

**VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2009
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – President Townsend called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The following board members present were Julie Parkansky, Randy Schmidt, Kellen Stumbris, John Ranallo, Rosalyn Figas and Hilbert Radtke. Also present were Economic Development Committee and Comprehensive Planning Member Ann Hartnell, residents Joellen Simpson, June Caine, Norman LaBlanc, and Village Clerk Toshia Ranallo.
2. Approval of Agenda – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by Julie Parkansky to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Audience to Anyone Wishing to Speak – Norman LaBlanc resident of 125 & 175 Fairgrounds Road stated that he would like to see the snowmobile trail away from Cedar Street. He expressed that he would allow the route to travel through his property. President Townsend thanked LaBlanc and asked Trustee Radtke to look into it. LaBlanc also voiced his gratitude to the board for the no parking signs that were placed near his property.

Joellen Simpson stated that she knows a few local people who would be willing to perform music in the park. Trustee Ranallo suggested a youth group coinciding with the musicians and sell refreshments. President Townsend asked Simpson if she can organize these events. This topic will be discussed after further information is gathered.

4. Discussion/Possible Action – Marinette County Visitor Guide – Randy Schmidt made a motion seconded by Parkansky to approve a full page ad in the Marinette County Visitors Guide for \$1925. Motion carried. Hilbert Radtke abstained. Local business will be approached to purchase a section on the page to contribute toward cost. The board agreed it would be inexpensive advertising.
5. Discussion/Possible Action – Quotes/Valve for digester tank – Quotes for material and labor were presented for the 4” ball valve from EPI, MJB, and Stumbris Plumbing Inc. It was the consensus of the board to purchase locally and accept the lowest bid. Julie Parkansky made a motion seconded by Hilbert Radtke to accept Stumbris’s bid of \$675. Motion carried. Rosalyn Figas abstained.
6. Discussion/Possible Action – Mileage reimbursements for July 4th work – Clerk Ranallo presented a letter from Attorney Kim Coggins. Julie Parkansky made a motion seconded by Kellen Stumbris to accept the recommendation from Attorney Coggins which resulted in rejection of the request for mileage reimbursements for July 4th work. Motion carried.
7. Discussion/Action – Approval Temporary Operator’s License – Marinette County Fair Association:

- a. Leslie Marquardt – Julie Parkansky made a motion seconded by John Ranallo to approve the temporary operator’s license. Motion carried.
 - b. Raymond Marquardt – Rosalyn Figas made a motion seconded by Randy Schmidt to approve the temporary operator’s license. Motion carried.
 - c. Jessica VanDeWalle – Rosalyn Figas made a motion seconded by Kellen Stumbris to approve the temporary operator’s license. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/Possible Action – Old School – John Ranallo stated that he and Ann Hartnell had a conference call with Annette Weissbach and Dan Kolberg from the Wisconsin DNR and they both advised the Village to not take back the property from Chuck Edlebeck unless it is a friendly condemnation. Hartnell referred to a handout that all board members received titled *Negotiated Agreements*. Hartnell explained that our attorney needs to meet with Edlebeck to discuss terms in taking the property back. The village would be protected if any contamination was found by going through the condemnation process. The liability would be classified as “no fault.” Hartnell expressed the property would be off the owner’s hands and into ours with no contamination liability. She said because the Village is a governmental entity we have better resources to obtain funding and grants. It is very difficult for a private citizen to get funding. The key is to obtain the property legally and not cause animosity or high cost to the taxpayers of the Village. Hartnell referred to a handout from the City of Elkhorn who had went through a similar situation. This handout consisted of the following steps.
 - a. Establish the necessity of taking the property, i.e. Blight, abandonment, decay, etc.
 - b. Village pass a Resolution of Condemnation
 - c. Appraisal of property
 - d. Negotiate transfer with owner
 - e. Liability clarification letterAnn Hartnell stated that this process can be done in a matter of weeks as long as both parties are in agreement. Hartnell added that once the Village has the property the DNR can compose a liability clarification letter for \$500. Ranallo and Hartnell agreed that this letter is essential for obtaining funding. Hartnell stated that Dan Kolberg is a specialist on acquiring properties through condemnation and he is willing to work with the Village. Ranallo stated that the Village needs to think about the following options. Pay approximately \$200,000 to clean it up and do what we want with the area or spend a little money and hire an engineering firm, let them take it over and receive grants to clean it up. Hartnell agreed with Ranallo in suggesting hiring an engineer firm. She stated the fact that a firm has the knowledge and manpower to get things done. Ranallo stated we could re-use that property for housing, industrial, business, community center, governmental etc. Hartnell mentioned that the Site Assessment Grant will only clean up the center section that is falling down. The board thanked both Ranallo and Hartnell for their hard work and research into this matter. The board agreed to take initial steps and another special meeting was set for August 25, 2009 at 5:00pm to discuss this matter further.

9. Adjourn – Hilbert Radtke made a motion seconded by John Ranallo to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Motion carried.

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