

**MEETING MINUTES:
VILLAGE BOARD**

January 15, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order by President Rogers at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Beiser, Boucher, Fischer, Ruetten, Clifford, absent; Oliphant, and Rogers; present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Public Participation

- None
- Art Ramjen – GO-EDC, left brochures – looking for volunteer drivers.
 - o Please put in newsletter.
 - o Greater Oshkosh reached out to GO-EDC for economic development 101 –
Waiting to set date for the event which will last approximately 2 hours.
Encouraged to attend.
 - o Mr. Ramjen inquired about the use of the Village compost site for Butte des Morts. Village proposed a joint compost site – Town of Winneconne turned us down. The Town would have to approach the Village if they are interested.

Valerie Stuart – 421 N 9th Street – issue with bands playing late into the early morning at Woodeye's, basically hear what the band is playing. Had one about a month ago, called sheriff's department, waited an hour . . . went down a miniscule. Called two or three times. . . went on to about 12:30. Approximately a good four blocks away. In the past, we've had lights on wall vibrate with the bass. Issue with going past ordinance time . . . because they can't seem to keep the volume down. Police Department will monitor.

Communications

- Letter presented from Tim Reimer at Midwest Specialty.
 - o Thanking the Village for the support during the Main Street/Bridge Projects.

Motion to Move into Public Hearing

Designation and Acquisition of Blighted Properties located at 105, 113, and 115/117 East Main Street

MOTION by Fischer, seconded by Ruetten, to go into a committee of the whole to hold a public hearing on the designation and acquisition of blighted properties located at 105, 113, and 115/117 East Main Street. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Public Hearing – President Rogers will ask three times if anyone present would like to speak for or against the designation and acquisition of blighted properties located at 105, 113, and 115/117 East Main Street. . . . the little white house.

1st Call: Dennis Biggar, 202 East Main Street – what is the plan with the property.

Village purchase the property and cleanup property and then put it back on the market.
Funding available to clean it . . . goal is to be no cleanup cost to the Village.
How much buildable space - .25 acres + .04 acre . . . about 1/3 acre.
Parking – driveway is off Second Ave. Comparable size to Dr Marsh Dentist space.

2nd Call: - No one spoke for or against.

3rd Call: - No one spoke for or against.

Motion to Return to Regular Session

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Ruetten, to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Regular Business:

Approve Consent Agenda

Approve December 2018 Minutes
Approve and Order Paid Village and Utility Bills
Approve Financial Report
Adopt Agenda

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Fischer, to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Administrator Report

- We are awaiting the decision on the Wintermission program application;
- Having discussions with Ehlers regarding the potential closure of TID#7
(Industrial Park)
- CDBG CLOSE program has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the state is now looking at how to implement with a webinar on January 24th;
- Open Records Request for a resident has been dealt with appropriately and we await any additional communications;
- Our intern Peter provided one last report to the Publics Works Committee about some potential temporary sidewalk work as a way to test out locations for sidewalks without the massive investment right away;
- I held a second “Budgets and Beers” event scheduled for the 3rd of January at 6:30 p.m. at the Fin ‘n’ Feather. We had approximately 35 residents attend and held the discussion for several hours at which point I believe they had a better understanding of our overall finances at that time;
- We are working on renewing our insurances currently and could see a good decrease in workers compensation;
- Soil tests are proceeding on the PDK site in the next few weeks so that we can know exactly the extent of the environmental contamination;
- Finally, we are continuing to work with the UMCA on new agreements for 2019.

Committee Reports

Beautification

- Refer to minutes.
- Short meeting – slowly moving forward on replacing East/West sign/Marble Park sign and Industrial Park sign.

Cemetery

- Refer to minutes.

Fire Department

- Everything is running smooth.
- Request funds for 1st half of budget and the new truck.
- Chicken Fun Night January 30th at the Fin.

Historic Preservation

- Refer to minutes.
- Short meeting.

Industrial Development Committee

- Did not meet.

Library Board

- Refer to minutes.
- Lot of things going on.
 - o Looking at joint library.
 - o Drive for supplies for soldiers. Donations sent to Amanda's husband troop being deployed to Afghanistan at the end of the month.
 - o Adopt a book sale.

Park Committee

- Refer to minutes.
- Updates and one agenda item.

Personnel and Finance

- Refer to minutes.
- Employment agreements.

Plan Commission

- Refer to minutes.
- Worked on Comprehensive Plan.
- Next meeting January 22nd

Police and Fire Committee

- Refer to minutes.
- Accepting application for part-time officers.
- Check by DOJ for juvenile lockup. We passed.
- Presented annual report – a lot of traffic issues due to construction.

- Calls to school up slightly. . . most likely due to slight increase of student population.
- Good Report – thank you!

Public Works

- Refer to minutes.
- Updates on projects.
 - o Received draft PSC rate study. Public Hearing scheduled for Feb 8th at 8:00
 - o Preliminary engineering report finalized for well and water study.
 - Series of public meetings to follow.
- Twin Harbor residents attended . . . will hold next meeting at evening.
Most of the residents from 1989 still live in their homes.
Subdivision built in the 1970's.

WCDA

- Did not meet.

Old Business:

Review Status of Waterfront Development with LeksIII Construction

- Update given by Village Administrator Mitch Foster.
- Tried several times to reach Mr. Leksandar . . . as of yesterday responded that they are having disagreements with the investment group and the developer – project has stalled.

Consider Approval of Accepting Additional Proposals/Developers for Waterfront Property

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Fischer, to approve accepting additional Proposals/Developers for Waterfront Property. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

New Business:

Approve Park Use Agreement Between the Village of Winneconne and the Winneconne Women's Athletic Association

- Reviewed by Village Administrator Mitch Foster.
- Recommended by Park Committee – changed contract to three years.

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Ruetten, to approve the Park Use Agreement Between the Village of Winneconne and the Winneconne Women's Athletic Association. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Adopt Resolution 1.1-2019 Resolution Approving the Blight Designation and Acquisition of Property located at 105 East Main Street in the Village of Winneconne, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

- Reviewed by Village Administrator Mitch Foster
- Determines there is a blighted property at 105 East Main St.

- Not usable unless combined with other properties.
- Resolutions drafted by Attorney Sorensen.
- Appraisal Report was received.
- Phase I report received.

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Ruetten, to adopt Resolution 1.1-2019 Resolution Approving the blight Designation and Acquisition of Property located at 105 East Main Street in the Village of Winneconne, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Adopt Resolution 1.2-2019 Resolution Approving the Blight Designation and Acquisition of Property Located at 113, 115/117 East Main Street in the Village of Winneconne, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

- Reviewed by Village Administrator Mitch Foster
- Different type of blight.
- Estimated \$130,000.00 to cleanup property.
- Designated a contaminated site by the DNR.

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Ruetten, to adopt Resolution 1.2-2019 Resolution Approving and Blight Designation and Acquisition of Property located at 113, 115/117 East Main Street in the Village of Winneconne, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Employment Agreement for Administrator

- Same agreements as in the past – only change is salary changes and PTO instead of vacation.
- Discussed an Evergreen Agreement – does not have an end. Remove references to salary and put salaries in the budget.
- Confine discussion to language of agreement only.

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Fischer, to approve the Employment Agreement for Village Administrator. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Employment Agreement for Police Chief

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Ruetten, to approve the Employment Agreement for Police Chief. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Employment Agreement for Police Lieutenant

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Fischer, to approve the Employment Agreement for Police Lieutenant. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Employment Agreement for Clerk/Treasurer

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Beiser, to approve the Employment Agreement for Clerk/Treasurer. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Employment Agreement for Public Works Director

MOTION by Beiser, seconded by Fischer, to approve the Employment Agreement for Public Works Director. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Relaxation of Noise Ordinance for Critter's Sports until 12:30 a.m. on January 26th and March 2nd, 2019

- Current end time is 11:00 p.m.
- Inside building – bass is the problem.
- Valerie – told other people have called also – things falling off walls.
 - Chief Olson – mostly received as anonymous complaints. Officer will ask them to turn it down. Officer's discretion. Never had a name before.
 - Inside building three times a year. Next event brings over 1000 people to Winneconne.
 - Can we reach a compromise.
 - Both bands are playing to midnight.
 - Chief Olson – doing for years . . . will monitor on those nights. Shut them down if we receive complaints.
 - Trying to take care of residents and businesses.

MOTION by Fischer, seconded by Ruetten, to relax the Noise Ordinance for Critter's Sports until 12:00 a.m. on January 26th, 2019 and March 2, 2019. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, ayes; Boucher, abstain; and Rogers; ayes.

Approve Membership with Winneconne Chamber of Commerce

- Reviewed by Village Administrator Mitch Foster
- Haven't always been a member. Did join again last year.
- \$100 membership is included in the budget.

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Fischer, to approve Membership with the Winneconne Chamber of Commerce. Roll Call: Fischer, Ruetten, Oliphant, Beiser, Boucher, and Rogers; ayes.

Operator Licenses

- None

MOTION by Boucher, seconded by Beiser, to adjourn. Carried by voice vote.

TIME: 6:11 p.m.

Jacquin Stelzner
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Winneconne