

**REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 27, 2006**

On Tuesday, June 27, 2006, the Town Board of the Town of Paris held their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Virgil Gentz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Chairman Virgil Gentz; Supervisor Ken Monson; Clerk/Treasurer, Linda Terry; Building Inspector, Frank Christensen; Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway and Town Attorney, John Knuteson. Absent was Supervisor Jeff Ashmus.

**Minutes from previous meeting of 5/23/06 were APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.**

The Treasurer's Report was read as follows:

**General Account**

May 1, 2006	\$	97,257.15
Plus: Deposits		2,465.54
Less: Checks Issued		91,176.88
Balance: May 31, 2006	\$	8,545.81

**Investments**

State Investment Pool	\$	9,208,800.85
Money Market Account	\$	1,147,480.53

**The Treasurer's Report was APPROVED AS READ.**

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ron Fahrenbacher  
21009-9<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Fahrenbacher submitted a petition on behalf of the residents living on 9<sup>th</sup> Street; regarding a proposed Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit pertaining to Pride Acres property located on 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Highway 142 in the Town of Brighton.

The residents along 9<sup>th</sup> Street do not want 9<sup>th</sup> Street to be the main entrance to this camp. Safety is a very big issue for the residents; there are very small shoulders along this road. Also, there are agriculture parcels that only have access on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, thus, there is a lot of tractor traffic on this road. Adding more vehicles would be a danger for the agriculture machinery.

The camp is on 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue and extends to Highway 142, which is a better route to and from the camp. Using 9<sup>th</sup> street for access to the camp will disrupt the peace and solitude that the residents presently enjoy.

Donna Thate  
21201-9<sup>th</sup> Street

She lives on the bottom of a hill on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The people that will be going to this camp are from Chicago. She is very concerned about 9<sup>th</sup> Street being used as she has horse fence that goes right up to the road, and she has horses.

Gene Weis  
1008-200<sup>th</sup> Avenue

He stated that the intersection of Highway 45 and 9<sup>th</sup> Street is not a very safe intersection to be used. The best place for access to this camp would be taking 142 to 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Shoen Road); Highway 142 has turning lanes.

Alice Hrupka  
20604-9<sup>th</sup> Street

She concurred with Mr. Weis - the intersection at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 45 is very dangerous. There should not be additional traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chris Tondi  
21501-9<sup>th</sup> Street

This seems like an insane idea to add more traffic on a low shouldered Town road. No one from the Town of Brighton talked to any Town residents about this proposed camp. She has made telephone calls to two of Brighton's Supervisors and the Town Chairman. She has spoken to the two of the three, and both of the people that she spoke with agreed with her.

Brighton Plan Commission will be meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>, and she would like a letter from the Town stating their concerns to be sent to Brighton.

John Holloway  
Plan Commission Chairman

Has been contacted on this matter and on behalf of the Town, he has contacted Kenosha County, and they are having additional staff meetings that will include the Town of Paris Chairman. He would encourage the residents to give a copy of the petition to Kenosha County zoning.

Chairman Gentz stated that the Brighton Board may possibly allow for citizen comments at their meeting.

Supervisor Monson asked if the residents wanted to stop the proposal entirely, or only the traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Street?

Ron Fahrenbacher does not want the traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Supervisor Monson asked if anyone had any ideas on how the Town will stop people from using the road? In the map that "Pride Acres" distributes, they should put a map using Highway 142 to 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Donna Thate has heard that the Greek Orthodox Church (owners of Pride Acres) are going to have a traffic study done regarding the safety issues.

Fire Chief, Bill Beetschen stated that he received a telephone call regarding accidents in the area of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that there are more calls on Highway 142.

**Motion to Change the order of the Agenda to allow for Supervisor Comments, made on a MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

At this time, Chairman Gentz stated that he has met with Brighton Town Chairman, Tom Kerkman, and talked to him about the traffic and the fact that 9<sup>th</sup> Street is a Town of Paris road - it has no paved shoulders. Chairman Gentz' concern is not to have traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and has asked that in Brighton's Conditional Use, they make mention that Highway 142 to 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Schoen Road) be the main access to Pride Acres.

Supervisor Monson stated that he too had talked to one of the Supervisors from Brighton, and this particular Supervisor is against the rezoning request from the Greek Orthodox Church. Supervisor Monson is still trying to get ahold of the other supervisors for Brighton. A letter from the Town of Paris is a good idea from the Town. However, we have to give them an idea for an alternate route. He also stated that he will attempt to attend the Brighton meeting on 4/5/06.

