

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: February 6, 2007 – 7:30 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, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Frank Mayer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Komro, Town Attorney Deb Hoffmann, Police Chief Joseph Gabrish.

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 7:35 P.M.

Gonnering asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to beginning the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Town Board Meeting of January 16, 2007:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Joe Gonnering to approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of January 16, 2007. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

Nick Habersetzer, 6979 N. River Road, stated that he liked living in Trenton but said that he felt that excessive snowplowing is being done. Habersetzer said that Trenton Road is bare but the plowing goes on. Habersetzer said that he had stopped plow driver Lance Unger to ask why the plowing continued. Habersetzer said that he had contacted the Washington County Sheriff's Department; Sheriff's Department personnel told him that they do not order the Town to go out and plow the roads. Habersetzer continued with a very lengthy complaint about the plowing. Habersetzer said he had been surprised to be contacted by the Town Police Department regarding the possible issuance of a citation for disorderly conduct if he stands in Trenton Road to stop Town plows. Habersetzer said he did not know that he should not be doing this. Chairman Joe Gonnering discussed the complaint with Habersetzer.

Accept/Review Agenda:

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

Commendation for Service – Police Officer Sean Harrington:

Chairman Joe Gonnering thanked Officer Harrington for his service on behalf of the residents of the Town. Harrington thanked the Board and Chief Gabrish in particular for the opportunity to have been part of the Town's police force. Officer Harrington is also a member of the Milwaukee Police Bagpipe band, and had consented to play for the Board at the meeting. Harrington played a bagpipe solo for the enjoyment of everyone present at the meeting.

Appointment and Swearing In – Police Officer Ryan Fitting:

Chief Gabrish stated that Cedarburg Police Officer Ryan Fitting has expressed an interest in joining the Trenton department on a part-time basis and has passed all required background checks etc. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to appoint Fitting to fill the vacancy created by Officer Harrington's resignation. Carried unanimously. Fitting was sworn in by the Clerk.

Change Time And/Or Date of 2/20/07 Town Board Meeting – Conflict with Spring Primary Election:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to change the meeting time (not the date) to 5:30 PM on February 20, 2007. Carried unanimously.

Request to Combine Parcels – Armin and Gloria Schwengel:

Attorney Hoffmann said that rezoning of the parcel zoned R-2 Residential would be required before the parcels can be combined.

Sample Recycling Ordinance – Amendment to Meet State Requirements:

Chairman Gonnering said that he had received a proforma ordinance with “fill in the blank” sections from the state. Gonnering will work on the document and will coordinate its preparation with Attorney Hoffmann.

Gonnering asked that this matter be placed on the March 6, 2007 Town Board Agenda.

POWTS Agreement, Town Hall Mound System, Chromaglass ATU:

The Agreement will be forwarded to Mark Kirchner, and then returned to the Town for recording with the County.

Adoption of Ordinance 2-1-2007, An Ordinance to Revise and Consolidate, Amend, Supplement and Codify the General Ordinances of the Town of Trenton:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve adoption of Ordinance 2-1-2007. Carried unanimously.

Request from Wisconsin Freewill Baptist Historical Society to rename Wallace Lake as “Waller’s Lake”:

The Board discussed correspondence received from the Freewill Baptist Historical Society. The Clerk will write to the Wisconsin Freewill Baptist Historical Society and send a copy of the group’s request to the Wallace Lake Sanitary District.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Jim Wollner reported that the County is going to a countywide communication system. The County has requested an inventory of what we have now: radios, etc. Lance Unger added that the present request covers just mobile and portable radios, not the base unit. Wollner suggested consideration of getting two portables to monitor the county system, and maintaining the Town’s current radio system for Town operations. Discussion followed.

Frank Mayer reported that he had given a copy of a driveway permit application to Attorney Hoffmann for her opinion. A letter has been received from a resident who wants to discuss a road/driveway access issue. Attorney Hoffmann will review the Trummer paperwork and report back to Mayer prior to the 2/13/07 Plan Commission meeting.

Cindy Komro reported that the Mid Moraine Municipal Court has moved into Schenk’s old office space on Main Street in West Bend (across from Schoenhaar Dr.). This location is closer and more convenient for Town police officers and officials.

Monica Diaz reported that collections of property taxes were completed on January 31, 2007. Approximately \$4,800,000 was collected through 1/31/07; about 13% of that was collected at the State Bank of Newburg; there were 14 e-check transactions. Diaz said she would be starting work on the delinquent personal property taxes.

Barb Davies reported one race on the ballot for the upcoming 2/20/07 election, State Supreme Court justice. A SEWRPAC report on wireless antenna siting has been received and filed.

Attorney Deb Hoffmann had nothing further to report.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported that the Washington County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association would meet 2/19/07 at the Addison Town Hall. Notice has been received from the Washington County Board regarding a referendum to be placed on the 4/3/07 ballot about the purchase of development rights. Gonnering read various other correspondence.

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported that the County Smartgrowth meeting was postponed because Chapter 10 has not been completed. No weed complaints have been received.

Supervisor John Norman said he had written an article on extraterritorial zoning for the newsletter. Norman said he would also try to submit an article on recycling for the spring newsletter. Norman then asked Attorney Hoffmann for an update on the status of the Zellmer complaint as nearly two years have passed since the complaint was initiated. Hoffmann will follow up and report back to the Board.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve payment of bills totaling \$52,190.59, payroll of \$25,254.08, property tax refunds totaling \$62.40. 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 Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to adjourn the Meeting at 8:40 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, February 16, 2007.

Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk