

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

Thursday, January 16, 2003

**7:00 PM**

Vernon Town Hall Meeting Room

W249 S8910 Center Drive

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1. Call Meeting to Order with the Pledge to the Flag and moment of Silence.  
Chairman Alan Kunert called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.
2. Roll Call. Supervisors Gary Wilde, Jerry Goff, Ronald Gasser, Glenn Fieber and Chairman Alan Kunert. Also present: DPW Director Doug Salentine, Deputy Clerk Gina Gresch, Treasurer Marie Kumershek, Town Engineer Rich Eberhardt and Attorney Stan Riffle.
3. Public Comments. None.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE VERNON TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

4. Motion to go to Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body with rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, more specifically Waukesha County Case No. 99-CV-271 and potential border issues involving the Village of Mukwonago including but not limited to the DeBack annexation, Greenwald annexation, McCarthy annexation and Walton annexation and Village of Big Bend annexation. Participating in Closed Session is Town Board, Town Deputy Clerk I and Town Attorney Riffle. Immediately following the Closed Session the Town Board will reconvene into Open Session for purposes of the regular Town Board meeting.

**MOTION** Supervisor Goff moved to go to Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body with rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, more specifically Waukesha County Case No. 99-CV-271 and potential border issues involving the Village of Mukwonago including but not limited to the DeBack annexation, Greenwald annexation, McCarthy annexation and Walton annexation and Village of Big Bend annexation. Participating in Closed Session is Town Board, Town Deputy Clerk I and Town Attorney Riffle. Seconded by Supervisor Fieber.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Supervisor Wilde	Yes
Supervisor Goff	Yes
Supervisor Gasser	No
Supervisor Fieber	Yes
Chairperson Kunert	Yes

**MOTION CARRIED PER ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**MOTION** Supervisor Wilde moved to reconvene to Open Session, seconded by Supervisor Fieber, carried by voice vote at 7:35 p.m.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE from Town Board, Clerk and Treasurer.

Treasurer Marie Kumershek read the Treasurer's report for the end of December. She also stated tax collection went very well. Treasurer Kumershek disagreed with Supervisor Goff about losing money on the sweep account. She responded about 50% of the property taxes are paid by December 31.

Supervisor Wilde asked Treasurer Kumershek what percentage of the property taxes are paid. Also stated the burnt Moeller house has been leveled by Waste Management.

Supervisor Goff asked the Treasurer a question about the sweep account and losing money (the maintenance of the account exceeds the interest earned). Stated people are not happy with the Moeller/Waste Management property. There are potential danger situations up there. Requested Chairman Kunert to contact the Town Attorney about this issue. Also attended El Paso meeting. Thought it was informative. There were about 10 government representatives present. Also brought up a question about trimmed firewood left in the property owner's right-of-way, which is the property owner's firewood.

Supervisor Gasser asked who the liability lies with on the Moeller property. Wants to clarify that the Town of Vernon isn't caught in the middle about the Town taking someone's firewood accidentally or never picking it up. Stated he went to both sessions about the power plants. Agreed there was a good turnout from the state representatives but there was little representation from the County. Also gave the Town Board a review of the procedure for the power plant hearings. Stated while being optimistic about the power plant not being there, you also have to be realistic about the possibility of the power plant being there. Asked these representatives if the Town of Vernon would be compensated for being near this power plant. Stated the Town of Vernon needs to explore some of these avenues. A representative from El Paso offered to have an informational meeting with the Town of Vernon citizens. He will also contact the representative from El Paso for the February 20 meeting and will work with Deputy Clerk Gresch to notify the affected citizens about this informational meeting. Asked if anyone has seen the sewer study from the Village of Big Bend.

Supervisor Fieber stated he would like this representative to come in. He commented the meeting in May is the important meeting and everyone in that area should go to that meeting. This is where the three commissioners will listen to the citizen's comments. They want facts from the citizens and will base their decision on these comments.

Chairman Alan Kunert asked the Town Board if they would like to hear from this El Paso representative. Also stated he has the copy of the sewer study and will pass it to the next person. Stated we are watching the phone costs. Do not use 411; use a phone book, each call is \$1.25. Directed Deputy Clerk Gresch to send all Johnson Avenue residents a copy of the February 6 Town Board agenda. Thanked Ron, Jerry and Glenn for going to the El Paso meeting. Also stated he has been getting numerous calls about engineering services.

Deputy Clerk Gina Gresch stated the Town of Vernon has one copy of the new sewer study. She also congratulated Deputy Clerk Deanna Kurth on the birth of her baby boy. Also stated she is moving into the Town of Vernon on February 1. The Audit begins Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> and will run through Friday. In addition, there are no planner hours next week because of the audit. Asked Town Board about calling in reservations to the Regency suites for the WTA Convention and how many rooms they would like booked.

6. REPORTS: DPW Committee, Public Health & Safety Committee, SE WI Fox River Commission, Ordinance Committee, Plan Commission and Building Inspection.

Department of Public Works Director Doug Salentine stated the committee meets next Monday so there is nothing to report. The Highway Department is working on firewoodwork and long overdue maintenance on the Town buildings.

Supervisor Gasser stated the Public Health & Safety committee meeting is January 28 and no South Eastern Wisconsin Fox River Committee meeting.

Supervisor Wilde stated there is no Ordinance Committee meeting this month.

Chairman Alan Kunert asked Department of Public Works director if he received a copy of the MorningStar letter. Plan Commission meets on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION            Supervisor Wilde moved to deviate to hear agenda item #8, seconded by Supervisor Fieber, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

8. Discussion of borrowing funds to purchase new Department of Public Works truck.

Supervisor Wilde introduced David Anderson from Ehlers & Associates to help the Town of Vernon with borrowing some money to purchase a truck. Mr. Anderson passed out a preliminary financing packet. He stated there are a few different options. Stated it is more efficient and cost effective to borrow a larger amount of money, rather than small amounts. Also recommended to borrow money that will be used in the next three years. *Deputy Clerk's note: Ehlers packet of financial information is attached to minutes.* He reviewed the three options with the Town Board. Mr. Anderson reviewed the process of bidding. Also stated that interest rates are at an all time low. Chairman Kunert stated the Town Board needs to determine what the upcoming capital projects are and also need to come up with a dollar amount on the new truck. Many questions need to be answered and want this placed on the February 6 Town Board agenda. Department of Public Works Director Doug Salentine stated he will have a clearer number in two

weeks. Supervisor Wilde also stated we will have to look at long range projects like roads or buildings so we can take care of the financial situation. Also stated that now is the time to borrow. Chairman Kunert asked the Department of Public Works Director and Fire Chief for any capital improvement plans they have for the next meeting. Supervisor Gasser asked what the fees will be. Mr. Anderson reviewed the fees with the Town Board.

7. Discussion of replacement of Town Hall garage doors.

Department of Public Works Director Doug Salentine apologized for not getting the information sooner but some bids came in today. He stated he is looking to have three of the garage doors replaced and tried to keep the price under \$15,000 so the work would not have to be bid out. He reviewed the bid specs and prices with the Town Board. Director Salentine recommends the Wilde Company. He also stated the new doors are lighter than the current doors. He also stated the bid is less than the amount was budgeted for, therefore there is money left over to fix some of the rotted tracks. Town Board asked for clarification on the motion sensors for the garage doors. Supervisor Wilde asked when Director Salentine wants to get the garage doors in. He responded he would like to have it done in February and they can do two doors a day. Supervisor Wilde stated they should have been replaced long ago and they are a safety hazard.

**MOTION** Supervisor Wilde moved to concur with Department of Public Works Director Salentine's recommendation to enter into a contract with Joe Wilde Company not to exceed \$14,000 does not include electrical with the bid, include \$800 for electric for a total of \$14,800 for the installation of the doors, seconded by Supervisor Gasser, carried by voice vote.

9. Discussion of Deputy Clerk I Gina Gresch's additional working hours.

Chairman Kunert stated item #8 has been addressed.

Chairman Kunert stated he wanted this on the agenda to clarify the original motion at the last Town Board meeting for compensating Gina for working additional hours. He stated the intent of the motion was to add \$5,000 to Gina's salary for the extra duties and time working during the time period of Gina assuming the Clerk's duties. The intent of the wage increase is because of all the extra working hours and extra work she will be doing. Supervisor Wilde stated when Marilyn did the Town Board meetings; she would take the extra time off. Chairman Kunert this increase includes all meetings and extra hours worked.

10. Discussion of Deputy Clerk I Gina's Gresch's Certified Municipal Clerk Sponsorship letter.

Chairman Kunert stated she has earned enough points to become a Certified Municipal Clerk. Supervisor Goff stated he dug into this deeply and he supports this.

**MOTION** Supervisor Fieber moved to sign the Sponsorship letter, seconded by Supervisor Goff, carried by voice vote.

11. Discussion of Town of Vernon Engineering services.

Chairman Kunert stated this is the time of year for engineering services to present their services. He stated if we invite one firm to give a presentation, we need to allow other firms to give presentations, including the present firm to give a presentation on how they are going to control their costs. Supervisor Wilde reviewed this process of how it was done in the past and stated some parameters need to be set. Supervisor Goff stated he would like to see them come in on the same day and give them 15 minutes each.

**MOTION** Supervisor Fieber moved to allow the Engineering firms that sent the Town of Vernon information to each give a 15 minute presentation at the February 20 Town Board meeting, seconded by Supervisor Fieber, carried by voice vote.

12. FINANCES

- a. Accounts Payable

**MOTION** Supervisor Wilde moved to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$38,896.01, seconded by Supervisor Goff, carried by voice vote.

13. MINUTES

- a. Thursday, January 2, 2003 Town Board

**MOTION** Supervisor Fieber moved to approve the January 2, 2003 Town Board minutes, seconded by Supervisor Goff, carried by voice vote.

14. Adjourn.

**MOTION** Supervisor Goff moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Fieber, carried by voice vote.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Gina C. Gresch, Deputy Clerk  
Town of Vernon

APPROVED:

As printed ( )  
With amendments ( )

Alan Kunert, Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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