

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: August 7, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Place: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Present: Chairman Joe Gonnering, Supervisor John Norman, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Town Clerk Barbara Davies, Treasurer Monica Diaz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Komro, Attorney Deb Hoffmann.

Prior to the Meeting, notice was properly posted on the Town Bulletin Boards and mailed to the West Bend Daily News and WBKV AM/FM.

Chairman Gonnering called the Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Gonnering asked the citizens in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes – Town Board Meeting of July 17, 2007:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2007 Town Board Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

Mike Komro asked if the Town had requirements for an outdoor woodburner. Joe Gonnering briefly outlined the requirements and referred Komro to Building Inspector Frank Mayer.

Newburg Fire Chief Peter Waldkirch asked the Board about enforcement actions on the ordinance for display of fire numbers at residences. Waldkirch noted that no numbers are displayed in Jamestowne East, High Ridge Trail, and Trenton on the River. Waldkirch said that the absence of the numbers had been noted when a recent rescue call was made to a residence in Trenton on the River. Discussion followed. Cindy Komro said she would put together an article for the newsletter.

Accept/Review Agenda:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to approve the Agenda as printed. Carried unanimously.

2008 Capital Purchases, Two Snowplows (Tabled 7/3/07):

Jim Wollner handed out copies of three bids from the following companies: Freightliner, Capital City International Truck, and Lakeside International Trucks. Plow equipment quotes from Burke Equipment and Monroe Equipment were also reviewed. Lakeside has quoted estimated trade in allowances of the two existing plows @\$19,000, one at \$20,000. Lengthy discussion among the Board Members, Jim Wollner, and Lance Unger followed. It may be to the Town's benefit to sell the existing equipment outright rather than trading it in. The new trucks would not arrive until January 2008 and would most likely not be ready for use until March or April 2008. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to order the truck chasses from Lakeside International and the plow equipment from Burke Truck & Equipment. Carried unanimously. These purchases will be included in the 2008 budget for Board approval in November 2008.

Status of Handbook (Tabled 7/3/07):

Cindy Komro said that she was continuing to work on the handbook and had identified a seminar at UWM that she would like to attend. The Board asked that the next status update be scheduled for the Town Board Meeting of September 18, 2007.

Employee Vacation Policy (Tabled 7/3/07):

Chairman Gonnering asked that this item be tabled to the September 18 Town Board Meeting to coincide with the Handbook update.

Issuance of Operator's License, Gary Schreiber:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to approve the issuance of an operator's license to Gary Schreiber for the period ending 6/30/09. Carried unanimously.

Audit Update:

Clerk Barb Davies gave the Board an update. No date has been set for the audit, and time is short to complete the work. Davies will check with Schenck and report back to the Board.

Circuit Court – Seek Cleanup of Junk, Geib, Decorah Road:

Attorney Deb Hoffmann explained the Circuit Court process. The Circuit Court has greater power than the Municipal Court to order a cleanup. The Board discussed the situation. Chairman Joe Gonnering called on the property owner, Don Geib, to explain the situation. Geib explained that he has been trying to get a title for a vehicle in his yard for months. Geib and the Board had a lengthy discussion about the vehicles in question, why they were not registered, and what possible solutions might exist. Gonnering asked that this matter be tabled to the September 4, 2007 Town Board Meeting. He warned Geib that a vote on a move to Circuit Court will be held at that meeting if the junk vehicles have not been registered or removed from the property.

Adjourn into Closed Session:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to adjourn into closed session to confer with legal counsel (agenda item 10). Carried unanimously.

Reconvene into Open Session:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to reconvene into open session. Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Cindy Komro reported continuing work on the handbook and website updates. The Journal/Sentinel article on the police department appeared in Sunday's paper.

Monica Diaz reported working on the final July 31, 2007 tax settlements etc., and possible solutions for 2nd payments sent to the Town in error.

Clerk Barb Davies had nothing further to report.

Attorney Deb Hoffmann had nothing further to report.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported receipt of a complaint re: a natural lawn. The complainant has asked to be on the 8/21/07 Town Board Agenda. Gonnering suggested the 9/4/07 Agenda so Attorney Hoffmann will also be in attendance. A topsoil screening complaint at Jamestowne East has now been resolved. The garbage/recycling contract comes up for renewal 1/1/08. The Town will get a workers compensation dividend for "good claims" position in 2006 (no claims).

Supervisor Ed Doerr said that as the Town's Weed Commissioner, he would like some guidance on what actions he could take when he received a complaint and found it to be justified. Attorney Hoffmann will provide some guidelines. Discussion followed. It has been an outstanding year for weeds and thistles. Doerr reported attendance at the Ozaukee County Open House recently.

Supervisor John Norman reported that he would be meeting Friday morning with Jim Wollner to prepare for the NIMS 200 test.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to pay bills totaling \$470,068.92 (includes county tax settlement) and payroll of \$15,472.99. Carried unanimously.

Other business.

None.

Consideration of any Preliminary Plat or any Final Plat which may be submitted pursuant to Chapter 236, Wisconsin Statutes:

None.

Action on Authorization Allowing Town Officials to Attend Seminars:

None.

Action on any Ordinance, Resolution, Report or Recommendation already Pending Before the Town Board:

None.

Adjournment:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to adjourn the Meeting at 9:28 PM. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Davies
Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting:

These Minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI on Friday, August 17, 2007.

Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk