

July 18, 2016 (Village Board Meeting)

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING (Amended)**  
**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016**  
**4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Mleziva called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 118 East Main Street, Denmark, WI 54208

Present: Susan Selner, Vince Wertel, Milton Bielinski, Alan Schilke, Paul Hargarten, Mary Jo Bielinski, Gregory Mleziva

OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Clerk Sherri Konkol, Treasurer Kim Coogle, Director of Public Works Erika Sisel, DEO Dan Delebreau

REMARKS/COMMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mary Lax, 621 Woodrow Street, thanked the Law Enforcement Committee for meeting with the residents of Woodrow Street regarding pedestrian safety. There was a lot of brainstorming at the committee meeting regarding parking, speeding and increased traffic and a lot of ideas surfaced. Lax would like to see the Village take the safest route possible for pedestrians using Woodrow Street.

Darrell Duckart, 611 Woodrow Street, lives across the street from the industrial park, and the noise coming from the business' cooling towers is becoming an issue. Duckart stated that they cannot even open their windows. When 1 fan is running it is not an issue, but when the second and third ones are turned on he has to turn up his television. Suggested some sound deadening panels.

President Mleziva recommended that Duckart share his concerns with the business that is involved.

Trustee S. Selner stated that the Village Board is not forgetting the Ordinance for Operator's Licenses. The ordinance is not clear as to what the recourse is once a license is issued and a violation occurs, and this needs to be clarified.

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

**M.J. Bielinski/V. Wertel moved to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

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TREASURERS MONTHLY REPORT ON REVENUE/EXPENDITURES

M.J. Bielinski presented the monthly treasurers report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING: THE DENMARK LIONS CLUB'S REQUEST TO PUT A GAZEBO ON VILLAGE PROPERTY AT 140 WISCONSIN AVENUE (DENMARK WAR MEMORIAL PARK)

**Wertel/Schilke moved to suspend the rules of the regular meeting to open the floor for presentation and discussion. Motion carried.**

Shirley Dahlke, incoming president for the Lions Club, explained that Internationally the Lions Club is celebrating 100 years and each individual club was asked to do a Legacy Project. The Club looked at putting benches in the War Memorial Park area by the Veteran's Memorial so the Veterans do not have to stand during their services there, but then decided on a gazebo in the same area that anyone could use. It could be used for concerts. It would be a 12' X 18' maintenance free gazebo with electricity. There will be no trees taken down. The high school Tech Ed class and Boy Scouts will be **approached to see if they can** help out with the project. If the Memorial Park sign would need to be relocated, the Lions Club would do that, and possibly turn the sign and make it two sided so it can be seen from the street. The Lions Club would like to get the project started as soon as possible.

Francis Rabas, representing the Veterans, stated that the Veterans are not opposed to the gazebo, but are just worried about the height of it, and if people will be able to see the flag if it is flying at half-mast. The Veterans would like to see the gazebo moved from the front of the lot, to the north side on top of the hill, and would like to see it staked out, or a proto-type made with 1" PVC pipe so people can have a visual of what it would look like. The Lions Club will put a proto-type together and have it in the Memorial Park where they plan to put the gazebo, and Village Board members that want to see it will go out and look at the options on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 4:00 prior to the 4:30 Village Board Meeting.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Cooke explained budget amendments to the Board.

**Selner/M.J. Bielinski moved to adopt the amended budget as presented. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING WOODROW STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE CURRENT STREET PARKING POLICY, THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR SIDEWALKS, ETC.

Trustee Wertel did a recap of the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Some of the recommendations that came out of the meeting were:

- Putting stop signs at the exits business that gets busy at shift change.
- Putting up more speed limit signs. There are no speed limit signs from North Avenue. Road to very far south on Woodrow Street.
- Having the bus off the street is great.
- Employees are parking in the parking lot.

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The business is posting information about the community and will be putting communication on public address boards encouraging employees to use North Avenue Road.

DEO Delebreaux stated he has been in contact with the residents on Woodrow Street. The Public Works Department will be putting up more speed limit signs. One suggestion Delebreaux had was to reconfigure the traffic lanes and designate specific bike lanes that would give a 4-5' cushion, otherwise he felt sidewalks are the safest route to go.

During Board discussion it was agreed that sidewalks would be the safest way to go. Next steps:

- Research grants that may be available for sidewalks.
- Signage is lacking.
- Will there be sidewalks on both sides?

President Mleziva asked that Erika Sisel, Director of Public Works, get estimates for sidewalks on both sides of the street from North Avenue Road to Green Bay Road, and on the west side of the street from North Avenue Road to Woodrow Court to Green Bay Road, and on the east side of the street from North Avenue Road to Green Bay Road.

**Selner/Schilke moved to open the floor for comment. Motion carried.**

Darrell Duckart, 611 Woodrow Street, would like to see the street made 4' narrower and the sidewalks put along the curb because the snow removal is not going to be good. A lot of snow gets dumped on the sidewalks and there is nowhere to go with it. Feels that it would be easier if the sidewalks were put along the curb than in the grass. Also, the storm sewers will have to be moved.

Dallan Lax, 621 Woodrow Street, is in favor of sidewalks for the safety of the kids walking up and down the street. Sidewalks are the best for the safety of the kids and pedestrians.

Gerald Steinberger, 508 Jacob Drive, suggested putting up a stop sign up at Oak Street and Woodrow Street. That would slow the traffic down. Steinberger also stated that the Board should know the property lines and setbacks for the Gazebo project that the Lions Club wants to do in the park.

Jason Ovsak, 661 Woodrow Street, concerned about his safety and his children's safety, and if sidewalks are the safest way to go, he is in favor of them.

Jodi Duckart, 611 Woodrow Street, stated sidewalks are ok, but they are needed on both sides of the street. And, if they are only put on one side, feels they would be safer on the east side. Also semis are coming down Woodrow Street at least 1 or 2 per day. There is one small sign on KB and one small sign on R for truck routes. Maybe we need more truck route signs.

Dollie Ovsak, 661 Woodrow Street, asked if there would be a buffer zone put along the curb. President Mleziva stated that would be up to the Public Works staff.

Sisel and the DEO's will check on signage.

**Wertel/M. Bielinski moved to return to the regular rules of the meeting. Motion carried.**

President Mleziva confirmed that Sisel will get estimates for sidewalks for the areas previously indicated, and will check the signage with the DEO's.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Sisel

The temporary Above Ground Storage Tank is in place and the Underground Storage Tank has been removed. The new concrete slab was poured on Friday and should be ready for the new tank by Wednesday or Thursday this week.

The I-43 stormwater grading project is almost ready to be closed out. This week the contractors will be in one more time to correct a couple low points in the drainage swale behind Bones Welding and DSD Trucking. All of the swales/ditches and ponds are part of the stormwater management system that must be maintained in the grading project area. The stormwater management system must be followed into perpetuity, unless there is approval from the WDNR. If modifications are made without WDNR approval then it is a violation of the permit that was approved. The potential enforcement for non-compliance listed in the permit is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per day of the violation.

The Public Works garage is on schedule to be bid out in September with construction to begin in October.

DEO Delebreau

There were a few fireworks complaints over the weekend of the fourth of July

Handled a complaint of a man with a gun, the call was unfounded.

Assisted with a double fatal accident on County Road X

Mleziva

Mleziva shared that he had been in contact with the Norse Snowmobile Club to see if they would be interested in the old Municipal Garage. They were not interested and prefer the lot next to Trailhead. Mleziva is looking for some direction from the Board to take back to the Snowmobile Club. The Board feels that the Snowmobile Club should pay for the land and pay taxes on it. Mleziva will communicate this with the Club and bring it back to the Board.

The School District agreed to the Board's decision on the 2016-2017 school year for DEO coverage.

CLOSED SESSION

**Wertel/ M. Bielinski moved to Convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, as it relates to Economic Development whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote: Selner – aye, Wertel – aye, M. Bielinski – aye, Schilke – aye, Hargarten – aye, M.J. Bielinski – aye, Mleziva – aye. Motion carried.**

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RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS. STATUTE 19.85(2) TO TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM(S) IN CLOSED SESSION

**Selner/Wertel moved to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.**

No action taken.

ADJOURN

**M.J. Bielinski/Wertel moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk