

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: November 5, 2007 – 7:30 P.M. (Meeting date changed due to conflict with 11/6/07 School Referendum Election)

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

Present: Chairman Joe Gonnering, Supervisor Ed Doerr, Supervisor John Norman, Town Clerk Barbara Davies, Treasurer Monica Diaz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Komro, Town 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 asked the citizens in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

None.

Accept/Review Agenda:

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

Approve Issuance of Operators (Bartender) Licenses:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the issuance of bartender's licenses to Carol Habram, Charles Grover, and Jessica Bauer. Carried unanimously.

Email Retention Policy (Tabled 10/16/07):

Treasurer Monica Diaz set up folders for printed copies of emails in a file cabinet in the office. Copies of all emails received, with the exception of junk emails, are being retained.

2008 Budget Review:

Clerk Barb Davies presented a review of the preliminary budget. The Town's tax levy cannot increase more than 3.86% over the prior year's levy.

Stormwater Management Agreement – Bruce Muckerheide (Tabled previously):

The legal description has not yet been corrected on the original document. Chairman Gonnering asked that this matter be tabled to the Town Board meeting of 11/20/07.

Adjourn into Closed Session:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(g), "conferring 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". Carried unanimously.

Reconvene into Open Session:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to reconvene into Open Session at 8:23 PM. Carried unanimously.

Authorization of Possible Litigation:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to proceed with the required written response to the lawsuit received from residents on Deer View Court and the cross claim vs. August Fechter as part of the response. Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Review of Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Jim Wollner reported checking on a seemingly abandoned house. Correspondence has been received from County Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson re: a meeting on the new radio systems for the County. Joe Gonnering told the Board that Jim has pictures of mailboxes and encroaching structures that pose a liability problem for the Town as discussed at a previous Town Board meeting.

Cindy Komro reported that the handbook seminar recently attended was very good. Komro will have a draft of the handbook for the 11/20/07 Town Board meeting.

Monica Diaz reported that she is preparing for tax collection.

Barb Davies reported that a good turnout is expected for tomorrow's election.

Attorney Deb Hoffmann had nothing further to report. .

Joe Gonnering reminded the Board of the Public Hearings scheduled for 11/13/07. The Police Department is helping out for the Grafton Christmas parade. Correspondence from SEWRPAC was discussed.

Ed Doerr asked about the business now open next door to the Town Hall (west). Doerr said he thought it was supposed to be a car repair business, not a used car lot. Discussion followed.

John Norman reported two complaints on burning.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to pay bills totaling \$53,260.60 and payroll of \$15,932.78. Carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Mr. Jim Knutsen, a resident on Forest View, said that he wished to complain about the burning of leaves now occurring on a nearly daily basis in the Eastwood Trail area. The DNR says that open burning of leaves etc. can be prohibited. Knutsen said that the Town of West Bend does not allow burning of leaves. The DNR has a model ordinance that can be adopted. Lengthy discussion on the issue followed. Supervisor Ed Doerr will review the model ordinance. Knutsen asked how many signatures would be necessary on a citizen petition to ban leaf burning in the Town if he wished to submit a petition to the Board.

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 9:08 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, November 16, 2007. Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk