

Regular Board Meeting

The Whiting Village Board met April 14, 2009 at the Whiting Municipal Center, 3600 Water Street. The news media and all persons required to be notified of the meeting were given such notice. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jerry Walters and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: President Walters, John Wachowiak, Al Walkush, Will Lehner, Cheryl Coulthurst, Kim Hoppenrath and Chris Brindley all present. Also present were Peter Hanson, Jeff Schlegel, Paul Stroik, Dolores Prohaska and sister and Mitch Repka.

Motion by Wachowiak, second by Lehner to approve the March Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Plan Commission met April 6th to review current sign ordinances. No formal recommendations made to the Village Board.

Public Safety Chairman Wachowiak reported the Committee met March 25th. The Metro Fire District continues to be successful. A meeting is scheduled in May to hopefully recruit other departments to the Metro Fire District. New promotions within the department include Ashley Marino, Safety Officer; Ashley Amundson and Justin Feltz promoted to Engineers and Mike Mitchell the new Assistant Training Officer.

Motion by Walkush, seconded by Lehner to approve the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of March 25, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Works and Parks Chairman Brindley reported the Committee met April 28th. The Committee reviewed proposal of street sign software called Simple Signs at cost of \$2000 which will incorporate street signs, utilities, trees and more with no annual service fee but does include telephone support. The committee recommended spending no more than \$2300 which will include GPS unit.

The new public works vehicle has been ordered with expected date of delivery mid May and then will go to Monroe Trucks for equipment installation with truck back to Village mid July.

The committee recommended spending no more than \$1000 for park signage. Expenditure is to come from flag fund.

Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for May 14. Students from McDill School will again participate.

Part time seasonal position has been filled. Mr. Daanen Grasso.

The committee recommended that all agendas and meeting minutes be emailed to all staff and all committee members.

Motion by Lehner, seconded by Coulthurst to approve the Public Works and Parks Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Utilities Chairman Hoppenrath reported Committee met April 7th. The committee recommends entering consulting agreement with AECOM to proceed with specifications on a time and material basis at a cost not to exceed \$48,300 to explore divert the water from NewPage well #2 to the Village and offsetting with Village water to NewPage well #1 to extend the life of the existing nitrate removal system due to higher nitrate levels in well #1.

The committee recommends accepting LW Allen bid of not more than \$17,290 to replace the control panels and float for both the Neenah Paper and NewPage lift stations. One other bid was received.

Whiting Utilities will sign to Mercury Green Tier Charter which will give a voice and opportunity to working together with other communities and the DNR to establish a program to adopt rules limited mercury levels coming into the WWTF.

The new WWTF project is set back a month due to not receiving the motor control center.

Four candidates were interviewed for the utility position. The committee hired Nick Schmeiser and he will start April 16th.

Motion by Lehner, seconded by Coulthurst to approve the Utilities Committee meeting minutes of April 7, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ordinance Chairman Coulthurst held meeting March 23rd. Recommendation to dog leash will come before the Board next month. The committee is continuing to work on amending the yard ordinance.

Motion by Hoppenrath, seconded by Wachowiak to accept the Ordinance committee meeting minutes of March 23, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Under new business Resolution 2009-03 was presented. The resolution authorizes the Village President to file applications for financial assistance from the State for drinking water facilities.

Motion by Hoppenrath, seconded by Lehner to adopt Resolution 2009-03 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution 2009-04 declares official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing to proceed with the exchange of wells between the Village and NewPage. Since the project will be financed over a long term basis by issuing tax exempt bonds and the fact that the Village will provide interim financing to cover the cost of the project this resolution will allow the project to move forward.

Motion by Walkush, seconded by Coulthurst to adopt Resolution 2009-04 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 2009-05 authorizes the Village of Plover to act on the Village of Whiting's behalf to submit an application to the State DNR for financial aid for the benefit of the Little Plover River.

Motion by Wachowiak, seconded by Walkush to adopt Resolution 2009-05 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution 2009-06 is resolution approving participation in the Mercury Green Tier Chapter discussed earlier in Utilities report.

Motion by Lehner seconded by Hoppenrath to adopt Resolution 2009-06 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A proposal was presented for subsurface soil investigation at Whiting Substation in the Village by Nummelin Testing for \$1395.

Motion by Hoppenrath, seconded by Walkush to approve the proposal and not to exceed the \$1395 cost. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Wisconsin Public Service representative, Mitch Repka told the Board they are seeking permission to exchange vaults from east side of Post Road in front of McDill Auto Wrecking to south side of Water Street. In addition they are looking for Board approval to install a driveway apron in that area for service work and a 10 ft. easement is required.

Motion by Walkush, seconded by Lehner to grant the easement and allow the driveway apron to be installed for \$1.00. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

President Walters reported that staff can abandon the fresh water wells located on the Neenah Paper property which is one of the requirements of purchasing the 33+ acres from them for \$1.00. This being said the Board was asked for permission to move forward with the purchase.

Motion by Hoppenrath, seconded by Lehner to proceed with purchasing the Neenah Paper property for \$1.00. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Dolores Prohaska, representative for the Omernik estate told the Board the old village hall property and all other Omernik land on east side of Water Street will be listed with realtor. The old village hall triangular shaped piece will be listed for \$114,000 however she would offer to Village for \$91,000. The property is approximately 1.05 acres. The Village has received permission in the past few years to use the property for overflow picnic parking. The Board asked Mrs. Prohaska to provide a map of the property and to identify what portion of the land is buildable.

April 29 is set date for dinner with Will Lehner since this is his last Village Board meeting after serving as Village Trustee for more than twenty years. Thank you Will for your service to the Village.

May 11 marks the last day Wittenberg Disposal will pick up garbage and recycling for the Village. Beginning May 18 Veolia Environmental Services will provide the services. No change in services is expected.

Clerk-Treasurer report provided by Clerk-Treasurer Debi Lutz.

Motion by Walkush, seconded by Lehner to approve all claims for the Village of Whiting and Whiting Utilities as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.