

JULY 25, 2006 - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

On Tuesday, July 25, 2006, the Town Board of the Town of Paris held their regular monthly meeting. Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Virgil Gentz; Supervisors, Ken Monson and Jeff Ashmus; Town Clerk, Linda Terry; Fire/Rescue Chief, Bill Beetschen; Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway; Town Building Inspector, Frank Christensen and Town Attorney, John Knuteson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from previous meeting of 6/27/06 were **APPROVED ON A MONSON/GENTZ MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

Linda Terry read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

General Account

June 1, 2006		\$	8,294.54
Plus: Deposits	274,671.51		
Less: Checks Issued	76,270.17		
Balance: June 30, 2006	\$ 206,695.88		

Investments

State Investment Pool	\$ 9,245,951.50
Money Market Account	\$ 1,191,385.96

The Treasurer's Report was **APPROVED AS READ ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

STAFFING UPDATE:

At this time, Chief Beetschen updated the Board on the fire/rescue department staffing. He has completed the background checks and the applicants will be notified on Thursday of interview date and time.

The Chief's proposed schedule is as follows:

- August 8th - Interviews
- August 15th - Orientation
- August 22nd - First day of staffing

The priority is to be staffing the ambulance.

Supervisor Ashmus questioned the number of applicants?

Chief Beetschen stated that there were nine applicants from outside of the department; and seven from within the department.

Supervisor Ashmus asked if there were enough uniforms for the new members?

Chief Beetschen stated that the department is not going to order dress uniforms for the new people at this time. We will supply long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts; they all have uniform pants already. Several of the applicants already have their turn-out gear. The Town may need to purchase one or two turn-out uniforms. Chief Beetschen wants to be sure that this is working before making any purchases.

ENGINE UPDATE:

Chief Beetschen stated that he received a legal opinion after last month's meeting regarding the wording for requesting a "proposal" for an engine and not requesting a "bid" for an engine. Also, pursuant to State Statutes, the Town does not need to ask for bids for an engine.

Attorney Knuteson said that if the Town received two bids and had opened them, the Town has to accept the lowest bid. However, in this case, due to the fact that the Town received one bid, the Town can open the bid and does not have to accept the bid.

Chief Beetschen would like to open the bid received to see how close the Town got to what they had budgeted for the new engine.

It was decided that Supervisor Monson and Chief Beetschen will open the bid after the meeting.

Chief Beetschen stated that he received a letter from St. John's regarding their Picnic in Paris fireworks. They have complied with all of the Chief's concerns for safety.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOWN HALL RENTAL (PREVIOUSLY TABLED):

Motion to REMOVE THIS FROM THE TABLE, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

At this time, Chairman Gentz said that he had received word from Mr. Palment - he would like to take this matter off of the agenda for the Town at this time.

MOTION TO DENY REQUEST FOR RENTAL OF TOWN HALL, MADE ON AN ASHMUS/MONSON MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEED RESTRICTION FOR DRISSEL PROPERTY:

Plan Commission Chairman, John Holloway stated that the Drissel's would be looking for rezoning, along with approval of a deed restriction.

Supervisor Monson questioned whether or not the Town could act on the rezoning, as it is not part of the request for this meeting.

There was much discussion as to whether the Drissel's had formally applied to Kenosha County Zoning.

It was the understanding of the Town Board that the Town's Plan Commission approved the rezoning and deed restriction; however, the Drissel's still needed to make formal application at Kenosha County. It was stated that this application was made July 20th.

Mr. Holloway stated that the Drissel family wants to do a land division to follow the Land Use Plan. The Town and the County cannot locate the building on the site; however, it was stated that the house would not infringe on the flood plain.

Attorney Knuteson stated that the Board could approve the deed restriction language in concept and then, he would work with the family - he will put the language in a recordable document.

Supervisor Ashmus would much rather see the actual deed restriction prior to approving anything.

Supervisor Monson has no problem with the concept; however, he too would like to have a chance to review the documentation prior to making any decisions.

TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL AUGUST MEETING, MADE ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

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, John Holloway stated that he contacted Larry Brumbeck, from Kenosha County and asked for a meeting to discuss this; however, he has not heard back from Mr. Brumbeck.

This matter will remain tabled.

UPDATE ON TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS:

Chairman Gentz stated that the Town has received paperwork from Scherrer; Camosy; and Boller Construction regarding remodeling work for the Town Hall. Do the Supervisors want to use one of these companies as a construction manager for the work to be done?

Supervisor Ashmus would like to hear a presentation from Boller Construction - it has already heard presentations from the other two companies.

Supervisor Monson would also like to hear a presentation.

The Board has a tentative meeting date of August 8th as a date for a meeting with the Attorney; they will see if Boller can attend at 5:00 pm, prior to the meeting with the attorney.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPRINTING OF CENTENNIAL BOOK:

John Holloway reported that he has received numerous telephone calls regarding the "Paris, Past and Present" book that was done in 1976. Would the Town be willing to underwrite the reprinting of this book and then sell the books to recoup the printing costs?

He does not have any figures at this time regarding the printing.

Chairman Gentz, along with Supervisors Monson and Ashmus felt this was a good idea; however, they would like Mr. Holloway to get some figures together for them to look at prior to making a decision.

UPDATES FROM JOHN HOLLOWAY, PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN:

**Mr. Holloway mentioned that he had received word that some of the cell companies were merging - he has received a telephone call from a person that is considering setting up a new tower. Mr. Holloway advised the person that they would need a co-location.

**Mr. Holloway has spoken with Barry Gore from Camiros and they would like to set up a time for the three of them (Mr. Holloway; Mr. Gore and Chairman Gentz) to meet. He would also like to set a date for a public informational kick-off meeting. At this proposed meeting, Mr. Gore would give a public presentation.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

****Supervisor Ashmus**

*Commented that one of the trees on the East side of the Town Hall is dying - it should be removed.

*He would like to see the information that the Town has received regarding speed limit signs.

****Supervisor Monson**

*Would like to commend Kenosha Ground Care for doing a nice landscaping job outside of the Town Hall.

****Chairman Gentz**

*Chairman Gentz stated that he will be out of Town from Friday until Monday to attend Town's Association Meetings.

*Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 PM, there is a WTA Unit 6 meeting at the Dover Town Hall - Plan Commission members are also invited to attend.

*He has received telephone calls from residents that are concerned over the dumping of debris along 128th Avenue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW:

At this time, Mr. Frank Christensen stated that at the time the Town started the Memorial Committee, they thought that people could write things about the person receiving the brick (there is only a small amount of room on the bricks). Then, it was suggested that the Town hire someone to build a pedestal (podium) to keep a book in. Mr. Christensen would like either approval from the Board to get estimates for the cost of the pedestal; or could he just hire someone to do the work?

Chairman Gentz and Supervisor Monson felt Mr. Christensen could get ahold of Mr. Schultz to build the pedestal.

Supervisor Ashmus would prefer to wait until the remodeling is at least started.

For now, Mr. Christensen is going to be getting the book.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

*Special Board Meeting on 8/8/06 at 5:00 pm to meet with Boller Construction, and then at 5:30 pm closed session with the attorneys regarding landfill negotiations.

*August 21st Plan Commission Meeting

*August 22nd, Town Board Meeting.

At this time, Mr. Steve Skidmore from 5203-172nd Avenue informed the Board that he had been having problems with 4-wheelers in the area.

At 8:30 PM, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A MONSON/ASHMUS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

