

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Town Board Meeting

Date and Time: March 4, 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, 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 February 18, 2008:

It was moved by Ed Doerr and seconded by John Norman to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2008 Town Board Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Comments and Questions from the Audience:

None.

Accept/Review Agenda:

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

Approve SEWRPAC Draft of Town 2035 Plan, Chapters 1-6:

Joe Gonnering asked several questions about Chapter 6. The Board members did not receive the plan copies until 2/29/08. It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to table approval to the Town Board Meeting of 3/18/08 to allow time to read and/or comment on the draft chapters. Carried unanimously.

Richard Kapinos, Request for Marquee Sign:

No representative present – Kapinos has contacted Frank Mayer and will make his presentation to the Plan Commission.

Comments on Chapter XVI – Multi-Jurisdictional Plan:

The Board Members discussed the chapter. There were no comments to convey to Planning and Parks.

Draft Ordinance – Dog Kennels in CES Zoning:

Attorney Hoffmann stated that this draft will be considered by the Plan Commission (prior to Town Board consideration) at the March 11, 2008 Plan Commission Meeting. The draft is presented to the Board for informational purposes. Discussion followed.

Authorization of Possible Litigation to Enforce Ordinances:

John Norman recused himself as a Town Board Member. Attorney Deb Hoffmann stated that she had met with Darryl Zellmer as requested by the Board in its closed session in January 2008. She stated that she and Zellmer had not been able to reach an agreement as to the number of employees reporting to Mr. Zellmer's residence on Washington Drive. Hoffmann said that Zellmer did appreciate the Board's attempt to resolve the matter, but that he felt he could not reduce the number of employees reporting to the residence to less than four. Current Town ordinances permit one employee to report to work at a home-based business. Joe Gonnering made a motion to proceed to sue Darryl Zellmer for injunctive relief in District Court, seeking a reduction in employees at

Zellmer's residence to the one permitted by Town ordinances. Ed Doerr said that he had some other examples of violations and asked if the Town planned to go after them all. Doerr presented aerial photos of several other residences reported to be operating in excess of the "one employee" limit. Discussion followed. Scott's Landscaping has moved to the Fond du Lac area and no longer conducts business operations from a residence on Newark Drive. A tri-axle vehicle pictured is the vehicle Kevin Juech drives to and from his office each day. Doerr then asked John Norman how bad this situation is. Norman said the business is noisy, and there are too many employees reporting to the residence. Ed Doerr asked Attorney Deb Hoffmann to review the Board's options. Hoffmann did so. Lengthy discussion between Gonnering and Doerr followed. Doerr stated repeatedly that he really wished a compromise could be worked out. Doerr then seconded Gonnering's motion to proceed to District Court to seek enforcement of the ordinances. Carried unanimously.

John Norman returned to the Town Board as a voting member.

Keep One of the Older Snowplows – Subdivision Plowing:

Jim Wollner reported a confirmed offer of \$30,000 for one of the older trucks slated for sale. Discussion followed. Barb Davies will review the current budget status and report back on 3/18/08. Wollner recommended that the second truck be kept until fall if it is to be sold, as the Town would most likely get a higher offer for it then.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

None.

Review of Annexation Petitions:

None.

Reports:

Jim Wollner reported standing water on the roads everywhere, and many blocked culverts. Wollner asked if there are any regulations on ponds dug close to the roads. Discussion followed. Runoff from one pond is flooding the road.

Cindy Komro reported that the 2/19/08 election had gone smoothly. Komro reported that she is working on the newsletter and has received a number of articles. Komro said she hopes to get the newsletter out within the next few weeks.

Monica Diaz reported that she would start converting the Peachtree accounting system to QuickBooks soon. QuickBooks will be less costly to use (annual updates) than Peachtree. Diaz reported that she is working on inputting the 2008 budget numbers, and is compiling the delinquent personal property tax listing.

Barb Davies agreed that the 2/19/08 election had run smoothly; about 1250 electors cast ballots. There will be another election 4/1/08, a Town Board Meeting day. Possible alternate dates/times were discussed.

Attorney Deb Hoffmann reported work on the Deer Print and Deerview cases. .

Joe Gonnering read a "thank-you" for great snowplowing service from Geraldine Maurer, Eastwood Trail. Jim Wollner said that he and Lance had also received a compliment from the Washington County Sheriff's Department on good plowing this winter. Resident Rhonda Hilgendorf wrote about the poor condition of the pavement on Washington Drive. Gonnering said that he had called to tell her that the roads would be ranked for repair in the April road tour. Washington County is hosting an Open House 3/13/08 on the Multi-jurisdictional Plan. The Recycling Report on program accomplishments is due by 4/30/08. The Plan Commission will be considering the Falls Archery project at its 3/11/08 meeting.

Ed Doerr reported that he would be unable to attend the 4/1/08 Town Board Meeting. Doerr submitted a complaint on unlicensed trailers on STH 33. The Clerk will relay the complaint to Chief Gabrish.

John Norman reported that he had completed and mailed in the state-required Hazardous Chemical Report. Norman is working on an editorial for the newsletter.

**Payment of Bills:**

It was moved by John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to pay bills totaling \$26,453.93 and payroll of \$21,867.45. 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 John Norman and seconded by Ed Doerr to adjourn the Meeting at 9:03 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, March 7, 2008. Barbara J. Davies, Town Clerk