

VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2008
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Village President Clark Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Village Trustees present were Julie Parkansky, Jeff Townsend, Jerry Wojcik, Rosie Figas, Randy Schmidt, and Hilbert Radtke. Also present were Street/Water/Sewer Supervisor Darryll Schmidt, Village Treasurer Sara Pullen, Village Clerk Toshia Ranallo, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer & Water/Sewer Clerk Heidi Jeske, residents Ann Hartnell, Nick Polomis, Kurt Stumbris, Rich Wainwright, Joellen Simpson, Ray Gordon and Todd Mulvey from Coleman Engineering Co.
2. Approval of Agenda – Jerry Wojcik made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky to approve agenda. Motion carried.
3. Audience to Anyone Wishing to Speak –Kurt Stumbris/Ranger City Distributors loading and unloading on 141 in front of Stumbris Plumbing. Stumbris stated that he doesn't understand why Ranger City Distributors cannot unload their trucks from the side street. Stumbris added that he had taken a 100 ft tape measure and measured, and there is plenty of room to unload from the side street. Caine responded by stating one of the reasons they unload on the highway is because of the snow and ice on the side street. Stumbris stated that Ranger City has been unloading there all year long. Caine stated it is easier to unload right now because of the ice, Caine also added that 30 years ago the Village Board had agreed to give Ranger City a loading zone there. Stumbris added that he had asked for the minutes on that matter and no one was able to prove that to him. Stumbris also stated that besides blocking his building, that this also creates a safety hazard. Stumbris states that if someone were at that intersection and needed to turn left they are taking a chance of being hit. Caine agreed it was a safety hazard, and stated that he lives in that neighborhood and there is no way that he would pull out on to the highway from that intersection when there is a semi parked there because he cannot see. Caine stated that all the locals just go different routes. Stumbris asked what if you are not local. Caine responded that they should make a right turn because they should no better because they can't see. Caine stated that in 2013 or 2014 there will be no parking on the highway anyway. Stumbris added, so we will wait for someone to get hit before anything will be done about it. Caine responded that no one has gotten hit in thirty years. Stumbris asked if that is the only answer the Village has for him. Stumbris asked if anyone has sat there for a day. He stated that when there are 2 semi trucks coming from opposite directions and there is unloading going on, one truck has to come to a stop so the other can get through. Village Trustee Jeff Townsend stated that traffic has increased through the recent years. Trustee Rosie Figas agreed that it is a dangerous intersection. President Caine agreed that it is a dangerous intersection but when he pulls up to that intersection he turns right. Townsend asked if we can approach Ranger City to ask them if they can unload on the side. Caine stated that Jeff from Ranger City did say that he'll unload from the side when the snow and ice is melted. Townsend stated that will be in two months. Caine asked Stumbris if that would satisfy him. Stumbris also added that one of his customers drove all around looking for his building but couldn't find it because it was being blocked. Stumbris stated that it is not often that he has a bunch of customers looking for his building, but when they do need to, they should be able to find it. Caine stated that he would be in favor for moving the semis for safety issues but when Stumbris took over the place, Ranger City had already been parking there for 30 years. Caine asked Stumbris if he could wait a few more weeks for the ice to be melted. Stumbris replied yes, but then asked if this was just a temporary solution. Townsend asked if DOT (Department Of Transportation) were responsible for this matter considering it was a safety concern. Rosie Figas asked if Clark has spoke with Jeff on this matter. Caine stated he had. Figas then asked if we could write a letter concerning this matter. Caine stated that if nothing is done three weeks from now the Village will send out a letter.

Todd Mulvey introduced himself. He is an Engineer form Coleman Engineering. Mulvey stated that he is a Project Manager for the HWY 180 project that is happening this year, and is now hired for the Hwy 141 project.

Rich Wainwright would like to comment on the old school. He stated that he disagrees with having the tax payers of the village take on this liability. He thinks that it should be the owner's responsibility to take care of their own property. Wainwright also expressed his concern for other abandoned properties in the Village. Caine stated that there hasn't been anything done yet, but these issues, are something that the village is working on.

