

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17TH, 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, August 17th, 2009.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Tarman, Koenig, Itzin, Flottum, Hall, and Pabst; Becker arrived at 6:35p.m. 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, Sue Wojtkiewicz of SEH, Dave Slack of Halco Press and Rick Phillips, business owner.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Hall to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Administrator Hanson elaborated on the Library Board meeting and stated that the "Friends of the Library" has been established.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration – Administrator Hanson reported that he had held a staff meeting regarding the budget and for each department to produce their preliminary figures. He said that he would schedule a budget workshop with Board members and Ehlers in the coming weeks. Hanson stated that he had spoke with the General Manager of the Casino to discuss payment from the Tribe to the Village; he also spoke with a member of River Bank to discuss the status of the Biermann Development property. He will meet with Barron County Economic Development during their "Salute to Industry" event on August 20th. Hanson explained that he received and reviewed the Collaborative Digester Feasibility Study from SEH. He continued explaining the situation regarding the proposal and cost sharing. He offered options for the digester and Waste Water Treatment Plant and explained what discussed at a recent meeting with the industries. Maxwell mentioned that she was contacted by WJMC radio station to promote local events on their Friday morning broadcast and asked that the Board help spread the word to event organizers so that they may be included.

Legal – None.

Police – Chief Al Gabe briefed the Board on the Hell's Angels Tour, possible conflicts with the Outlaws, and law enforcement presence and preparedness. Other agencies had positive remarks about the Turtle Lake police officers that offered assistance. He continued that the National Night Out event was successful and will host the event again next year at a local level. Gabe reported that Shane Schmidt is riding along with officers for his internship and that the recent Almena Family Fun Days was uneventful. He said that he is working on a speed board trailer to place throughout Turtle Lake and that they did not receive the Coppers Grant but the department is still in the running for possible future funding. He concluded stating that arrests are on the rise, primarily with probation violations, and that he continues to try to limit shifts throughout the month.

Public Works – Director Cory Davis described the preconstruction meetings for the Water Tower and the project status which had a 12” water main installed and 8” sewer lines, the curb was repaired, black dirt is currently being spread and the water test results were available. He continued stating that the Hartzell Field parking lot is tore up due to the construction of the Well House and water supply to the park shelter; the footings were dug and have started to pour concrete. Davis said that the projects are moving along quickly and that sand was added to resolve a soft soil issue. He reported that the Department was busy with summer items, parks and water mains to be flushed. The WWTP has had trouble keeping oxygen in the oxidation ditches and they need to add chemicals intermediately at the Plant.

ENGINEER STATUS REPORT: Sue Wojtkiewicz of SEH distributed a report to the Board which would be addressed later in the agenda as pertaining to each project.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Contract Approval with SEH to Create New Road connecting Prosser Boulevard and Industrial Street – It was presented that if the Village wants to create a road, a CSM is necessary. It would cost a maximum of \$3,500 for the CSM to be conducted. Estimates of new road construction could cost about \$20,000. Davis explained projects and the Village needs versus concerns at Norton’s Service Center. Gabe elaborated on the situation and described the manner in which vehicles pass through the lot and the Police Department’s assistance to help resolve the issue. Gabe stated that the majority of vehicles are not locals but tourists that are not paying attention to signage. It was stated that CenturyTel’s building and main lines reside in the area west of Prosser. Pabst suggested waiting until the Board could take a closer look at the budget. Becker asked if the survey would still be good next year and if there was a possibility of the survey costs to increase. There was a brief discussion of the possibility to include this project into consideration for next year and the benefit of adding the road next to a vacant lot.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Hall to approve the CSM study of Norton’s property up to \$3,500 by SEH as presented.

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

Consideration of Contract Approval with SEH fro Martin Avenue Improvements – SEH distributed a cost breakdown of the Martin Avenue project to move forward and submit for grant funding. Hanson explained the option to revamp Martin Avenue completely or to mill over and repave. There was discussion of costs, grant eligibility and the County’s portion.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Koenig to approve the contract with SEH for Martin Avenue improvements as presented.

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

Inclusion of International Property Maintenance Code into Village Code of Ordinances – It was moved by Becker and seconded by Tarman to approve to include the International Property Maintenance Code into the Village Code of Ordinances, Building Code and Rental Housing Code, Title 15, Chapters 1-5.

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

Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Retailer’s License to Lions Club for Kerry Company Picnic – It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Pabst to approve the Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” Retailer’s License to the Turtle Lake Lions Club for Kerry Company Picnic to be held on August 22, 2009.

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

Amplified Device Permit Application for Spare Time Bowl Bar & Grill – It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Becker to approve the Amplified Device permit to Spare Time Bowl Bar & Grill for August 28, 2009, 7:00pm – 10:00pm.

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

Collaborative Digester – It was determined that closed session was not necessary, as allowable under Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e), and that the item would be discussed at the Special Board meeting scheduled for August 19, 2009.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Itzin to approve the bills and claims for the Village as presented. There was brief discussion of a few bills.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Pabst to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 7:47 p.m.

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

Prepared by:
Danielle E. Maxwell
Village Clerk