

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 25, 2007

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

At the Vernon Town Hall
W249 S8910 Center Drive

1. CALL TO ORDER. Committee Chairman Finch called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL. Randy Craig, Terry Klimek, Supervisor Ludwig, Floyd Michaels, Committee Chairman Finch, Deputy Clerk Nelson and Fire Chief Buchholtz. Bob Bartholomew was absent. Deputy Soneberg arrived at 4:30 p.m.
3. OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE CHECK. Deputy Clerk Nelson stated the agenda was properly noticed.
4. MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (Please be advised per Wisconsin Act 123, the Ordinance Committee will receive information from the public for a three minute time period, with time extensions per the Chairperson's discretion, per person; be further advised that after the public comments are completed, the Ordinance Committee may have limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

MOTION Supervisor Ludwig moved to open the meeting to public comments, seconded by Terry Klimek, carried by voice vote.

Joe Reilly, S67W24425 Skyline Ave handed out a packet to the committee members and read the packet into the record. **Deputy Clerk Note: Copy of packet is attached to the minutes.**

5. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following matters will be discussed and possible action taken by the Ordinance Committee:
 - a. People removing their dog's waste and sample ordinances of the same.

Committee Chairman Finch asked the committee for any additional information on this issue. Randy Craig stated that in some areas when walking a dog this could be a problem. Committee Chairman Finch stated maybe putting something simple together for an ordinance on this. Committee Chairman Finch asked the committee if they would like to draft one up. Floyd Michaels stated all of these items to be discussed are more for a nuisance ordinance instead of a violation. The committee discussed whether to draft an ordinance or wait for more calls. Floyd Michaels stated he would like to make the nuisance ordinance stronger. Committee Chairman Finch stated the committee can add a line to the nuisance ordinance in regards to removal of dog waste. The committee agreed to add verbiage to the nuisance ordinance on dog waste removal information.

MOTION Randy Craig moved to draft an ordinance using the Town of Lisbon's Ordinance for people removing their dog's waste with using the terminology, "service dogs" instead of "seeing eye dog," seconded by Terry Klimek, carried by voice vote.

- b. Firearms usage in residential areas and sample ordinances of the same.

Committee Chairman Finch reviewed over the Town of Vernon Firearms Ordinance with the committee. He stated some people have some concerns. Randy Craig stated he would like to start with the density. Committee Chairman Finch stated asked the committee what they would like to write. The committee members and Deputy Soneberg discussed options for additions to the existing ordinance or to recreate a new ordinance. Deputy Soneberg stated that you need to draw a line.

Craig Keir, S86W24150 Edgewood Ave, stated that this is a major nuisance for him but his neighbors do not see it as a nuisance. He would like the ordinance to be more specific on target shooting not on hunting. He also stated this is a noise issue also. Committee Chairman Finch stated what if there was a permit for certain times of the year that the residents would pay for. Randy Craig stated the resident would have to have adequate land.

The committee discussed further on the information on the ordinance.

Mario Murtha, S86W24240 Edgewood Ave, stated as far as noise goes mowing your lawn can put you

over the limits that are noted in the ordinance. Mr. Murtha stated that if the committee changes the setback to 500 feet, he can no longer hunt his land. Committee Chairman Finch stated he would like to table this until the next meeting. Mr. Murtha stated he would be in favor of a permit. Mr. Keir stated he does not like the sound. He also stated he does not see the need to target shoot on property that is what a target shooting range is for.

Committee Chairman Finch requested the committee to bring back suggestions. Terry Klimek stated that the Town has been informed of this now and this ordinance has to be completed.

MOTION Randy Craig moved to table the Firearms usage in residential areas to the next ordinance meeting for more information, seconded by Supervisor Ludwig, carried by voice vote.

- c. ATV and/or dirt bike riding/racing in residential areas and sample ordinances of the same.

Committee Chairman Finch stated that Deputy Soneberg brought up how often complaints on this issue does occur as far as calls. Deputy Soneburg updated the committee on both issues that the Sheriff's department has been handling and that they have been handled and the neighbors made a compromise. Committee Chairman Finch went over the ordinance with the committee. Committee Chairman Finch stated he would like to change the ordinance due to two reasons, one being the noise and the second being dust and dirt. Committee Chairman Finch stated residents can quiet the ATV/dirt bikes to a reasonable level. Deputy Soneburg stated noise is number one complaint and second is the time of day this activity occurs. The committee discussed sound levels and possible changes to the ordinance. Deputy Soneberg stated you could prohibit modifying the exhaust on ATV/dirt bikes.

Tom Bird, S67W24325 Skyline Ave, stated the noise is what was generating on Skyline that caused the problem. He stated have a decibel reading is really not helping because the children see the cops and all that they have to do is turn them off and push them out of sight. Mr. Bird stated if you limit the speed, you limit the noise. Mario Murtha suggested the silencer helps and it bolts right onto the vehicle.

The committee discussed more on the ordinance and what to add specifically.

MOTION Supervisor Ludwig moved to table the ATV and/or dirt bike riding/racing in residential areas to the next ordinance committee meeting for decision making, seconded by Terry Klimek, carried by voice vote.

- d. 911 Uniform Address Number Ordinance.

Committee Chairman Finch updated the committee on this ordinance and where it was sitting and why it was not finalized. Deputy Clerk Nelson clarified to the committee members the information that was given in their packets. The committee agreed to put the monies due for the 911 Uniform Address Numbers on the resident's tax bill.

MOTION Floyd Michaels moved to recommend to the Town Board of Supervisors the 911 Uniform Address Number Ordinance and to put \$31.75 on the next tax roll on the tax bills, seconded by Supervisor Ludwig, carried by voice vote.

6. MINUTES.

- a. Motion to approve previous minutes.
 - i. May 29, 2007.

MOTION Randy Craig moved to approve the May 29, 2007 Ordinance Committee minutes as printed, seconded by Supervisor Ludwig, carried by voice vote.

7. Set Next Meeting Date (if needed)

MOTION Floyd Michaels moved to set the next Ordinance Committee meeting date to July 23, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Ludwig, carried by voice vote.

8. MOTION TO OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS (Please be advised per Wisconsin Act 123, the Town Board

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MOTION Supervisor Ludwig moved to open the meeting to public comments, seconded by Terry Klimek, carried by voice vote.

Mario Murtha, S86W24240 Edgewood Ave, stated he would be in favor of a permit for shooting. He stated the committee could set days and times. As for the sound, he could obtain something to silence the guns legally. Terry Klimek asked Mr. Murtha if he has extra insurance. He stated no but would obtain it if he has too.

9. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION Floyd Michaels moved to adjourn, seconded by Terry Klimek, carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Jamie Nelson
Deputy Clerk
Waukesha County

APPROVED:
As printed ()
With amendments ()

Gary Finch, Supervisor #1
Ordinance Committee Chairman

Date

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