

MINUTES

Regular Village Board Meeting
September 10, 2014, 2014

The Village of Blue Mounds Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Audra Anderson, Village President, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The amended meeting agenda was posted on September 8, 2014.

2. Roll call: Audra Anderson, Tim Klecker, Phil Solchenberger, Jim Frame and Gary Friske

Absent: None

Others Present: Janelle Mathews with Mt Horeb Mail, and JR Reynolds.

3. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

4a. Public Hearing on Zoning Change: President Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Lots 100 – 107 in the Commercial District. Christopher Washburn asked the Board which zoning types were being recommended. Anderson explained there was a recommendation for both R-3 (multi – family) and C-3 (commercial business). She further explained that the lots were initially zoned as a PUD; however, there was no follow through by the developer or the board to determine what the specific plan was for that area. Additional questions were asked regarding what types of buildings, setbacks and uses would be allowed. Anderson called for any other comments, and being none asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Gary Friske, seconded by Phil Solchenberger to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Tim Klecker, to approve the Zoning Ordinance A-226 of lots 100 – 107 from PUD to R-3 and C-3; seconded by Phil Solchenberger. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 5 yes; 0 nos.

5. Public Forum: Nancy Copper spoke to the Board regarding her utility bill, she had a new meter put in at her home and her utility bill went up significantly, she was going to have a plumber come to see if there was a leak and Gary Friske stated he would have public works investigate.

6. Correction and approval of minutes:

5a. Village Board Meeting of 08/13/2014: Motion by Jim Frame seconded by Phil Solchenberger to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of 08/13/14. Motion carried. President Anderson inquired as to the procedure for leaks in the mobile home park, public works will assist in locating the leak and then the park is responsible to fix it and there is no billing of public workers time. Gary Friske also updated the Board on the plow truck search.

Motion by Audra Anderson to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to deal with item 10a, seconded by Tim Klecker. Motion carried.

10a. Lot 45, request to divide lot and reduce special assessment. Realtor JR Reynolds addressed the Board regarding lot 45, which sits between two individuals that are interested in purchasing it and then dividing the lot between them. They did not want to purchase the land unless there was an agreement regarding the special assessment. The Board collectively agreed that their intention would be to waive the special assessment should the adjoining land owners purchase and split the lot.

7. Reports: It was reported that when public works was flushing the hydrants, the pump was running more than expected. Upon further inspection it was possible there was a bad impellor or valve in the pump, and it would be investigated. The jetter was repaired and was now working and cold mix could be purchased from Dane County. Discussion was held regarding Mount Horeb Fire Department minutes and budget. Review of

the Premier Co-Op invoice took place and a suggestion of labeling the vehicles would be helpful for accounting purposes.

8. Approval of bills presented for payment: Motion made by Phil Solchenberger, seconded by Jim Frame to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

9a. Review Municipal Attorney Proposals. Discussion was held regarding the attorneys that submitted proposals, the Board collectively decided to stay with Attorney Matthew Dregne at this time and would review in 2015. Clerk was instructed to send a letter to those that submitted proposals.

9b. Public Works Buildings: Discussion was held regarding the siding on the buildings at the plant. Two bids were received on each building. Motion by Jim Frame to hire Hubbard Construction to side two buildings, seconded by Gary Friske. Motion carried.

9c. Village Hall Remodeling: The Board reviewed the estimated costs of construction. Phil Solchenberger suggested that the Village use a professional grant writer to investigate possible grant funding. The architect was going to contact a grant writer prior to the next meeting to determine what the costs may be.

9d. PARC Grant Update: Audra Anderson attended a meeting regarding the PARC grant projects. The grant she submitted was ranked third. It is highly probable that the Village will be getting the grant money to update the shelter and construct a pathway from the parking lot to the bike trail. The official awards will be given late November or early December.

9e. HWY F Update: There was nothing to report, the next meeting is scheduled for September 30th at 8:00 a.m.

9f. Water rate study, update: Discussion was held on the status of the rate study. The Public Service Commission is requesting that the Village approach the mobile home park and ask them to do upgrades to their water lines. The situation the Village has with the mobile home park is not allowable under PSC guidelines. The Village must address this. Phil Solchenberger moved to have the attorney draft a letter to the mobile home park regarding upgrades to their water system, seconded by Jim Frame. Motion carried.

10. New Business

10b. Locater: Public Works needs to purchase a water line locater. Only one bid was received, Audra Anderson asked if this purchase could wait until the 2015 budget year, after discussion it was decided that more bids should be received and it could wait until 2015.

10c. Televising CTH F: Gary Friske explained that televising that was previously done on CTH F didn't go far enough, and before any construction occurs it must be completed. The Board agreed and authorized it to be done.

10d. Communication with employees: Audra Anderson asked for clarification on whether or not she could communicate with employees directly or if she had to go through a committee chair. After discussion it was decided that communication with public works would include a copy to the clerk, who would in turn save it for the committee chair.

10c. TIF analysis: The analysis has not been completed and therefore it will be moved to next month.

10f. Weed Spraying: Gary Friske told the Board that he investigated and spoke with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection about weed spraying. He was told that there are no regulations when the spraying is done by the municipality and particularly in the right of way. There are requirements if you are a landscaper.

10. Motion to Go Into Closed Session per §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. *Employee compensation.* Motion by Phil Solchenberger to go into closed session, seconded by Gary Friske, motion carried on roll call vote all in favor. Time: 8:55 p.m.

11. Reconvene to Open Session. Motion by Phil Solchenberger to return to open session, seconded by Gary Friske. Motion carried.

12. Future agenda items: None.

13. Adjournment. Phil Solchenberger moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Mary Jo Michek

Approved: October 8, 2014



Audra Anderson, Village President