

January 11, 2016 (Village Board Meeting)

DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING (AMENDED 02-01-2016)
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016
5:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Mleziva called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 118 East Main Street, Denmark, WI 54208

Present: Mary Jo Bielinski, Milton Bielinski, A. Schilke, P. Hargarten, S. Selner, G. Mleziva, V. Wertel

OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Clerk Sherri Konkol, Treasurer Kim Coogle, Director of Public Works Eika Sisel

REMARKS/COMMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Mleziva expressed condolences to the Stein family on behalf of the Village Board.

President Mleziva and the Board presented Chief Towns with an award for his service and dedication to the village.

President Mleziva welcomed all present. He recapped the rules of an open meeting and cited the two opportunities outlined in the agenda where pre-registered citizens or anyone present could speak.

PRE-REGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Michael Swetlik, 367 Danish Way. Swetlik asked the Village Board to consider allowing parking on Danish Way. He explained that the apartment building he lives in was originally an assisted living facility with limited parking spaces. He is going to be starting a mobile pressure washing business and would like the Village to consider allowing him to park on the road. He suggested the Village Board consider using a permit process on a case by case basis for registered vehicles to park on the dead end area of Danish Way.

President Mleziva stated that this would need to go to the Law Enforcement Committee, and that they would bring a recommendation back to the Board regarding the parking.

President Mleziva introduced and welcomed our Brown County Direct Enforcement Officers, Dan Delebreaux and Jonathon Dzekute.

- Jim Bielinski 410 Woodrow Court. Bielinski would like to know what the Village can do about the cat problem. He said cats are in their flower beds and now getting into the garage, and would like the Village to do something about it.

President Mleziva stated that this issue has been brought to the Board in the past, and that we do not have a cat ordinance. Konkol is going to check with other municipalities on whether or not they have a cat ordinance. Mleziva also stated that we are going through a recodification and that maybe General Code who is doing the recodification might have some suggestions.

- Bill Miller, 14810a Maribel Road, Maribel, WI. Miller here to stop the possible revocation of his operator's license. He stated he is very sorry for selling to a minor, and

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that he would like the Board to consider a probationary period for him, and if it happens again he will leave without question. Miller stated his fine is paid in full.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED UPON BY ONE (1) MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A TRUSTEE SO REQUESTS IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED AND PUT ON THE REGULAR AGENDA AS DESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Selner/Wertel moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2016 BUDGET FOR WATER, SEWER AND STORM WATER FUNDS

M.J. Bielinski/Wertel moved to approve the 2016 Budget for Water, Sewer and Stormwater Funds. Motion carried.

BOARD CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF DENMARK AND GENERAL TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 662 PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY EMPLOYEES

M. Bielinski/Schilke moved to approve collective bargaining agreement between Village of Denmark and General Teamsters Union Local 662 Public Works and Utility Employees. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2016 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE DENMARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selner/Wertel moved to approve the 2016 Fire Protection Contract with the Denmark Fire Department. Motion carried.

BOARD CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR SELLING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

President Mleziva stated that because the person that is being considered for revocation is here and spoke as a pre-registered citizen, that the Board did get an explanation of what happened, and asked if there were any other questions or comments. Former Chief Towns asked if he could speak.

Wertel/M. Bielinski moved to suspend the rules of the regular meeting and open the floor to the audience. Motion carried.

- Towns stated that there have not been any issues or calls to the Denmark Discount Mart other than a citizen calling in to report a minor walking out of the store with a 12 pack. He also stated that the person that was sold the 12 pack is not easily identifiable as a minor and could pass for someone in their mid-20s, and that the individual had been sited previously for underage drinking. The incident was addressed by the owner of the store.
- There was also a representative of the store here, and she stated that everyone was very upset with the person that sold to a minor, as they are trying to get the reputation of the store back to what it was in the past.

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Wertel/M.J. Bielinski moved to go back to the rules of the regular meeting. Motion carried.

President Mleziva stated that we do not want to set any precedence, and that the message has to be communicated that the Village has no tolerance for serving minors.

M. Bielinski/Wertel moved to not revoke the operator's license for selling to a minor with the understanding that should this happen again, his license will not be re-issued. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ELECTION WORKERS FOR 2016

Selner/Wertel moved to approve the list of Election Workers that Konkol provided for 2016. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING MEETING TIMES FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Hargarten/Schilke moved to start all future meetings at 4:30 p.m. going forward. Motion carried. Selner abstained.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE USE AND NEXT STEPS WITH EXCESS STADIUM SALES TAX REFUND

President Mleziva explained that there are three options for how municipalities can spend the excess stadium sales tax refund:

1. Purposes of property tax relief
2. Tax levy related debt relief
3. Economic Development

President Mleziva stated that he was going to put it on the table and explore all of our options. Mleziva feels at this point there is not enough information to make a decision on what to do with it, and any suggestions from citizens are welcome.

