

TOWN OF WESTPORT

TOWN BOARD - Monday, November 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 7:02 p.m. by Chair Grosskopf. Members present: Enge, Grosskopf, Sipsma, and Trotter. Members absent: Cuccia. Also Present: Sam Kaufmann, Linda and Gerry Ashmore, Mary Heimbecker, Terrence Wall, Mitchell Herl, Taylor Brengel, Mike Odden, Joe Pichette, Tim Wohlers, and Tom Wilson.

For Public Comment On Matters Not On the Agenda, Wilson stated that the newspaper made a publication error last week and did not publish the Board meeting agenda but the Audit Committee meeting agenda instead, even so Wilson opined and the Board agreed that notice for the meeting is proper since the meeting agenda was posted on the Town web site for more than 10 days, was properly and timely posted at the Town Administration Offices and in two other usual public places.

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Trotter, second Sipsma.

For a Sewer Utility Miscellaneous item, Wilson reported on the status of the 2020 fee work by staff and that the matter will be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion and potential action.

For an Engineer Report, Wilson advised the Board members of the Caton Lane project status, and continuing work on the Woodland Drive humps.

After a brief introduction by Wilson and discussion, Chris Moore was confirmed as a new member of the Historic Preservation Commissioner on a motion by Sipsma, second Trotter. The Board members thanked Mr. Moore for volunteering to serve.

Wilson then gave a report on 2020 Town Budget Items and Timing, including presenting the final court budget that Bob Anderson put together for the NECC, mentioning again that the public hearing notice for the budget includes increases for highway improvement and equipment items only as needed and previously determined, and reminding the Board of the November 12 budget meetings. After questions and discussion, the Board recommended the budget as presented for presentation at the public hearing on a motion by Sipsma, second Enge.

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

For Administrative Matters raised, Wilson reported on the status of various lighting code violations by businesses and condominiums along the Yahara River.

For Miscellaneous Business or Forthcoming Events raised, Wilson reported on October 23 Town Zoning Group BOA hearing and that they will meet again on November 19 in Springfield; Wilson reminded the members of the November 13 Dane County CTH M 3rd PIM at Holy Wisdom, 5-6:30 p.m.; and, after a question by Enge, Wilson gave an update on the upcoming DCTA road improvement seminar to be held at the Town.

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.

For the Community of Bishops Bay Financing Request, there was an introduction by Wilson, a lengthy presentation by the developer, and some comments and questions from Board members with discussion. No action was taken at this time.

After the nature of the business was announced by the Chair, the Board 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 the Community of Bishops Bay Financing Request, on a motion by Sipsma, second Trotter, by a unanimous vote, at 8:23 p.m. The Board moved to the Executive Meeting Room with the Town Attorney and the Town Financial Manager.

The Board returned to Open Session after discussion with the Town Attorney and Town Financial Manager in closed session at 9:10 p.m., on a motion by Enge, second Sipsma, by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the Community Meeting Room.

No action was taken at this time regarding the Community of Bishops Bay Financing Request on a motion by Sipsma, second Trotter.

Motion to adjourn by Sipsma, second Enge. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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