

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17TH, 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, May 17th, 2010.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Tarman, Itzin, Morton, Becker, Hall, and Koenig. Absent: Flottum. Others present were Administrator Gary Hanson, Clerk Danielle Maxwell, Village Attorney Andrew Harrington, Police Chief Al Gabe, Public Works Director Cory Davis, Jill Quade of Halco Press; Sheryl Claflin of SEH; Rick Phillips, business owner; Tom Ludy, Larry Piester and Tom Stark of GreenWhey Energies; and Nate Rongstand, Prosser Properties LLC.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Koenig and seconded by Itzin to approve the consent agenda, including the 2010-2011 Committee and Commission Appointments, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Administrator Hanson and the Personnel Committee members attended a labor negotiation training seminar in Eau Claire on May 4th hosted by Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci, SC; Hanson stated that they provided very good information.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration – Administrator Hanson welcomed Ruth Morton to the Village Board, as newly elected trustee, and introduced the Village's new attorney, Andrew J. Harrington, of Liden & Dobberfuhl, S.C. in Barron, WI. Hanson requested to schedule a workshop for the Five Year Financial Plan and preliminary 2011 budget. Hall proposed to meet prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting; the Board will meet for the workshop on June 21, 2010 at 5:30p.m. Hanson reported that there was approximately \$2,000 of revenue in scrap metal that was removed from the Sewer Plant and requested that the unbudgeted revenue go toward equipment of Public Works. He added that there were a few inquiries regarding the industrial park. Hanson, a member of the Board of Directors for Polk County Economic Development, will be hosting their banquet on May 18th and has recently produced a newsletter which was distributed to each trustee.

Legal – Attorney Andrew J. Harrington stated he would discuss items during closed session.

Police – Chief Al Gabe reported that the recent weather has helped increase transients and that they have been dealing with some methamphetamine/drug issues some of which resulted in altercations with officers. As of May 17th, Barron County Sheriff's Department upgraded to digital radio frequency. The repeater in Village Hall is to be donated to Cumberland Hospital at no charge; the unit is 15 years old. Gabe continued that the Click-It-Or-Ticket campaign will soon begin and the Department is preparing for Memorial Day weekend.

The Smoking Ban will be enforced as of July 5, 2010; Gabe explained that the Village needs to adopt the State Statute prior to July 5th in order to cite violators. The final draft of the statute is not yet available but Gabe recommended adopting the act with the statute number in June. There were inquiries as to how Minnesota responded to the new law. Gabe continued that

there is now profiling that is required during each traffic stop, of each driver and all passengers of the vehicle. This process will require more time; the documentation is for racial profiling.

Gabe stated that he is back to full-time status and that some officers will be taking vacation within the coming weeks. A Trustee noted that the squad car has been seen driven frequently; Gabe responded that the vehicle is in the rotation, is used for meetings and hearings, and that the squad has well over 100,000 miles. There was a question of fine amounts for smoking ban violations; \$100 to the owner per day and \$250 to the individual per offense. Gabe noted that a warning must be given first. He also stated that the Casino is exempt from the ban.

Gabe concluded that the ATV Park and restroom area is under construction and on schedule. The project should be completed by June 30, 2010. He added that the WI ATV Association will soon host their statewide rally in Barron County which will result in 300-400 participants and riders in Turtle Lake during the first weekend in June.

Public Works – Director Cory Davis reviewed recent projects, including Earth Week, Spring Clean-Up and working with the students. He thanked the School and noted that their involvement is extremely helpful to the department and has been successful the past few years. Davis explained phosphorus issues and possible regulations and requirements that may be imposed on the Village for compliance; information was provided to each trustee. He mentioned that the B Plant has undergone razing of the portion of the building that collapsed and some assistance was provided. The Hartzell Ballpark concession stand was razed and the fundraising has been quite successful, organizations, businesses and individuals have all contributed. Davis stated that he and SEH met with GreenWhey. Well Tower #2 construction is nearing completion of initial installation. The process has been going smoothly and has a deadline of July 15th or 25th but may be completed by mid June. The electrical is complete and online. Davis concluded reporting that Well 3 has been running smoothly.

ENGINEER STATUS REPORT: None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safe & Stable Families Coalition Presentation – Libby DeJardin, sophomore of the Turtle Lake High School, presented to the Board impacts of alcohol use in the community as a part of the “Take It Back” initiative through the Coalition’s program. She shared about the presentation that was coordinated by Safe and Stable Families Coalition at the Turtle Lake School and the discussion groups. The program offered various statistics comparing Wisconsin and Barron County to other counties and states in regards to alcohol. The students discussed alternative activities which do not involve alcohol that could be implemented into the community and other deterrents from alcohol, drugs and tobacco. It was mentioned that DeJardin work with coordinating efforts during the Village’s National Night Out event in August.

Street Use & Amplified Device Permit for Hotel Bar & Grill on September 18, 2010 –

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Hall to approve the Street Use & Amplified Device Permit for Hotel Bar & Grill on September 18, 2010 as presented.

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

Adoption of Wellhead Protection Ordinance – Public Works Director Davis explained the mandate by the WI DNR as a regulation for Well #3 to come online. It is a formality to have in place with all new wells.

It was moved by Itzin and seconded by Koenig to adopt the new Wellhead Protection Ordinance into the Village Code as presented.

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

Repair of Abandonment of Well #1 – Davis presented options drafted by SEH to either abandon Well #1 or to repair the well. Well #1 is currently the emergency backup which undergoes testing on an annual basis, at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. If the well is abandoned it must be cemented off. Repairing the well would involve reconstruction to eliminate arsenic contamination or it would need to be blended with water from Well 2 in order to supply the Village. Davis explained that all water samples are held in archives which permit the Village to research old samples for a fee. The third option would be to treat the water. Davis continued that there is no need or requirement to decide what to do with Well #1 at this time but the Board need to consider options as possible grants are available. He stated that the DNR representative recommended to keep the well as an emergency alternative. Davis also explained that Well #1 originally was shut down due to the high expense to treat the arsenic levels.

Hall suggested including cost estimates for each option prior to the Board making a decision. It was noted to look at applying these figures into the five year plan. Gabe offered input from the Fire Department's viewpoint which appreciates having a water source backup. Davis concluded with Well #1's capacity of approximately 250 gallons per minute limitation.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: Prior to Closed/Executive Session, Rick Phillips commented that if there was a digester to be built in the Industrial Park that a berm be constructed between the development and the RV Park to the north as a buffer. It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Becker to enter into Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) at 7:20 p.m.

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

The following items were discussed in Executive/Closed Session: Consideration of Land Acquisition for GreenWhey Energies in TIF District #3.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Itzin to exit Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(e) at 8:24 p.m.

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

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Itzin to authorize Administrator Hanson to negotiate land sale with GreenWhey Energies LLC for six (6) acres, 412' x 618', in the Village's Industrial Park.

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)(g) at 8:26 p.m.

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

The following items were discussed in Executive/Closed Session: Consideration of Legal Action regarding B Plant Property and Clean-Up. Nate Rongstad was also present.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Morton to exit Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(g) at 9:07 p.m.

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

No motions were made.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Koenig 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 Morton to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 9:09 p.m.

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

Prepared by:
Danielle E. Maxwell
Village Clerk

Pending Board Approval