

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: June 17, 2008 – 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 Deborah 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.

Approval of Minutes – Town Board Meeting of June 3, 2008:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2008 Town Board Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

None stated, but please refer to “Accept/Review Agenda”.

Accept/Review Agenda:

Attorney Ed Ritger introduced himself and asked if he could make a statement. Chairman Gonnering told Ritger that statements would fall under “Comments and Questions from the Audience”. Ritger said that he thought that Karen Christianson would also wish to make a statement. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to return to Agenda item 2. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

Attorney Karen Christianson introduced herself as the representative of a number of residents on Deer View Court, adding that the mediation session on the road construction had been held Thursday 6/12/08. Christianson told the Board that she would speak on behalf of the property owners she represents. She stated that those property owners are innocent in this matter and are seeking some resolution of the Deer View road construction problem. The five lot owners represented have agreed to pay \$2,500 per lot (\$12,500) towards the construction costs of the road. The mediation session closed with a gap of about \$5,000 between needed funds and mediated funds. Christianson asked the Town Board to pay that \$5,000, and requested further that the Town pay the \$2,500 per lot pledged by the five property owners she represents. The residents would like the construction to begin as soon as possible.

Attorney Ed Ritger introduced himself and told the Board that he would be speaking on behalf of the Fechter family. Ritger noted that Attorney Christianson had stated that the residents are paying for snowplowing in their property taxes but are not getting snowplowing services. Ritger said that this was not an accurate statement. The Fechtters have been providing the snowplowing services at no cost to the residents at a substantial cost to the Fechtters. Ritger recapped the road situation from the past to the present disputed situation. Mr. Fechter has agreed, through mediation, to pay all costs except for the first \$27,500 of the road reconstruction. The property owners and an insurance company have committed to pay \$22,500, leaving a gap of \$5,000. Lengthy discussion followed.

Accept/Review Agenda:

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

Final Review of the Employee Handbook:

Cindy Komro told the Board that all changes have been made, and she is waiting for the wording on one final paragraph from Attorney Hoffmann. It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to table the final review to the Town Board Meeting of July 1, 2008. Carried unanimously.

Plan Commission Recommendation, Thull Properties 22-lot Certified Survey Map:

Frank Mayer stated that the Plan Commission has recommended approval of the map with several changes/corrections being made, and including a turnaround on Lor Drive. A representative of Baudhuin Inc. told the Board that a bid of \$116,410 has been received from Payne & Dolan for the road paving; a bond will be furnished in that amount. Baudhuin was told that the bond would be cashed without notice if the bond expiration date approaches and the road is not complete. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to approve the Certified Survey Map with the turnaround on the end of Lor Drive, receipt of the road bond, approval of the stormwater maintenance agreement, and correction of the 5 items noted by engineer Burt Naumann during his review of the map. Carried unanimously.

Entertain a Motion to Go into Closed Session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(g):

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to adjourn into closed session at 7:55 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Reconvene into Open Session:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to reconvene into Open Session at 8:55 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Report from Deer View Mediation Session, Litigation Strategy, Authorization of Possible Action:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to authorize payment of fees in an amount not to exceed the amount discussed in Closed Session. Carried unanimously. Attorney Hoffman will contact the other parties involved in the mediation.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

Frank Mayer reported that the Plan Commission has looked at model kennel ordinances but has tabled further consideration until it has further information on kennels.

Review of Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Frank Mayer told the Board that he had talked to Deb Hoffmann about pools and use permits. Mayer said that he had investigated a complaint about dumpsters on Poplar Road but did not see any dumpsters at the property address. Mayer questioned whether the Town might want to add an ordinance on tattooing and body piercing to its current code. There has been a complaint about rats at a recently vacated property on CTH Y. The Police Department has been in contact with the new owner.

Cindy Komro asked that newsletter articles for the September "Town Crier" be submitted to her as soon as possible.

Monica Diaz reported that she had talked to Tammy Prinz about the 2009 transition of the athletic group's records to the Town.

Barb Davies reported that Police Aide Natalie Kaehler has been with the department for 5 years and will receive a commemorative plaque from Chief Gabrish. A complaint has been received about radar patrols on Trenton Road.

Attorney Deb Hoffman had nothing further to report.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported that there would be a hearing on DeerPrint June 24, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

Supervisor Ed Doerr reported good growth on the poison ivy.

Chairman Joe Gonnering reported lots of road washouts, and lots of road repairs. Road paving is finished for the year.

Supervisor John Norman reported that he had met with Lance Unger and Barb Davies to get together the costs to be submitted to Washington County Emergency Management following the recent rainstorms.

Payment of Bills:

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to pay bills totaling \$29,521.35, and payroll of \$10,284.43. Carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Frank Mayer asked about a continuing property line/lot line dispute among Ray Repinske, Deborah Bosler, and Ralph Ripple on River 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 Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to adjourn the Meeting at 9:16 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 June 20, 2008. Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk