

**MEETING MINUTES:
VILLAGE BOARD**

AUGUST 18, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Boucher.
Roll Call: Kubasta, Foster, Mashak, Kies, Broderick, Metzsig, and Boucher; present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Public Participation

Brian Peterson – Introduced himself as the new Field Supervisor for the Village. Excited to be a part of a team here. Very welcoming. Excited to see what the future holds for us.

Cleton Trumbo – 543 Elm Street – Governor of the state mandated we would wear masks.
Shame on you Mr. President.

Communications – Read letter received by John H. Wallace, 618 Birch Street. Letter along with copies of pictures received from Mr. Wallace were given to each board member. See Exhibit A.

Regular Business

Approve Consent Agenda and Order Bills Paid

July 21, 2020 Village Board Minutes – survey – Metzsig aye; Broderick no;
Village and Utility Bills – Order Paid
Financial Report

MOTION by Kubasta, seconded by Kies, to approve the consent agenda as and order bills paid.
Roll Call: Kubasta, Foster, Mashak, Kies, Broderick, Metzsig, and Boucher; ayes.

Committee Reports: Beautification, Historic Preservation, Library, Park, Public Safety, Public Works, Plan Commission, Fire

Beautification – Refer to minutes.

- 2nd place for float – donation to Sov State and Sign
- Date for fall decoration – October 1st
- Continue fundraising for sign

Historic Preservation – Did not have quorum.

Library – Refer to minutes.

- Approved eliminating library fines. The amount of fines collected is minimal in comparison to the effort. However, if a book is not returned they will be charged for the replacement.
- Set up endowment fund with Winnebago Community Foundation.

Park Committee – Refer to minutes.

- Outstanding response for staying under 300 people for pool.

- Two small inflatables were installed.
- Revenue is currently in line with last year. Expenses decreased.
- Gazebo fee changed to \$100.00.

Public Safety – Refer to minutes.

- Difficult year to train officers. 24 hours training – couple of didn't make it because classes were cancelled at the tech. State has given us leeway.

Public Works – Refer to minutes.

- Met several times this month.
- Reviewed village projects and priorities.
- Winneconne bridge won a national award.
- Well update.
- Reviewed storm water utility creation.
- Looked at optional utility projects for this fall.

Plan Commission – Refer to minutes.

Fire – Still following CDC guidelines. PPE adequate at this time. Would like to see the 6th Street project move forward.

Administrator's Report

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

August 18, 2020

The Village staff continue to do admirable work. Brian Peterson is off to a great start supervising the day-to-day activities of our public works crew. Jaci and Kathy successfully oversaw our third election this year. In addition to devoting considerable time to the N. 6th Street project, Kirk continues to oversee the pilot study of the reverse osmosis water purification system at well no. 2. We are in week nine of twelve. Early tests returned results well within those required by the DNR. As we have changed parameters, we have also gleaned valuable information that will help us minimize our O/M costs when the new R/O system is installed.

This week's board meeting should be a little shorter than usual. Please don't get too used to it. As you are aware, we are heading into budget season shortly and have a lot of initiatives – and communication about them – to advance.

FlashVote is continuing to send invitations for Village residents to sign up for our survey panel. The rate at which our residents are signing up is a little below the average of other communities with which FlashVote has worked. As you speak with your constituents, please reassure them that the invitations from FlashVote are legitimate and encourage them to register.

Public Works Committee's recommendation regarding sidewalks on N. 6th Street

The Village Board and the Public Works Committee have done a commendable job accommodating concerns expressed by a small but loud group of residents. Even after accounting for the rampant mischaracterization of the work the Village staff performed, we know that we need to communicate more effectively and are committed to doing so.

From my perspective, the most frustrating development was the way in which advocates opposed to the sidewalk requested a community-wide survey to collect valuable data to inform this Board's decision and then worked to spread false information, all but ensuring that a survey would not yield useful information. Tonight, you find yourselves in the unfortunate position of making a decision without the benefit of the community input that you wanted.

It is my recommendation that you approve "Option D" - Sidewalk on the east side from W. Main to Division with a 60" wide sidewalk except a 48" wide sidewalk adjacent to the home at 546 Prospect Street and 8' or 6.5' terrace as conditions allow. This is consistent with the Village's sidewalk plan, approved by the Village Board in 2017. It merits mention that the owners of 546 Prospect Street have not attended any of the Village Board or Public Works Committee meetings regarding this project. Their actions suggest far less concern about the sidewalk next to their own home than their neighbors further down the street.

Certified Survey Map for 919 Elm Street

The Plan Commission voted a recommendation that the certified survey map for 919 Elm Street not be approved. The owner was under the impression that Lot 19 – currently vacant – was a wetland. To the best of my knowledge that is not the case. Building there likely would require the addition of fill to bring it out of the 100-year flood plain. The current owner intends on selling both lots in the near future. By keeping them separate, we preserve a vacant lot in an area zoned for single family homes.

1st Prize in Quality in Life – Mid American Region – ask David. Projects from seven states and we represent the mid American region and competing nationally with the other regions.

Jack Wirch – 502 Elm Street – requested Village Administrator read his Administrator report.

Village Administrator David Porter read Administrator report a loud.

It was commented from the audience that the Administrator report was not the one in the packet. Confirmed it was the one in the packet. (it was later determined the Administrator Report the audience was referring to was included in the July 2020 Village Board minutes – which was in the packet.)

Old Business:

Discuss and Vote on Recommendation from the Public Works Committee for the completion of the North 6th Street Project (Exhibit C)

- Reviewed by Trustee Steve Foster – 5 options reviewed
- Recommended Option D and Option E
- Interruptions from Audience.

- Village Attorney Dunham reminded the audience that the Village President has control of the meeting. We are following our ordinance.
- Trustee Broderick – clearly ruled out Options A,B,C
 - Today we have sidewalks on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th that go to Main to Division. on both sides of the street.
- Trustee Mashak – is there an option for no sidewalks. Basically Option E which ends at the Fire Station.
- Trustee Metig – only option I would support would be E.
- Trustee Kies – D or E make sense to me.
- Kubasta – support Option D or E.

MOTION by Metzig, seconded by Kies, to approve Option E which is sidewalk on the east side of North 6th Steet from West Main Street to Prospect with a sixty (60) inch wide sidewalk and an eight (8) foot terrace. Roll Roll Call: Kubasta, no; Foster, aye; Mashak, no; Kies, aye; Broderick,no; Metzig,aye; and Boucher; no. Motion failed.

MOTION by Kies, seconded by Broderick, to go with option D which is sidewalk on the east side of North 6th Street from West Main to Division with a sixty (60) inch wide sidewalk except a forty-eight (48) inch wide sidewalk adjacent to the home at 546 Prospect Street (ADA requires a sixty(60) inch sidewalk at least every two hundred (200) feet) and an eight (8) foot or six and one-half (6.5) foot terrace as conditions allow. Roll Call: Kubasta, aye; Foster, aye; Mashak, no; Kies, aye; Broderick aye; Metzig, no; and Boucher; ayes.

Whitney McMullin – 235 N 6th Street – read letter she had prepared. See Exhibit B.

Mike Albright 533 Division Street – Why was I told to come here tonight? I understand from talking to the construction workers the sidewalk will come across my property. I will have a sidewalk that I get to shovel that goes to nowhere. Nobody walks on sidewalks. The sidewalks we do have in the Village are basically water holes. I have seen Vinton’s work. I do not want them to put sidewalk in from of my house. No one consulted me on cutting down a 100 year oak that was on my property – they did not grind the stump down. Primarily this affects me more than anyone else. Either do it all or don’t do any of it.

President Boucher – following East Central Planning Commission Plan.

DPW Ruetten - The tree was in the right of way – stump was ground by a professional.

Carol Weinholzer – 169 South 1st Stret – walk every day and rarely walk on sidewalk. Walkability. I think they are good the way they are.

Elizabeth Flynn – 408 North7th Steet – understanding putting streets on 7th Street – main thoroughfare. (she said streets – I think she meant sidewalk). Put up a stop sign. A sidewalk does not tell anyone anything. Continuity – even though you were not on the board then. We are a Village – we like it the way it is. Can you guarantee these homes will be safe. Would like a written guarantee that their home will stay the way they are. No one has home insurance to cover what the village is doing.

DPW Ruetten – I rely on the village’s engineering service.

President Boucher – the current sidewalk plan does not have plans for 7th Street. I thought we were going to work together to create a survey. Too much misinformation. Hopefully once this is done we can get a more comprehensive plan done the future.

Trustee Foster – we met with three citizens – agreed unanimously that a survey at this time would not be helpful. Too much false information. Elected to have a cooling off period.

Flynn – 408 North 7th Street – why did the Village pay for four surveys - we only need one.

Village Administrator Porter - We bought a package of four for \$1200.00. They have not been used at this point.

Jack Wirch – 502 Elm Street – congratulate Mr. Porter – discredit our work and created a toxic environment. Met with Trustee Foster/Village Administrator Porter and Whitney McMullin, and Nancy Wheeler and myself. Reluctant to do survey – illegal for wheelchairs to use designated lanes on street. Reviewed options at that time but none of them seemed to satisfy you. It was clear you were not in favor. Suggested public works committee member. Ending up getting nowhere after 3 hours of . Whitney talked to the Dept of Justice – not illegal unless the Village claimed it was dangerous. Also indicated if it was dangerous on one street it was likely dangerous throughout the Village. Did we really present the wrong map? You called all members of 6th Street liars – and still have not apolitized to the senior couple that you suggested they move if they do not like it here. PW meeting on Aug 4th – committee was bullies – hold the course, act strong, let’s crush this decent. You have lost the public trust. Tasked with decision – hasty decisions are not always the best. If indeed sidewalk is best for 6th Street.

President Boucher thanked the Public Works Committee for going above and beyond to assist the citizens. Mr. Porter was not biased, the Board asked for his opinion.

Alyss Rudisill – speaking on behalf of Katelyn (corner of Prospect and North 6th Street) – beautiful job on her front yard – this spring was shocked when they damaged everything she had done. She moved the hell out of Winneconne if this is the way they are going to treat me.

New Business:

Discuss and vote to approve/not approve the Certified Survey Map (CSM) for 919 Elm Street

- Applicant requested be removed from agenda.

Discuss and Vote the application of Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, LLC/Family Dollar #2736 for a Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License

- Reviewed by Attorney Dunham. No quota on Class A licenses.

MOTION by Kies, seconded by Foster, to approve Family Dollar Stores application and grant them a Class A Beer and a Class A liquor license for the period of 08/19/2020 through 6/30/2021. Roll Call: Kubasta, Foster, Mashak, Kies, Broderick, Metzsig, and Boucher; ayes.

Discuss and Vote the application of Stone Ridge Meat and Country Market/Stone Ridge Winneconne LLC for a Class A Beer and Class A Liquor License

MOTION by Kies, seconded by Kubasta, to approve the alcohol application of Stone Ridge Meat and Country Market/Stone Ridge Winneconne LLC and grant them a Class A Beer and Class A Liquor license for the period 09/27/2020 through 06/30/2021. Roll Call: Kubasta, Foster, Mashak, Kies, Broderick, Metzsig, and Boucher; ayes.

Discuss and vote to grant or deny Operator License Applications

- None

MOTION by Broderick, seconded by Kies, to adjourn. Carried by voice vote.

6:21 p.m.

Jacquín Stelzner
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Winneconne

Exhibits are available for viewing at the Village Offices in the Municipal Center.