

**TOWN OF MAY
WASHINGTON COUNTY
OFFICIAL TOWN BOARD MINUTES
January 12, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of May met at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the May Town Hall. Those present included Bill Voedisch, Board Chairman; John Pazlar, Supervisor; John Adams, Supervisor; Peter Kluegel, Building Inspector; Dave Snyder, Town Attorney; Linda Klein, Town Clerk, and residents of the Town of May. Absent: Cheryl Bennett, Town Treasurer. Chairman Voedisch called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Voedisch moved, seconded by Pazlar, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008, Town Board meeting as presented. All approved. Pazlar moved, seconded by Voedisch, to approve December yearend checks #15337 through 15412. All approved. Pazlar questioned the cost for the crossing agreement with Wisconsin Central. Adams moved, seconded by Voedisch, to approve January checks #15413 through # 15439. All approved.

Pazlar moved, seconded by Adams, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The report is attached to these minutes and serves as the official record. All approved.

Planning Commission

Public Hearing

Wilder Forest CUP Amendment

Wilder Forest and Concordia Language Villages (CLV) has submitted an application to amend their Conditional Use Permit. In 2004, a permit was approved for Concordia Language Villages to operate a language camp during the summer at the Wilder Forest site. The current application requests that they be allowed to operate the language camps year around, the applicant stating that this is the only real change. The Planner's report, however, pointed out that opening up to year around operation does present a variety of changes, including scope of the programs and number of attendees.

At the Planning Commission meeting, the Planner handed out a revised Exhibit E explaining how they came up with a total number of 7,000 people per year. He also included a table clarifying the numbers during the different seasons of operation. He stated that the problem is how to measure the impact of the number of people being served. Planning Commission Chairman Arnason provided an overview of the proposed program as presented at the meeting. Representatives of Wilder and Concordia Language Villages were in attendance at this meeting. Pazlar asked about the change in the number of people being served and if this could cause a problem for the neighborhood. The board concluded that, given no complaints have been registered in the past and that the proposed increase will yield fewer visitors than when Wilder did year-around programming, this increased activity should not have a significant impact on the area.

Voedisch moved, via Resolution 2009-1, and seconded by Pazlar, along with Findings of Fact, to approve the requested amendment to the Wilder Forest Conditional Use Permit.

allowing Concordia Langue Villages to operate year round at the facility, which is located at 14189 Ostlund Trail. On a roll call vote: Adams, yes; Pazlar, yes; Voedisch, yes. Motion passes unanimously.

Pazlar asked that the Board find a way to make certain that annual reports are received from all the non profits. The clerk will alert the treasurer about this and suggest that she include a note to all the non profits when she sends out their annual billing reminding them that they also must submit their annual report with the check.

Both Arnason and Pazlar asked that oversight be provided regarding the other user groups who might be renting the facility as part of this new CUP. Attorney Snyder advised that this language can be included in the formal CUP when it is written.

Road and Bridge

Keystone Avenue/Keller Culvert Replacement

Voedisch provided an overview of information learned since the previous board meeting authorizing replacing this culvert. The road crew reported that part of this road is private, and that perhaps this culvert should be paid for by property owners. Snyder advised that his firm's research has shown this is a public road, and if it has been maintained for more than 6 years, it should probably be considered a public road. Snyder suggested writing the "private road" landowner a letter advising that we have determined this is a public road and that we will be in contact with her regarding future improvements. Pazlar suggested that the letter should express the Town's intent without sounding threatening. Attorney Snyder will be responsible for drafting the letter.

Old Business

Brent Reibel

Reibel related the history of putting dirt on Lamond Trail on the east side of Big Marine. He showed the board a map showing the township road. He stated that he had paid May Township to start vacation proceedings on the road and later learned that Washington County had taken over the road. He stated that this has landlocked him from getting into his second lot on the lake.

Attorney Snyder interjected that the last time Mr. Reibel was in front of the board, he threatened to sue the Town. Snyder went on to state that it is not helpful to demand questions of the board tonight. He suggested writing to the board formally rather than coming forward. Snyder reiterated that there is a format for making a complaint. Reibel asked for another meeting to figure out how to get his road back. The board reiterated the need for Reibel to submit his request in writing. Mr. Reibel left and again threatened legal action.

New Business

Engineer Discussion

John Parotti, PE, came forward representing SEH Engineering. Another proposal was provided to the Town by WSB & Associates from Diane Hankee and Mark Erichson. Chairman Voedisch asked the other board members to review the proposals so it can be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

Scandia Fire Contract

Voedisch provided background on how the population statistics have been determined which dictate the dollar amount of the fire contract. In the past, it was assumed that 17 percent of May Township residences were covered by Scandia Fire. The number of households shown in the Town's Comp Plan update was 176, but it is actually 173. Also debated was the number of people in a household. Through these negotiations, the Town was able to save approximately \$10,000 over the next three years. Voedisch moved, seconded by Adams, to approve the new Scandia Fire Contract as presented. All approved.

BUDGET and LEVY

Treasurer Bennett provided the board with a proposed budget for 2009 and budget and levy for 2010, and an interim financial report. Voedisch presented a new printout of these items with suggested changes to lower some of the budgeted items.

Hearing no further business, Adams moved, seconded by Voedisch, to continue the budget discussion to the meeting on January 20. All approved.

January 20, 2009

The meeting reconvened to discuss the newsletter and the budget. Newsletter topics were discussed and assigned, to be completed with a draft newsletter by the time of the next meeting. The final budget and levy discussion resulted in the Town Board reducing the 2009 net budget by \$24,546 from the levied amount of \$675,195 to \$650,649. It was decided to leave the remaining \$25,000 blacktopping fund balance CDs. The Board decreased the 2010 levy by the 2009 budget reduction of \$24,546. It was decided to leave \$10,000 as the levied amount for the Capital Fund. This along with the budget reduction creates a decrease in our 2010 budget of 14% and a levy reduction of levy of 1.04% for a net levy of \$668,193 for 2010.

Hearing no further business, Adams moved, seconded by Pazlar, to adjourn. All approved.

ATTEST:

Linda L. Klein
Town Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Voedisch, Chairman