

**VILLAGE OF TURTLE LAKE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES*
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Laurie Tarman called to order a regular meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 6:33 p.m. on Monday, November 15th, 2010.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Tarman, Morton Koenig, Becker, Braastad, and Itzin. Absent: Hall, excused absence. Others present were Clerk Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Police Chief Al Gabe, Public Works Director Cory Davis, and Municipal Judge Dennis Zemke.

REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Koenig and seconded by Becker to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: It was noted that the Tourism Committee met and adopted the 2011 Tourism Budget; Tarman stated that the Library Budget would soon be approved. It was brought to the Board's attention that the storage garage is in need of organization; a directive was given to Gabe to contact the Library Director regarding the matter. The Personnel Committee will discuss their items in closed/executive session.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration – Tarman reported that Administrator Gary Hanson's last day was November 12th. There was brief discussion of outstanding projects, some of which will require immediate attention. Director Davis mentioned the recent work by SEH and provided a GreenWhey Energies Digester project update; they have had discussion with other businesses and are currently working on contracts with other industries.

Legal – Tarman said that the Attorney is verifying the inquiry regarding conditional use. There was brief discussion of properties, streets, and various ownership of land.

Police – Chief Al Gabe reported that they had an OWI, fourth offense, arrest which was made after a three mile chase at 15mph. The frequency of calls to the School was raised. Gabe explained that the recent increase is not entirely negative as they have been working with the School throughout their new parking and drop-off routes. He continued to report recent vandalism to the warming house in the Village Park; the crime and offenders will be forwarded to Barron County Restorative Justice Program. Gabe stated that he will be out in January and February for ten weeks and an additional four weeks; he will be out of the office entirely for four to six weeks. He concluded stating that the Department will be required to enact a new policy of Traffic Stop Data Collection; it is a two page report which will need to be completed after each traffic stop per a recently adopted statute. Gabe added that these reports will be transmitted electronically.

Public Works – Director Cory Davis stated that the first snowplowing went well and that he worked with the Chief Gabe in regards to snow removal issues. He reported that the WTTP centrifuge is running twice a day or less, the spreading is done, and that there was some recent general maintenance at the Plant. Davis concluded that the damaged power pole on

Pine Street North was repaired and that he had received some calls regarding the elimination of the administrator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Personnel Committee items will be addressed in closed/executive session after New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of 2011 Budget – Clerk Maxwell-Parker reviewed the 2010 Budget standing with projected year end figures. She reviewed the proposed 2011 Budget and entertained questions from the Board. There was brief discussion regarding the budget. The Public Hearing and Special Board meeting was set for December 2nd, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

It was moved by Itzin and seconded by Morton to approve the 2011 Budget as presented.

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

Amendment to 2010 Budget for Squad Replacement – (Addendum Item) Chief Gabe explained that there are two 2010 Dodge Chargers available which cost \$3,000 less than the 2011 Charger. He provided quotes of the 2011 versus the 2010 Charger. He continued that there were funds put into the 2011 Budget to be included in the equipment fund balance to pay for the new squad purchase; he expressed that it would be advantageous to purchase the 2010 Charger now and save \$3,000 in two months time. He explained that he would then park the vehicle until after January 2011 when funds would be available for equipment. He stated that a vehicle is currently being held at Pischke Motors for the Board to reach a decision. There was a question of the cost difference between the Charger and a SUV. There was some discussion of the squad replacement schedule. Gabe stated that the Department would need to skip one year. He continued to explain that during the weekends there are up to three vehicles on the road at a time and that all four squads are in use during special events; the old squad car is currently used for court, training and meeting purposes.

It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Koenig to amend the 2010 Budget by \$22,008.50 for the purchase of a new squad car.

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

Appointment of Dennis Becker as President Pro-Tem during absence of Trustee Ray Hall - (Addendum Item) It was moved by Tarman and seconded by Koenig to hire a part-time summer employee in lieu of contracting services.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Tarman, Itzin, Morton, Braastad, and Koenig. Nays – None. Becker abstained. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: It was moved by Morton and seconded by Becker to enter into Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(c) and 19.85(f) at 7:48 p.m.

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

The following items were discussed in Executive/Closed Session: Consideration of Personnel Committee recommendation regarding issues related to a Village staff member; and Review and Discussion of Departmental Cuts in the 2011 Budget.

It was moved by Becker and seconded by Itzin to exit Executive/Closed Session as allowable under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(c) and 19.85(f) at 8:21 p.m.

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

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 Morton and seconded by Becker to adjourn this meeting of the Turtle Lake Board of Trustees at 8:25 p.m.

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

Prepared by:
Danielle E. Maxwell-Parker
Village Clerk

* These minutes have not yet been approved by the Village Board; they will go before the Board at the next Regular Village Board meeting.