

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: January 15, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.

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, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Frank Mayer, Police Chief Joseph Gabrish, Town Attorney Steve Cain.

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 January 2, 2008:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2008 Town Board Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

Mr. Allen Wiedmeyer told the Board that the City of West Bend had requested a change to his recently approved Certified Survey Map(s). The signature page of the map was recreated and needs to be signed by Town officials. The specific change requested is a road reservation or dedication. Discussion followed. Both Certified Survey Maps approved December 18, 2007 by the Town Board now carry the notation “revised 12/27/07”. Frank Mayer suggested forwarding the maps to engineer Burt Naumann, as acceptance of the City’s revision could obligate the Town to build the road at some future date. The Board members agreed that Naumann’s review was needed. The Clerk will forward the maps to Burt Naumann.

Accept/Review Agenda:

Ed Doerr asked if a revision of the agenda is needed to discuss the necessity of a 5-person Board. The Town will not be obligated to elect a 5-person Board until the Town Board election following the 5,000-resident milestone. The Town’s current population is about 4,700. The Clerk will check to be sure that this is correct. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to accept the Agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Steve Cain, Legal Update:

Town Attorney Steve Cain told that Board that he was in attendance at the meeting to present an update on the status of the Zellmer case. Cain stated that Zellmers have filed another suit against the Plan Commission, challenging its most recent decision to deny a Conditional Use Permit as “arbitrary and capricious”. Cain outlined the Board’s choices: seek an injunction in Circuit Court, or dispatch a police officer to Zellmer’s location on a daily basis to ticket any employees returning or reporting to work at Zellmer’s home. These tickets would then be prosecuted in Municipal Court. Town Board member John Norman recused himself from the Board and took a seat in the audience. Discussion with Cain, Gonnering, Doerr, and Gabrish followed. John Norman stated that he felt Zellmer was stalling, one step ahead of the Board all the time, while continuing to violate the ordinances. Norman said he was constantly putting up with noise etc. from Zellmer’s operations. Gonnering and Doerr discussed the options with Chief Gabrish and Steve Cain. The Clerk was directed to place consideration of the matter on the February 5, 2008 Town Board agenda.

John Norman rejoined the Town Board members.

Jamestowne East – Architectural Approval, Lot 9:

Frank Mayer stated that the Plan Commission had approved the plans. Approval had been granted last year but the home was not built in 2007. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the house plans for Lot 9 as recommended by the Plan Commission. Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendation, Public Hearing, M-1 District Zoning Code:

Frank Mayer told the Board that the Plan Commission recommends a Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the M-1 Zoning Code. It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to set a Public Hearing on the proposed changes for Tuesday, February 12, 2008 prior to the Plan Commission Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan, Updates, Comments:

Joe Gonnering reported an upcoming meeting 1/17/08 re: the transportation element of the plan. John Norman said that he had heard some comments about utilities locations, but the Town has nothing to do with utilities placements. Discussion followed.

SEWRPAC Request for Town Board Approval – Draft 2035 Land Use Plan and Map:

Barb Davies will call SEWRPAC on Friday. A Map has been received but the Draft Land Use Plan has not been received.

Appointment of Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to make the following appointments:

Town Clerk – Barbara Davies

Town Treasurer – Monica Diaz

Town Deputy Clerk/Treasurer: Cindy Komro

Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Review of Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Frank Mayer reported receipt of a map from WE Energies regarding its installation of 12” gas mains being along CTH G. Mayer will check on a WisLine seminar, subdivisions, offered in late February in the local land use planning series. The Plan Commission dinner will be 1/19/08 at Waldens. 11 homes were constructed/under construction in 2007, the lowest number in 20 years.

Cindy Komro reported preparations for the 2/19/08 election, including setting up for modeming results on election night to the County Clerk’s office.

Monica Diaz reported that she is wrapping up the January settlement from tax collections. Diaz reported collection of more than half of assessed taxes by the end of December. Payments were down at State Bank of Newburg; there may have been more payments placed in the dropbox or mailed.

Barb Davies reported that the County Clerk would be holding state-mandated pollworker training 2/5/08 and 2/8/08.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported that he had also received information from WE Energies about the gas main installation. Depositions for DeerView have been scheduled; a project manager from Graef Anhalt Schloemer has been called for deposition. Gerald Carmody has been allowed to join the DeerPrint lawsuit.

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported no weed complaints.

Supervisor John Norman reported on an Emergency Management Meeting.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to pay bills totaling \$39,535.23, payroll \$14,412.66, the January tax settlement \$2,929,654.96, and property tax overpayment refunds \$12,919.66. Carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Chairman Gonnering called on Police Chief Gabrish for his report. Gabrish reported approximately \$21,100 in fines received; the Municipal Court is two months behind in remitting payments to its member municipalities due to implementation of a new computer system. The new squad is in service.

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 8:30 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, January 18, 2007. Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk