

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Village President Laurie Tarman called to order a meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 6:30p.m. on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Tarman, Hall, Becker, Pabst, Koenig, Itzin, and Flottum. Others present were Administrator Gary Hanson, Clerk Danielle Maxwell, Village Attorney John Schneider, Police Chief Al Gabe, Public Works Director Cory Davis, Gary Strand of Cooper Engineering, Sheryl Claflin of SEH, Dave Rasmussen of MSA, Library Board Members – Ruth Morton and Todd Beaver, , Matt Torgerson of Torgerson Concrete, Dave Slack of Halco Press and Rick Phillips, business owner.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Pabst and seconded by Flottum to approve the agenda as presented. It was asked to move item “G,” Library Grant, up on the agenda under New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Administration** – Administrator Hanson reported that he had attended an Ehlers seminar regarding the economy and levy limits. He suggested that the Board have a budget workshop to discuss budgetary items and the economy to review the five large projects the Village is considering at this time. Hanson continued that there has not been a payment made since March from the St. Croix Tribe and intends to meet with the representatives of the Tribal Council in the coming weeks.

**Legal** – None.

**Police** – Chief Al Gabe informed the Board that the Pow-Wow did take place with four day notice to the Department. They did not receive Tribal assistance since they are not yet certified by the Attorney General. He reported that Saturday was busy but the event did not create too many issues. Almena had a robbery; they captured the suspect and recovered property which solved seven other burglaries. There was also a tenth offense OWI arrest. He continued that the Department has been handling drug issues and seen more thefts in town. Gabe has been working with Public Works Director Davis, SEH, and the DNR to complete the ATV/Heintz project. He explained that clean-up is not part of the grant and will need to utilize some time and materials of the Village. He reported that the Department participated in a program that offered funding for a potential portable speed board and that funds were received. Gabe concluded informing the Board that the Hell’s Angels’ US Run would be coming through Turtle Lake late July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> and that his Department, along with the County and State Patrol were working together to be prepared for an incident that may occur during the tour.

**Public Works** – Director Cory Davis reported that Join Hands Day with Thrivent for Lutherans helped do some landscaping at the welcome sign on Hwy. 63, Skinaway Lake Park sign, and the Cattail Marsh Nature Area at the end of June. A new culvert was installed, some clay tile

sewer lines were replaced, the Department had swept streets, and Davis has been working on the easement issue. He continued that there were not enough dumpsters at the Fair and notified the Lions Club to make adjustments for 2010. He has been waiting to do edging on Town Line Road and that water meter readings went smoothly. The Waste Water Treatment Plant has had sludge storage issues in the past and Davis is researching cost estimates for additions and consider who may cost share in the expense; he will bring this issue before the Board again in August. Davis concluded stating they are experiencing root issues with clay tile piping.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Biermann Development** – Administrator Hanson informed the Board that he briefly discussed the foreclosed property with a company that recently purchased it and explained that the litigation between the other two parties should be settled by January 2010. He stated that the company did not elaborate on plans; Hanson suggested that the Board develop a new development agreement. He added that he is looking to get options from the bank to verify status.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Library Grant** – Hanson met with the Library Board in the previous week and informed the Village Board that \$610,000 in grant funds was awarded which would need to be matched for the new library project. MSA would need to do \$5,000 worth of more work. It was reported that the Library has the funds to pay MSA to proceed. Hanson explained that this additional work would open up more options and provide more information to get funding. Dave Rasmussen reviewed the history of the project and said that if the grant was declined due to lack of matching funds, according to the Department of Commerce, this would have no impact on future grant applications. He said that bids are coming 10-20% lower which makes for a good time to build, as contractors are hungry for projects. There was discussion of timeline, design, expenses, and options or refusing the grant or proceeding with the next step of the plan. The Library Board expressed that they would like to move forward and would cover the additional expense of \$5,000 for MSA's work on the project.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Koenig to accept the Library Board's offer and continue with the plan of development.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – Tarman, Hall, Pabst, Flottum, Becker and Koenig. Nays – Itzin. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Class "B" and Class "C" Licenses for Lake Country Pizza**– It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Pabst to approve the Class "B" and Class "C" licenses for Lake Country Pizza, located at 225 USH 8 & 63.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Provisional License Applications** – It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Hall to approve the Provisional Licenses for Brittany Perzichilli and Alissa Coomer.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Park Reservation and Amplified Music Permit for the Liebling Bros. Family Circus** – It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Pabst to approve the Park Reservation for the Liebling Bros. Family Circus, August 6, 2009.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Flottum to approve the Amplified Device Permit for the Liebling Bros. Family Circus, August 6, 2009.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Martin Avenue** – Claflin reviewed the status of Turtle Lake projects, provided handouts and explained the options of Martin Avenue. There were questions regarding grant funding for street lighting and recommendation of “Downtown Enhancement Grants.” There was discussion of sidewalks and consideration to keep away from Becker Street to Prosser Boulevard for possible DOT highway expansion with a roundabout.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Itzin to approve \$820,000 for Martin Avenue improvements, Ash Street to Becker Street, of curb, sidewalk, lighting and infrastructure as presented by SEH.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Well House Project** – Gary Strand of Cooper Engineering reported that the Well House held its bid opening on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The low bidder was Torgerson Concrete for contract #1, DeSantis Excavating for contract #2, and B&B Electrical for contract #3. He recommended awarding each contract to the lowest bidder. There was a question of cast in place versus pre-cast concrete. Strand explained the differences and Matt Torgerson of Torgerson Concrete described the poured in place process and finished product.

It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Koenig to award contracts for the Well House to the lowest bidders, Contract #1 to Torgerson Concrete, Contract #2 to DeSantis, and Contract #3 to B&B Electrical.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of options. It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Pabst to select the cast in place option for Contract #1, \$12,000 less of the estimate for pre-cast.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

There was brief discussion of funding for the well project being a Safe Drinking Water Loan Fund which would provide reimbursement and the water tower project as part of the stimulus funds.

**“B” Plant Status** – Reference was made to the drafted proposal previously submitted. There was question to the Board if the Village wants to spend any money on the building. It was stated that the Plant has high liability according to the DNR. It was also asked if the building must be moved or be raised. Aside from aesthetics and securities there is no such requirement. The Village does have the option to condemn, raise or send a repair order for the property.

#### **BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Itzin to approve the bills and claims for the Village as presented.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 8:29 p.m.

**Roll call vote:** Yeas – all present. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Prepared by:  
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