

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: September 18, 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, 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 September 4, 2007:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Joe Gonnering to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Town Board Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

Four property owners on Whispering Pines (Melan, Schmidt, Roth, Ohm, Bertelsen) were present to express concern about the recent water runoff onto Whispering Pines and properties along the road. All four residents stated that their ditches and roadside gravel had washed out repeatedly following the construction of a home on Lot 4 at the end of the Whispering Pines cul-de-sac. Chairman Gonnering explained that Washington County handles stormwater compliance for the Town. The County has contacted the owner of Lot 4 and requested a new stormwater plan within 7 days. Chairman Gonnering elaborated on the cooperative effort between the Town and the County on the stormwater management permits. The Town does not have full time stormwater engineers to monitor construction sites. The County has qualified personnel to issue and enforce permits. Lengthy discussion among the Board members and property owners followed. The residents will follow up with the County on progress on mitigating the runoff problem.

Accept/Review Agenda:

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

Thistle Complaint, 6376 Pleasant Hill Drive:

Town resident Stan MacDonald has filed a thistle complaint on 6376 Pleasant Hill Drive. Supervisor Ed Doerr will check the address to see if thistles are present.

Status Update, Natural Lawn Complaint, Eastwood Trail (Tabled 9/4/07):

Supervisor Ed Doerr said that he had visited the property and had found no noxious weeds. Doerr stated that it was his finding that the property would not be obnoxious to a person that wants that type of lawn, but it is not a manicured lawn. It is a natural woodland area. Complainant Steve Merrick has filed a request with the Building Inspector for the natural lawn plan and the required fence permit per Town ordinances. Building Inspector Frank Mayer is currently on vacation and will return in a week. Lengthy discussion followed among the Board members and several residents on Eastwood Trail. The length of a natural lawn cannot exceed 8". Doerr said that he had visited the property last Saturday, and would estimate the length of the vegetation to be 6"-8". More discussion followed. Several of the neighbors expressed anger at the situation, and at the prospect of the constant sight of the subject property. Chairman Gonnering requested the following: 1) he asked Attorney Hoffmann to review the Town's ordinances to be sure that the height limit is 8"; 2) he asked Doerr to revisit the property and measure the lawn; 3) he requested pictures of the property. One resident expressed concern about

the safety issues posed by a lawn of this length in a residential neighborhood, requesting that the Newburg Fire Department visit the property and give a safety opinion in the event of fire. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to table this matter to the Town Board Meeting of October 2 to allow compilation of the requested information. Carried unanimously.

Review Draft Chapter XIII – Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

Chairman Gonnering stated that the Plan Commission had reviewed the Chapter at its 9/11/07 meeting and had no additions or corrections. The Town Board had no additions or corrections to Chapter XIII.

Stormwater Management Agreement – Bruce Muckerheide:

The County has approved the agreement, but Burt Naumann is reviewing the map. It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to table the matter to the Town Board Meeting of 10/2/07. Carried unanimously.

Approval of Garbage and Recycling Contract Beginning 1/1/2008; Choice of 3 or 5-Year Contract:

The Clerk summarized the two proposals received from Waste Management and Veolia Environmental Services. The Board members felt that service received from Veolia has been good, and that residents like the convenience of weekly recycling collection. Veolia quoted \$9.71/month per residence for the current level of service (1st year of the contract); Waste Management quoted \$12.10/month (1st year of the contract). Discussion followed. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to accept the 5-year contract proposal from Veolia Environmental Services for the period 1/1/08-12/31/13. Carried unanimously.

Status Update, Zellmer Certiorari Appeal (Tabled 8/21/07):

Attorney Deb Hoffman reported that the judge's decision has not yet been received. The Judge got the appeal 7/28/07 and has 90 days to rule on it. Chairman Gonnering asked the Clerk to place the matter on the Town Board Agenda of 10/16/07. No action taken.

Employee Handbook, Employee Vacation Policy:

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Cindy Komro will be attending a class at UWM on employee handbooks on October 18. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to table action on these two agenda items to the Town Board Meeting of November 20, 2007. Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Cindy Komro reported that the purchase of a scanner interface for the SVRS bar code scanner has eliminated a problem in scanning election results into the SVRS online system.

Monica Diaz reported that the annual payroll tax update for the Peachtree software has been ordered. Diaz said that she had contacted Doug Hein at State Bank of Newburg to see if residents will be permitted to pay Town property taxes at the bank again this year.

Barb Davies reported that she would be meeting with AFLAC regarding accident insurance for the police officers. Ballots for the 11/6/07 election should be available in a few weeks.

Attorney Deb Hoffmann reported that Board of Review had been held 9/11/07. Scheduled hours were extended from 7:00 PM ending time to 9:00 PM to allow the inclusion of residents who had not made appointments.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported that he had asked Attorney Hoffmann to write to Mr. and Mrs. Whitt, property owners east of Waldens, requesting that they clean out a blocked culvert. There is no documentation on the culvert at the County, and it is not the Town's so the property owners must get it unclogged. Washington County's budget process is underway. There will be a Towns Association Meeting 9/24/07 in Hartford.

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported that he would see Mr. MacDonald regarding the thistle complaint recently filed.

Supervisor John Norman reported that he had received an email from Rob Schmitt, County Emergency Management Director, asking the amount of Norman's compensation as Emergency Management Director for the Town. The recent "NIMS" directives have required many extra hours. Discussion followed. Norman currently does not receive extra pay for emergency management duties. The Clerk will check to see what the rules are for payment of additional compensation to a Town Board member receiving a salary as a Town Board Member.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to pay bills totaling \$209,387.49 and payroll of \$11,261.50. Carried unanimously.

Other business:

Chairman Gonnering called on Karen Skuldt, owner of the property with the natural lawn. Skuldt presented several situations encountered in the past two weeks that Skuldt felt were perpetrated on her by the neighbors. Discussion followed.

Chris Pomerich said that she was a resident of Lockhorn Estates, a condo association that had recently formed a Board of Directors. She asked about the property tax technicalities on a parcel owned in common by all property owners. Pomerich also asked about snowplowing. Chairman Gonnering told her that the Town couldn't plow a private road. Discussion followed.

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 8:55 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, September 21, 2007. Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk

