

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Paul Hergarten

Officials Present: Clerk Sherri Konkol, Treasurer Kim Cooke, Director of Public Works Erika Sisel, Building Inspector, Ralph Witte, DEO Dan Delebreaux, Attorney Terence Bouressa

REMARKS/COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Mleziva welcomed all present. He recapped the rules of an open meeting, and explained the only opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting is if they are a pre-registered citizen to discuss an agenda topic. Unless the rules of the meeting get suspended, the public cannot speak during the meeting.

Mleziva also shared there is new business coming to the Village. The Land O’ Lakes building has been purchased. Effective Thursday, January 4, Title Town Cheese is the new owner. Mleziva introduced Jerry Haines, President, Title Town Cheese, and Jim Morgan, Project Manager for the company. Haines stated he has been wrapping cheese since he was 17, and is a licensed cheese maker and licensed cheese grader. The new business will cut and wrap cheese. This project will be done in 3 phases, they are hoping to have the first phase done in 1-3 months employing 10–20 employees, phase 2 will employ 20-40 employees and are hoping to have phase three complete in approximately 6-8 months employing up to 80 people. Title Town Cheese is very excited to be a part of the village, and can’t wait to start the plant up again.

Mleziva congratulated Title Town and welcomed them to the Village.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Pastor Andrew Zoerb of Our Saviors Lutheran Church was here to present to the Village Board a small portion of a group that was formed through area churches called DNA (Denmark Neighbors in Action) and focuses on the needs in the community, especially for the elderly. DNA is also working with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (Devon Christianson, Director ADRC, Sheri Mealy, ADRC Dementia Care Specialist), and Neighbor Care/Goodwill (Lori Wagner).

Pastor Zoerb stated they are not asking for any resources from the Village, and their goal is to help Denmark be a great place to simply grow old. Pastor Zoerb then introduced Lori Wagner.

Lori Wagner works for Neighbor Care which was started by Goodwill in 2014. Neighbor Care has already invested \$200,000 into our community. The main goal of this organization is to work on reducing isolation of the elderly. Thirty-five percent of the population in our community are 65 years or older, forty-three residents feel isolated, and 80% want to live in aging facilities. The elderly just want a place to belong. Some things the DNA group is working on are:

- To connect people with the correct person or organization
- Reduce the number of community members in isolation by interlocking schools and churches with intergenerational programming
- Would like to see 10% volunteer participation from schools, churches and the Village

President Mleziva asked how DNA was going to go about getting the 10% volunteer participation. Mleziva stated the Village can put the information on our website and our Facebook page.

Wagner stated they will be going through the schools, newspaper, and doing surveys. The group also plans on doing Neighbor Education.

Sheri Mealy, Dementia Care Specialist at the ADRC, Mealy is one of nineteen Dementia Care Specialists in the State of Wisconsin whose intent is to help people “age in place.” Mealy stated 44% of people 75-84 years of age have Alzheimer’s or dementia. Mealy shared there are things already in place in the Village to help create the community coalition they are hoping for. Some of those things are one of the 5 Memory Cafés located in Brown County. The Denmark Memory Café is located in the Senior Center. It is a place where people with Alzheimer’s or dementia can get out in a stigma free welcoming environment. The ADRC is also offering Purple Angel Training for businesses or any individual that would like it. Employees of businesses are trained how to work with people with dementia, so staff is dementia capable. Once employees of the business are trained, the business receives a Purple Angel sticker to put in the window to show your business is dementia friendly. The trainings are 30 minutes long and are free.

Devon Christianson, Director of ADRC, explained their organization is to keep people 17 years and 6 months and older independent and well. Christianson shared the ARDC which had many different names in the past, has been in Denmark since 1979, and get roughly \$60,000 per year in assistance from the ADRC, and has received \$1.8 million in the last 30 years. The organization is not asking for any money, but is asking for support to think creative to keep the programs going in Denmark.

Pastor Zoerb shared there will be an ALICE and Purple Angel training at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church on January 21. It starts at 12:00 and runs until 2:00.

There will also be a 90 minute dementia training at the Senior Center on Tuesday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m. This is not Purple Angel training.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL ITEMS UNDER THE 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

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

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

M.J. Bielinski/Selner moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Witte:

- Not much new other than what was included in the packet
- Total dollar value of permits issued was \$6.9 million
- Total value of fees collected was \$39,311.80

Sisel:

- Water main break on Christmas night, were able to throttle it back until the next morning. It was a 6' ductile main with a vertical crack
- Christmas lights were taken down today
- Wall Street design has been started by our engineers

Cooke:

- Wrapping up end of year
- Schenk will be in house for our annual year-end audit February 19-21st
- Tax collection went extremely well
- BMO Harris Bank was great to work with
- Reminder that 2 half of tax payment (due 7/31) needs to go directly to the Brown County Treasurer

Konkol:

- Shared with the board a comment from a resident stating what a wonderful job was done plowing after the snow on December 13. And, how refreshing it was to be able to drive on the streets of Denmark without a worry after the treacherous drive home the evening before.
- Again encouraged the Board to take a look at the Draft of Ordinances that General Code sent back for review. This needs to be back to General Code with changes or corrections by February 1st, and the sooner we get it back, the sooner we will get our final draft.