**The Town of Paris will write a letter to the Brighton Town Board requesting that the literature the Greek Orthodox Church distributes should have main access from Highway 142 to 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Schoen Road).**

**6. PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Petition from Jay and Laura Menarek (owners) and Dean and Danny Ferguson; doing business as Woodland Improvements and Trailer Sales (Tenant) for a Conditional Use Permit in an existing B-3 zoning district for Tax Parcel # 45-4-221-173-0210 and Tax Parcel # 45-4-221-0215 to allow the operation of a home improvement business and trailer sales business. The properties are located at 19813 Burlington Road and 19905 Burlington Road. Both businesses will be owned and operated by the Fergusons and will be operated out of the building located at 19813 Burlington Road. The house located at 19905 Burlington Road shall remain a residential rental unit.

Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway was present for the meeting, along with petitioner, Jay Menarek.

This would be a conditional use for home improvement contractors - there will be no storage at this site. They also sell trailers.

The supervisors felt there should be no outside storage for home improvement business; no more than 12 trailers; hours of operation to be 8:00 am - 8:00 pm on weekdays; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm on Saturdays; no repairs to trailers; they will also follow Kenosha County's Light Ordinance.

It was stated that there are two parcels on this property - the conditional use permit is for both parcels; but the Kenosha County Planning and Development wants conditional use on just the business parcel.

Mr. Menarek stated that it has been used as one big parcel in the past.

Chairman Gentz asked about fencing?

Mr. Menarek said there are bushes between this property and the neighbors' property. There is no need for fencing.

Chairman Gentz questioned the late hour in the evening for closing?

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway stated that the secretarial staff will be leaving at 4:30 - 5:00 pm. They plan on being closed by 5:00 pm, but if they are there working late, they do not want to be in violation - thus the hour of 8:00 pm.

Fire Chief Beetschen questioned storage of fuels on the site?

It was stated that the trailers are not recreational vehicle type trailers.

**APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CONTINGENT ON ALL OF THE TOWN'S PLAN COMMISSION CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS NO REPAIR OR WARRANTY WORK TO BE DONE AND ALSO THAT THERE BE ADEQUATE VENTILATION ON THE PROPERTY, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOWN HALL RENTAL:**

Mr. Ted Palmen was present for the meeting. He would like to be able to rent the Town Hall on a re-occurring basis for square dancing. He would also like the Town to think about sponsoring the square dancing group. He would need the hall for 13 dances a year.

It was stated that the Fire/Rescue Department uses the Town Hall a few weekends a year; however, they would let Mr. Palmen know those dates.

Chairman Gentz questioned how many Paris residents are in the dance group?

Mr. Palmen said only he and his wife are Paris residents.

Chairman Gentz stated that the Town Hall rental cost is \$40.00 a day, plus \$100.00 returnable deposit. He then asked Mr. Palmen where the dances have been held thus far?

Mr. Palmen said that they have used churches, and the dance hall on Highway "50".

Supervisor Monson question the hours they would be using the Town Hall?

Mr. Palmen stated 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm for Senior Citizens; and then 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm for the younger group.

Supervisor Monson asked if Mr. Palmen had ever checked into renting the Senior Center in Kenosha?

Mr. Palmen has checked into that - it is run by Kenosha Unified School and they would need to pay rent there.

Supervisor Monson stated that he has nothing against Mr. Palmen; however, by letting the dance group use the hall, it would be tying up the hall for residents of the Town - there are many showers held here. Also, there have been groups that previously rented the Town Hall and did not take care of it.

Chairman Gentz asked how much room would be needed for dancing? Also, do the shoes used for square dancing leave marks?

Mr. Palmen felt half of the meeting room would be sufficient; the shoes leave no marks.

Chairman Gentz reiterated what Supervisor Monson mentioned - there has been a bad experience in renting to groups. Also, the Town would still need to charge Mr. Palmen \$40.00/day for using the hall. The Town Hall will be undergoing renovations in the near future.

Mr. Palmen asked if the Town would sponsor the dance group?

Chairman Gentz stated that at the present time, the Town does not have any programs for sponsoring people/organizations.

Attorney Knuteson stated that if the Town has a policy regarding the rental and fee, a fee will need to be charged to Mr. Palmen. The Town would be setting a bad precedence to veer off of the policy in place.

Chairman Gentz suggested once a month, starting in September, until December; however, they would still need to pay \$40.00/day; and the Town would make the deposit of \$100.00 to be paid once and cover the time from September until December.

Supervisor Monson does not wish to change his mind regarding this matter. He would suggest tabling this matter to allow Supervisor Ashmus' input.

**TABLE UNTIL JULY MEETING, MADE ON A GENTZ/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**8. OPENING OF FIRE ENGINE BIDS:**

Chief Beetschen stated his disappointment for only one bid received by the Town. He send out the bid specifications to all Wisconsin contractors; Seagrave had shown interest in sending a bid, however, there wasn't one sent; Marion stated it would take them at least 14 months to supply a truck for the Town; U.S. Tank send nothing. The only bid received was from Reliant.

