

MISHICOT VILLAGE BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
January 3, 2019

The January 3, 2019, regular meeting of the Mishicot Village Board was called to order by President Samz at 6:00 p.m. in the village hall. Roll call indicated Trustees Franz, Haack, Kliment, Krause, Valenta and Scheuer were present. Chief Paul Granger and John Tulachka were also present.

President Samz led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Kliment moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018. Trustee Krause requested that there be a clarification in the minutes as to level of county funding of Progress Lakeshore on the first page of the December 18, 2018, minutes and requested the wording be clarified by stating that Progress Lakeshore will not be funded “partially” by the county. Trustee Kliment amended his motion to approve the December 18, 2018, minutes as amended by Trustee Krause with corrections as stated. Motion seconded by Trustee Krause. Motion carried.

Visitor Lucas Geiger was asked to draw names of village board members for ballot order for the April 2, 2019 election. Village Trustee ballot order as drawn: 1) John R. Franz; 2) Allen Beranek; and, 3) Ivan Konsela. Village Trustee seats shall appear on the ballot as “Vote for Not More than Three.” Village President will also appear on the April 2, 2019 ballot, “Vote for One.” Bernie J. Samz is the only candidate for Village President.

Lucas Geiger is the UW Madison student who is using the Village of Mishicot as his Capstone Project. He addressed the village board on his semester progress and his activities. He has been looking at site analyses of the area and considering what is contributing to the village’s flood water issues. He is working on some concepts for correction. He has started review of the E. Twin Water Shed. A big portion of the floodwaters is from field runoff, mainly from Kewaunee County and south into Manitowoc County. He said 57% of the land along the East Twin River is agricultural land. One idea is to look at a regional plan and looking at different practices for farm runoff and to in turn improve water quality. Mr. Geiger does not think there is a lot that the Village of Mishicot can do here, but he would like to look further into what the DNR is looking at and what is becoming of the land cover. He is also interested in seeing what could be done to the downtown and its shopping area. Another goal is to figure out how to connect all of the unique spaces within the village, including how to connect pedestrian traffic in the village and to connect in other areas of the village. He talked about considering how to reduce impervious pavement such as in the village park, which adds to runoff and contributes to flooding, and looking at how storm water can be managed in the village. His final point was on recreation and the expansion of Willow Drive Park and also how to boost what is already in the Village Park. He pointed out that we have a new canoe and kayak ramp, but there is little signage or direction to where it is at. There is a presentation board in the village hall for anyone who would like to view what Lucas has done so far.

Bob Haese and Steve Page were present to ask if the board had any information on the land survey that was being done on the Greiling property. The board said it was a private survey and that the village was not involved in it at all. They had some questions about the survey results, particularly along the south end of the Greiling properties in the area of Hillside Lane. The clerk has the name of the surveyor. She will ask the surveyor for a copy.

Francis Wall of Kane Realty was not present since it was determined that no easements were needed for the east end of E. Samz Road with regard to the Greiling land sale. There may be a need for review of the easements on the south side of the private road. That will be reviewed by the village engineer in the coming month.

Ken Beine of Mishicot Housing Corporation was not present. It seems that the federal government gave the Mishicot Housing Corporation an ultimatum that they needed to designate and open their two-story structure to family-based residency. This was being done to aid in filling vacant apartments.

Chief Granger gave a report on his goals for 2019, to upgrade and be more efficient. He gave a very detailed report of his traffic observations on E. Church Street and the dates and times surveillance occurred. A few stops were made during their extended observation. He developed a form that can be used as a request for traffic enforcement. His department will use the request form to document their surveillance for the requests and the results, which will provide traffic observation history for complaints.

John Tulachka reported that on Friday, December 28, there was a sewer backup on S. Rockway Street by the covered bridge at the James Close residence. Mr. Close contacted the Police Department and Officer Dorner located John while he was out sanding and salting that night. John reported that there are two six-inch pipes under the river. One should be able to take over if one gets plugged. However, both were plugged. John opened up the pipes and stopped the backup. Northern Pipe will look at it as part of their 2019 televising.

Mr. Tulachka said they tried out the new wheel loader and blower for snow removal on Tuesday morning. He said it went very well and took 1.5 hours. One pass down the street and the snow was gone. The blade should come on January 4. A service technician will come out and set it up.

Trustee Krause asked if agendas and minutes were current on the website. The clerk said they were. She said everything was posted in the normal and legal places on Friday, December 28 for the January 3 meeting. However, she did admit that with the holiday and the busy-ness of the tax collection season and getting utility bills out by December 31, she did forget to send the agenda to the web administrator for placement on the website. She realized her error during the holiday and emailed him the agenda on the morning of January 2, which he posted before the end of the day. The clerk noted that there is much to prioritize at this time of year.

The board discussed the website. The clerk said she had sent many pages of information to the website designer in November but has not heard anything back from them. She will contact them again and report back at the next meeting. The board is considering firing the web design company.

At the next meeting, the board will choose a meeting date for work on the ordinance updates for those ordinances that need total revision. Some of them include the building ordinance, subdivision ordinance, room tax, shoreland ordinance, zoning ordinance, wind energy systems, street excavations and openings, and construction site erosion control and storm water management to name a few. These are ordinances that are so out of date that they need complete review. Several samples have been gathered to aid in the process.

Trustee Krause requested that the clerk start the process to refund the overpayment of taxes for Mark Kornely on the N. Park Lane parcel. The overpayment was due to an acreage error on the assessment roll and on the county record.

The board discussed the matter of the blighted property ordinance. The clerk noticed there were several opinions given on the blighted properties ordinance but no final decisions had been made. Penalties were further discussed. Based on Attorney Lambert's earlier comments, the decision was made to set the penalty at a range of \$20 to \$2,000, matching the penalty range set in the village zoning ordinance. The ordinance draft will be sent to Mike Lambert for preparation for adoption.

There were no alcohol licenses presented for approval.

President Samz introduced general fund claims in the amount of \$11,092.80, water

utility fund claims in the amount of \$4,406.07, and sewer utility fund claims in the amount of \$7,357.61 for Board action. A motion was made by Trustee Franz to accept the claims as presented and posted. Motion seconded by Trustee Valenta that claims totaling \$22,856.48 be approved and the Treasurer be authorized to issue same. Roll call indicated the following: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0. Motion carried.

An Offer to Purchase from Golden Warriors, LLC, for the vacant land located at 527 E. Main Street was presented to the board. The amount offered was \$65,000. Trustee Krause moved to accept the Offer to Purchase on the 527 E. Main Street property as offered by Golden Warriors, LLC. Motion seconded by Trustee Kliment. Roll call indicated the following: Ayes – 7; nays – 0. Motion carried. While the board is very pleased with this latest development, the board notes that they have been told there will be a minimum six-month process by which Golden Warriors, LLC, will determine whether or not the 527 E. Main Street property will be suitable and actually purchased for the site of a new Dollar General.

Trustee Valenta moved to have Gail Schanilec clean the village hall and at the same rate of pay as given to the cleaner of the VFW hall, a current rate of \$18.72. Motion seconded by Trustee Krause. Motion carried.

President Samz reminded the board of the Village Association Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2019, in Cleveland. RSVP required by January 7. Due to scheduling conflicts, no board members will be attending.

With all communications having been read and with no further current business before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Krause and seconded by Trustee Kliment that the regular meeting of the Mishicot Village Board adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at the village hall. Motion carried by acclamation, and the Board stood adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes posted January 12, 2019.

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Connie Tesarik, Village Clerk-Treasurer