Mleziva:

- Shared with the board Title Town Cheese will be working in 3 phases and will employ 10-20 after phase 1 is done, 20-40 when phase 2 is done and up to 80 once phase 3 is done in approximately 6-8 months if everything goes as expected. Mleziva t stated this is big for the community and he hopes this turns into a long term relationship with Title Town Cheese. The Village has to figure out where we can help them in the future.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE: CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE & CLASS "B" LIQUOR (COMBINANTION) FOR SHAUN WENDT 18802 HARPT LAKE RD DENMARK WI 54208 FOR 21 GUN SALOON BAR AND GRILL 110 MAIN STREET DENMARK WI 54208

Wertel/Schilke moved to approve the Class "B" fermented malt beverage & class "B" liquor license for Shaun Wendt for 21 Gun Saloon Bar and Grill. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PROCLAMATION OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING JANUARY 21-27 AS SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK

President Mleziva read aloud the Proclamation.

M. Bielinski/Wertel moved to approve the Proclamation officially recognizing January 21-27 as School Choice Week in the Village of Denmark. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 1.04 TERM OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Attorney Bouressa explained after doing some research on the judge's term it was discovered the election cycle was not followed after the judge resigned due to health reasons in 2013. His term was to go to April 2015. Robert McCabe agreed to fill the spot until the April 2014 election, and there was an election held in April 2014 which didn't follow our ordinance for the municipal judge who is elected for a term of 4 years in "odd" years. Our attorney's opinion is to ratify the results of the 2014 Spring Election for municipal judge and have the election for municipal judge take place in April of 2019.

Schilke/M.J. Bielinski moved that to the extent necessary, the board ratifies the results of the spring 2014 election for municipal judge and that the next election for municipal judge shall take place in spring of 2019. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO (6)(b) ORINANCE NUMBER 10-2000 SEXUAL OFFENDERS RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

President Mleziva turned the floor over to DEO Delebreaux, as he has been working with the Sex Offender ordinance.

DEO Delebreaux shared he has been reviewing the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions Ordinance with other municipalities to see how they handle their appeal board. Some municipalities have one or two board members while others have the entire Village Board as their appeal board.

Laurel Towns is no longer a resident of the Village, so there is an opening on the board now, and Delebreau thought this was a good time to look at it. Delebreau stated he feels there would be more consistency and it would better serve the village if the Village Board was also the appeal board for sex offenders. The appeal meetings could be scheduled consistent with the Village Board meetings. There are 1-2 appeals a year and Delebreau feels it would better serve the village by having the Village Board serve as the appeal board.

Delebreau also brought up the prohibited location of residence for sex offenders. It is unlawful for any designated offender to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within 1,500 feet of any school, licensed day care center, park, trail, playground, place of worship, or any other place designated by the Village as a place where children are known to congregate without appearing in front of the Sex Offender Residency Board of Appeals. We are following the state standard at 1,500 feet. Delebreau did share area maps for 900 and 750 foot restrictions that he drew up.

President Mleziva asked Attorney Bouressa if he had any concerns. Bouressa stated a municipality does not need to have an appeal board for sex offenders, and transitioning it to the Village Board would be permissible. He stated it is appropriate to appoint the Village Board as the Sex Offender Appeals Board.

Delebreau shared the Village had 1 registered offender in 2007, and now has 7 or 8 registered offenders.

Selner/Schilke moved to suspend the rules of the regular meeting and allow the members of the current Sex Offender Board of Appeals that are here, to speak. Motion carried.

Jim Bomski stated he got on this board because he wanted to get involved, and asked why they are taking it away from them.

Bob McCabe stated he has been on the Sex Offender Residency Board of Appeals (SORBA) since its inception, and helped to develop the paperwork involved. McCabe asked how many offenders that moved in have re-offended. McCabe stated Delebreau mentioned notification of neighbors that an offender is moving in, and McCabe likes this idea, as we have to be very careful as to who we allow in the Village. McCabe stated there are people willing to serve on this board, and in the past there have been 1 or 2 Village Board members on the SORBA, and there are currently 5 members on the SORBA.

Kathy Stein would like to see at least one member of the Village Board on the SORBA. Stein stated some of the questions they ask the offender are, if they are working, who they are moving in with, and if there have been any problems recently. Stein thinks it would be worthwhile to continue with the SORBA as it is with 5 members.

Bob McCabe asked if the approval by the SORBA goes awry what liability the board has. Bouressa stated they would have immunity. McCabe also asked if once an offender is approved, can the SORBA rescind the decision. Delebreau stated once an offender is approved, they are there until they move, and nothing can be done.

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

Selner/Schilke moved to deny the amendment to (6)(b) Ordinance Number 10-2008 Sexual Offenders Residency Restrictions, and to revisit the make-up and size of the Sex Offender Residency Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

M. Bielinski/Schilke moved to leave the prohibited location for sex offenders at 1,500 feet. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

President Mleziva stated there is not a need for closed session, as the discussion was going to be regarding Title Town Cheese, and the announcement was made at the beginning of the meeting that there will be a new business in town with members representing Title Town here at the meeting.

ADJOURN

M.J. Bielinski/Schilke moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk