



Village of Maine Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2018

Special Board Meeting and Closed Session

Maine Municipal Center

6111 N. 44th Avenue

Wausau, WI 54401

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Maine will hold a Special Board Meeting and Closed Session on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI.

AGENDA

1. 4:00 p.m. - Call the Special Board Meeting to order
2. President will entertain a motion to convene into Closed Session
 - A. Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session in regards to the City of Wausau's proposed Water Contract.
 - B. Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in connection Brokaw's and Maine's public works and utility departments.
3. Adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting
4. Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in items 2A and 2B above

5. 5:00 p.m. - Supper Break
6. 5:30 p.m. - Interview potential public works employee for Brokaw's Utility Department
7. 6:30 - Discussion and possible action on request by N. 60th Avenue and Decator Drive residents to amend the Village of Maine's animal regulations
8. Adjournment

I certify that this agenda was posted at Red Granite Bar & Grill, Richard's Restaurant and Bar, Schmidt's Bar and the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401 on September 28, 2018.

Betty Hoensch,

Village of Maine President

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Call the Special Board Meeting to order

President Hoensch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session in regards to the City of Wausau's proposed Water Contract.

President Hoensch asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Trustee Mullaley made a motion to go into closed session and invited Administrator Rusch, Clerk Bailey and Treasurer Behrendt into the session. Trustee Graveen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting

President Hoensch asked for a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting.

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Trustee Schoepke made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting. Trustee Mullaley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in items 2A and 2B above

No action was taken.

Interview potential public works employee for Brokaw's Utility Department

The Board interviewed Eric Dayton for a position at Brokaw's Utility Department. After Mr. Dayton left the Board discussed his qualifications.

President Hoensich asked for a motion.

Trustee Schoepke made a motion to hire Eric Dayton for a Brokaw Utility position at \$23.00 per hour until Mr. Dayton is certified for the waste treatment area. At that time Mr. Dayton's wage will increase to \$23.00 per hour. Trustee Schult seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on request by N. 60th Avenue and Decator Drive residents to amend the Village of Maine's animal regulations

Marcie and Brent Solum asked to meet with the Village of Maine Board to discuss their concerns with the Village ordinances regarding allowable animals, namely camels. They are requesting that the Board make changes to the ordinances in the areas of types of allowable animals and land requirements for animals.

The Solum's have spoken extensively to residents in their surrounding area and asked residents to attend the meeting and voice their concerns.

The Solum's brought expert witness Dave Shreiner to speak to the Board regarding his experiences with camels.

Below are some of the highlights of the discussion before the Board:

- Ms. Solum stated that she had concerns with the possibility of camels living on the property next to hers. Her concerns included, diseases camels may carry, the incompatibility of camels with horses, the possible inability of camel owners to restrain their camels on their property and the need for owners to have a large enough parcel of land for camels to live on.
- Attorney Frokjer discussed Ms. Solum's concerns about camels and read an email she had sent to President Hoensich. He stated that her concerns about the possibility of camels on the neighboring property making her "high strung" horses react in fear is not a defensible argument in court against camels.

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- Mr. Solum discussed the fact that he would like the Village to amend their ordinances to accurately determine and require the proper acreage for animals on a given property. For example, he would like the appropriate acreage for animals on a given piece of property to take in consideration buildings, lowland, woods and ponds. He feels that the square footage of these items should be removed from the equation because they are not grazeable acres.
- The Board and Attorney Frokjer discussed the complications of changing the ordinances to accommodate these concerns. The Board concerns included the staffing needed to determine grazeable acres on each property, followed by the “grandfathering” concept and how that would be controlled. Also, a lot of property owners that currently have animals would not be able to sell their property as an “animals allowed” property once these changes in ordinances are made. This would be considered a de-valuation to those owners.
- There was discussion on the definition of exotic animals. Some residents feel that camels are exotic animals and they would like the Village of Maine ordinances to define animals and clarify if they are/are not allowed to reside in our Village.
- One resident asked what was involved in changing the ordinances and stated that he was discouraged by the fact that he felt that the Board had come into the meeting with their mind made up not to change the ordinances.
- Trustee Schoepke stated that this whole issue needs to be addressed at the time that the Board revises the ordinances. President Hoenisch stated that the Board has every intention of revising the ordinances however, the Board is struggling to get through the situation of absorbing the Village of Brokaw right now and that is first and foremost on the Board’s priority list.

President Hoenisch ended the meeting by saying that she was concerned about the fact that this situation had come up and has even greater concerns of the cost involved in making the requested changes to the ordinances. She stated that she and the Board would be working on the ordinances, however, she could not predict how soon that would happen.

No action was taken on this item.

Respectfully submitted and approved December 10, 2018,

Cindy Bailey

Village of Maine Clerk