closed session), and Tom Wilson.

Deputy Brad Duffrin, who will become Westport's sole contract deputy/officer soon, was present for Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda to introduce himself to the Board members and comment on his position. The minutes of the February 18, 2019 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Trotter, second Cuccia.

Grosskopf and Wilson reported generally on items before the plan commission/committees, and Bob Anderson specifically reported on a cell tower request that may come forward along CTH K in the Middleton ETZ area for review. The Audit Committee recommended payment of bills as presented by the Administrator after questions were answered.

For Administrative Matters, Wilson advised that Public Works Supervisor Barry Buckwalter's father died in Alabama so he will need a few days for bereavement leave, but that staff will cover duties in his absence; and, Wilson reported on the status of the CTH M improvement study, gave them a copy of a draft document which will be revised for the next public comment meeting likely in April or May, and requested that Board members review the document and provide any comments to Wilson for forwarding.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson reported that the Yahara Chain of Lakes - Lakes Level Task Force is holding a meeting on Tuesday 3/5/19 at 5:00 p.m. to take public comment and it was confirmed he could speak for the Board on keeping levels consistent but working on flows in and out; and, Wilson reported that temporary alcohol license applications for beer and wine at Friends of Schumacher Farm Park events have been filed and will be on the next agenda for action.

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.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board then adjourned to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, because competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, regarding Road Improvement/Highway Capital Expenditures and Financing; and, pursuant to section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, regarding Commission/Committee Appointments and Consultant Use on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote, at 7:30 p.m., with Town Attorney Wilson, Town

Finance Manager Bob Anderson, Town Engineer Kevin Even, and financial consultant Dave Ferris.

The Board then returned to Open Session after discussion with the Town Attorney, Town Finance Manager, Town Engineer, and financial consultant in closed session at 9:15 p.m., on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge, by a unanimous vote.

Action on the Road Improvement/Highway Capital Expenditures and Financing matter was postponed to allow staff and consultants to come up with options discussed in closed session on a motion by Trotter, second Enge.

Action regarding the Commission/Committee Appointments was postponed as discussed in closed session, and Wilson was directed to take action as discussed in closed session on Consultant Use, on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

Motion to adjourn by Enge, second Sipsma. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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