

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**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, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Tarman, Hall, Becker, Pabst, Flottum, and Itzin. Absent: Koenig. Others present were Administrator Gary Hanson, Village Attorney John Schneider, Police Chief Al Gabe, Public Works Director Cory Davis; Dave Slack of Halco Press; Sheryl Claflin of SEH; John Peterson and Tom DeAngelo of Lake Country Dairy; Tom Ludy and Tom Stark of GreenWhey Energies; and Dennis and Kathi Zemke, residents.

**REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Tarman described the consent agenda which included one operator's licenses. It was moved by Pabst and seconded by Koenig to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Planning Commission met to discuss the five year plan, Grace Community Church water and sewer line extension in which nothing was determined and the Village's Rental Code. The Code will remain as it is currently and will be reviewed next year for any changes.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Administration** – Administrator Hanson reported that he had met with the new Polk County Economic Development Director, Steve Healy, and discussed TID #3; the universities have been in contact with Hanson regarding what they can offer. Hanson continued reporting that the wells in the B Plant have been properly abandoned. The building is collapsing further due to a roof caving in recently. Hanson expressed that this is a safety hazard and a real concern for the Village because the building is very unstable. He will proceed to see what can be done to resolve the matter.

**Legal** – None.

**Police** – Chief Al Gabe stated that there have been several burglaries in town violating businesses and residential properties. Drug issues have been high at the hotels. Gabe continued that there had been some maintenance issues with the computer systems. He added that the officers have been covering for him as he is on limited hours due to post-surgery.

**Public Works** – Director Cory Davis reviewed recent project of the department, cleaning snow from curbs and mailboxes, street sweeping, and well inspection. The DNR also inspected the sewer plant. Davis explained that they are working to see if Well #1 should be abandoned or if there may be reason to keep it. He reviewed a punch list for Torgerson Concrete for Well 3, as some items still need to be completed. The alarms and security issues of Well 3 are causing delays in getting the generator set up but should be resolved soon. Davis concluded that bearings will need to be rebuilt on the centrifuge motor and that he be out to the WI Rural Water Convention next week.

**ENGINEER STATUS REPORT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**GreenWhey Presentation & Consideration of Clean Water Fund Program** – Ludy addressed the Board and explained that the Village applied for the Clean Water Fund but GreenWhey is now requesting that the grant be put on hold. They no longer believe they need it as their financing is complete. Ludy continued that the structure is larger than initially planned and they applied for power sale to Xcel Energy in which stimulus money will be used for this project. He said that they need a letter of support from the Village. Ludy further described that the building would be 25 feet tall, occupy five to six acres, and that they would like it to be located in the Industrial Park. The outflow would be discharged to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant at a rate of 520 gallons per minute. Ludy expressed that this could eliminate the need to add on to the WWTP. It was noted that there should be no odor as the units are all sealed and tumble dryers are contained inside and totally encased. There was discussion as to how GreenWhey's engineers are working to control odor and noise so that they do not become an issue. Administrator Hanson said that he had talked with staff in Watertown and there were no odor complaints. Ludy offered that the Board members could tour other similar facilities in New York courtesy of EcoLab.

Ludy concluded that they are looking at being online within nine months and approximately \$20 million dollars to build the facility which would create jobs for thirteen people. Ludy presented three requests of the Village, land consideration, a letter of support, and a cost estimate of Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion if it is deemed necessary to increase capacity. Ludy stated that GreenWhey's engineers are very concerned with odor control and noise which they take it very seriously. He added that Lake Country Dairy is looking to expand and is considering options as the land spreading option is coming to an end.

GreenWhey, engineers, SEH, Director Davis, and Administrator Hanson are to meet in the near future to discuss the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Five Year Financial Plan** – Administrator Hanson presented a proposal prepared by Ehlers & Associates. He explained the need for such a plan and need to create a new one as the old plan is to expire. The plan should be completed in August and will cost \$11,500 total.

It was moved by Flottum and seconded by Tarman to approve the contract with Ehlers for the creation of a five year financial plan for the Village in the amount of \$11,500 which will be paid out of undesignated funds.

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

**Resolution 10-04 "Earth Week/Arbor Day 2010 Proclamation** – It was moved by Pabst and seconded by Itzin to adopt Resolution 10-04 "Earth Week/Arbor Day 2010 Proclamation as presented.

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

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Becker to enter into Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(i) and 19.85(1)(c) at 8:05p.m.

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

The following items were discussed in Executive/Closed Session: Consideration of Hiring Outside Services and Consideration of Leave Time Policy for Salaried Employees.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Becker to exit Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(i) and 19.85(1)(c) at 8:29 p.m.

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

**BILLS AND CLAIMS:**

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Becker 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 Hall and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 8:30 p.m.

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

Prepared by:

Danielle E. Maxwell, Village Clerk, from notes as submitted by Trustee Pabst.

Pending Board Approval