Attorney Knuteson felt the Town Board could open the bid, that doesn't mean it will be accepted.

Chief Beetschen asked if the bid could be rejected without first opening it? He also pointed out that the first engine purchased by the Town was not done on a bid.

It was stated that Chief Beetschen was instructed to bid within the State of Wisconsin; however, he will need to solicit nationally in order to received more bids.

**TABLE OPENING OF THE BID UNTIL CHIEF BEETSCHEN HAS TIME TO SOLICIT OTHER BIDS NATIONALLY UPON COUNSEL'S APPROVAL, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**9. ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:**

**REPORT ON STAFFING:**

At this time, Chief Beetschen feels confident that the Fire/Rescue Department will be ready for staffing by the first Monday in August.

Letters were sent out to all area departments in the Gateway System.

He will distribute paperwork to the Board Members regarding updates on daily duties, etc.

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE KENOSHA COUNTY GENERAL ZONING AND SHORELAND/FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 12, AMENDING MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CONVENTIONAL SITE BUILT, MODULAR AND MANUFACTURED HOMES LOCATED IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, ALONG WITH UPDATING RELATED DEFINITIONS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS:**

Plan Commission Chairman Holloway stated that he has not met with Kenosha County Planning Staff on this matter yet. He feels that this update just changes certain definitions in the County Ordinance.

Building Inspector Christensen feels that this has come about due to pressure from manufacturers of modular and manufactured homes.

Supervisor Monson felt the County is simply cleaning up definitions and they are actually making things more restrictive.

**TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL JULY MEETING DATE, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY CLASS "B" PICNIC LICENSE FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR 7/29/06 - 7/30/06:**

Chairman Gentz has some concerns regarding the fireworks display for this matter.

Chief Beetschen will be addressing those concerns.

**APPROVE PICNIC LICENSE FOR 7/29/06 - 7/30/06, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOWN HALL LANDSCAPING:**

Chairman Gentz stated that he has spoken to Kenosha Lawn Care regarding the landscaping of the Town Hall. They will do the pruning/weeding/spraying, etc. for a cost not to exceed \$650.00.

John Holloway stated that the Paris 4-H club is looking for a community project to do - please keep them in mind next year.

**AUTHORIZE KENOSHA LAWN CARE TO TAKE CARE OF THE LANDSCAPING IN THE BERM AREA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650.00, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

At this time, John Holloway stated that there were some bricks being scratched in the memorial. He has broomed off any excess dirt.

Supervisor Monson thanked Mr. Holloway for his concern of the monument.

**13. APPROVAL OF OPERATOR'S LICENSES PENDING CLEAR RECORD CHECKS:**

**PETER NICCOLAI**

**NICOLE LING**

**JAY HERR**

**TIMOTHY LEGHORN**

**KARRIE BRANKEY (2 YR)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSES PENDING CLEAR RECORD CHECKS FOR THE ONE-YEAR APPLICANTS, MADE ON A GENTZ/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSES PENDING CLEAR RECORD CHECKS FOR THE TWO-YEAR APPLICANT, MADE ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**14. UPDATES FROM JOHN HOLLOWAY, PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:**

\*\*Mr. Holloway reported that he has spoken to Kenosha County Zoning regarding the Church in Brighton.

\*\*The Town had previously approved the dredging for ponds on the Vole property (on Highway JB). There were concerns regarding this dredging, and Mr. Holloway has spoken to Kenosha County regarding these complaints. It seems the Voles' were in violation; however, they are now in compliance.

\*\*He has had conversations with Mr. Pleasant regarding their Land Use Plan.

\*\*He attended a meeting regarding maintaining farm land and protecting the Great Lakes. The Governor of Wisconsin will be setting up a committee regarding the Great Lakes.

**15. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Monson:

\*\*Mentioned that the Town Roads have not yet been inspected.

\*\*Would like to set a date to make a decision regarding the building renovation work to be done. He would like to see something done yet this summer.

Chairman Gentz:

\*\*Would like to call a Special meeting for deciding on the renovation project.

\*\*Received a call from the Kenosha News regarding the landfill. He also received a call from Mike Infusino (from the landfill) on Friday regarding Pheasant Run getting approval from DNR.

Clerk Terry stated that she had received a complaint about the flag in front of the Town Hall being tattered.

Chief Beetschen will see that a new flag is hung.

Attorney Knuteson stated that he received a telephone call from Attorney Clark. He (Attorney Clark) suggested a trip to Madison to meet with the DNR on either July 25<sup>th</sup> or July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**PLAN COMMISSION: JULY 17, 2006 7:30 PM**  
**TOWN BOARD: JULY 25, 2006 7:00 PM**

**AT 9:35, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED ON A GENTZ/MONSON MOTION.  
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

***Linda M. Terry***  
***Clerk/Treasurer***  
***Town of Paris***