Nick Polomis would also like to comment about the old school. He states that he drives by the old school twice a day and expressed how disappointing the site is. Polomis stated that he understands that there are grants being looked into for tearing down the structure, but as a taxpayer he does not agree with his tax dollars being spent on someone else's property. Polomis added that this liability should solely be the land owner's responsibility. Polomis also stated that he understands when people donate their property and then that property would happen to be named after the donator, but in this case if it were to be turned into a community center and named after the existing owner that it would be a slap in the face. Polomis asked the board, for the time that is being spent on looking for funding for tearing down the building, can that time be put towards legal action. Trustee Rosie Figas stated that it is good to see the public here regarding the school. Figas added that legal action may or may not be possible, but regardless it happens very slowly. Figas asked Polomis and Wainwright if they think it is worth it to have these types of buildings sit around for 5 to 8 years because it does takes that long for legal action. Figas asked out loud, what are the other options? She states that the village is open to options. Figas also commented on the other abandoned properties. She stated that the people who have abandoned those properties don't care because they are already gone. Figas added that if we were to go after them what have we really done, except spend time and money with no result. Figas asked, what does the village really wants for an end result, do we want the school gone and want the abandoned properties cleaned up. She also states that nobody wants to have to pay for this but what are the other options. Wainwright responded that he doesn't have that answer and that is why he is here. He added that he understands that it takes a long time and said that maybe it was neglect on past Village Boards. Wainwright also stated that if people were to take care of this situation 10 years ago maybe this would have been resolved by now. Wainwright comments that appears to him that this is a pretty big loop hole on the residents of the village, to allow this to go on for so long and now somebody has the excuse and say just forget about it and not have to be responsible for their property. Wainwright states that sometime or another, the village might have to face up to it and do the right thing and then maybe there will be some results. Figas added that it may cost more to travel down the legal end and not get a result in the end, then if we were to just take care of it ourselves and try to better the Village on how the Village looks, and in hopes that other residents would want to better their own property. Figas thanked Wainwright and Polomis for their view points. Stumbris asked if there were any bids for cleaning up the property. Caine stated he has received several, ranging from \$50,000 to over a \$100,000.

4. Business with Guest
5. Motion to Approve Minutes – Regular Village Board meeting on 2/13/08 and special Village Board meeting 3/5/08. Jerry Wojcik made a motion seconded by Randy Schmidt to approve minutes. Motion carried.
6. Motion to Approve Bills – Jeff Townsend made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky to approve the bills as printed. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report – Trustee Rosie Figas requested a quarterly report on what the village spent on the budget year to date. Trustee Hilbert Radtke asked if the village had another company give a bid on the water tower. Caine replied no. Trustee Randy Schmidt made a motion seconded by Jeff Townsend to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Carried.
8. Approval of Major Purchases
 - a. Hydro Designs, Inc - Previously discussed in past meetings.
 - b. MJB quote – Floor drains for shop. Tabled for next year budget.
9. Committee Reports - none
10. Village Street and Utility Report- Jeff Townsend made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky to approve Street and utility report. Motion carried.

11. President's Report - none

12. Old Business

- a. Discussion/Action – Old school – The board set special meeting for Thursday, March 27th at 6:00pm. Meeting was then cancelled and rescheduled for April 23rd.

13. Approval of Permits/Licenses

- a. Operator's License – Jeanette Bricks/ Hoovers – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by Jeff Townsend to approve license. Motion carried.

14. New Business

- a. Discussion/Action – Electricity in new park pavilion – Darryll Schmidt stated that the quotes he received were from \$3400 to \$3600 for electricity in new pavilion. Caine stated the village would get updated quotes from Inlet Electric for electricity and water hook up. Tabled for next meeting.
- b. Discussion/Action – Darryll Schmidt's Assistance with Forest Fire Suppression – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion/Action – Menominee Animal Shelter, Inc. donation/ Last year \$150.00 – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by Rosie Figas to give the animal shelter a donation of \$150.00. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion/Action – Tent rentals for July 4th/ Ann Messar - Tabled for next meeting
- e. Discussion/Action – Adoption of Establishing a Plan Commission Ordinance – Meeting set for April 3rd at 6:30pm.
- f. Discussion/Action – Village pick-up truck – Tabled for April 3rd meeting.

15. Additional Business

16. Adjourn – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky to adjourn at 8:18pm. Motion Carried.

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