CSM FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL PARCEL, TOWN OF NEW DENMARK, ON COUNTY HIGHWAY R (STEVE'S CHEESE ROAD) FOR LARRY AND PATTY DUFEK

Larry and Patty Dufek were present at the meeting and asked if they could explain their plans.

Wertel/M.J. Bielinski moved to suspend the rules of the meeting and open the floor to the audience. Motion carried.

Larry Dufek explained that he and his wife Patty purchased the land from the Heezen family, and would like to sell the home to a local couple to fix up and live there. The intent is to farm all the land.

Selner/Wertel moved to return to the rules of the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Schilke/M.J. Bielinski moved to approve the CSM for extraterritorial parcel, Town of New Denmark, on County Highway R (Steve's Cheese Road) for Larry and Patty Dufek. Motion carried.

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CSM FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL PARCEL, TOWN OF NEW DENMARK, ON CHRISTENSEN LANE (LANGES CORNERS ROAD) FOR KEVIN AND GAY MASHL

M.J. Bielinski/Schilke moved to approve the CSM for extraterritorial parcel, Town of New Denmark, on Christensen Lane (Langes Corners Road) for Kevin and Gay Mashl. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees presented reports for their respective committees – Hergarten/Law Enforcement; Selner/Administrative & Finance; Schilke/Park & Recreation; Milton Bielinski/Public Works & Streets; Wertel/Water Utility and Mary Jo Bielinski/Sewer Utility.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

- Joan Schleis, 407 Highridge Avenue. Schleis had complaints about the snow plowing on Highridge Avenue and at Highridge Avenue and County Highway T.
- Kelley DeGrand, N1414 County Highway V, Denmark, WI. DeGrand plows snow, and received a letter from 101 Bohemia Drive that they were very upset that the snow was not cleared away from the mailboxes. DeGrand also stated that the snow was still 8 feet away from the curb when she was in the area plowing one of her client's lots, and that she saw a lot of pick-up trucks with plows on them plowing snow, and not much large equipment out plowing.
- Bill Kane, 451 Sunset Court. Kane stated that the Excess Stadium Tax Refund should be used to pay down the Village's debt.
- Ron Towns, 110 Highridge Avenue. Towns thanked the Village for everything they have done for him the past 21 years.
- Joan Schleis, 407 Highridge Avenue, agrees with Bill Kane that the excess tax refund should be used to pay the Village's debt down.
- Rob Freeman, 863 Woodrow Street. Freeman commented on the snow plowing. He stated that every municipality had their plows out for 3-5 days and that Denmark wasn't an exception. It was a difficult storm, and he appreciated the job Pro 1 did.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Konkol

- The contract between Northeast Wisconsin Veterinary Service and the Village needs to be updated.
- Had a resident that lives on Pine Street, and wants to know if anything is going to be done about the junk all over the yard at 217 North Wall Street. He stated that there are tires all over the yard, and junk hidden behind buildings. He said he talked with former Administrator Dave Suemnick several times in summer, and Suemnick told him that there was nothing the Village could do about it because the village didn't have an ordinance for it. The resident was checking back to see if anything will be done to have the property cleaned up.

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- Sent a copy of all of our ordinances in our ordinance book to General Code so they can start the recodification project.

Cooke

- Is currently reviewing the method of how we are paying our Board Members

Sisel

- Televised the storm sewer pipe on Lynch Ave and Hershman Street. The pipe is shallow and not sloped properly to drain the back lot of 400 Lynch Avenue.
- Baffles were put in the Grit Chamber.
- The ice rink was flooded last week and the sand didn't hold. There is a frozen strip of ice going down the sledding hill.

CLOSED SESSION

Selner/M.J. Bielinski moved to convene into closed session pursuant to WIS. Statute 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. Roll call vote: Wertel –aye, Schilke – aye, Mary Jo Bielinski – aye, Milton Bielinski – aye, Hargarten – aye, Selner –aye, Mleziva – aye. Motion carried.

(Chief Retirement)

(Building Inspector)

Wertel/M.J. Bielinski moved to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Selner/Wertel moved that the board approves the sale of the two shot guns for fair market value to Ron Towns provided all transfer paperwork is in place prior to transfer of ownership of the guns. Motion carried.

Schilke/M.J. Bielinski moved that the board ~~has decided to~~ **should terminate the relationship effective immediately with our current Building Inspector, and ~~approved~~ **approve** the appointment of Robert L. Pockl, contingent on reference checks. Motion carried.**

ADJOURN

Wertel/M.J. Bielinski moved to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk