

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN OF VERNON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

6:00 PM

Vernon Town Hall Meeting Room
W249 S8910 Center Drive

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Paff called the meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL. Chairman Paff, Supervisors Finch, Tylinski, Reilly, Clerk Gresch and Town Engineers Jessica Swan and Mike Steiner. Supervisor Ludwig has an excused absence.
3. OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE CHECK. Chairman Paff asked the Clerk if the agenda was properly noticed. Clerk Gresch stated yes.
4. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following matters will be discussed and possible action taken by the Town Board:
 - a. Direction to Town Engineer to proceed with Stormwater Grant Application, on Water Quantity and Reduced Funding issues.

Town Engineers Jessica Swan and Mike Steiner were present. Engineer Swan stated they wanted the Town Board to see the grant application and to see how we are scored on the grant. She reviewed the grant application with the Town Board. **Clerk's Note: the grant application is on file in the Clerk's Office.** Chairman Paff asked questions about the Stormwater erosion control plan. Engineer Swan stated Waukesha County has already taken care of that. She stated we also have the ordinances ready. Engineer Swan stated people that have already spent money on this cannot include the monies they spent as a part of the grant reimbursement application. Chairman Paff asked if these boxes regarding the Stormwater were checked. Engineer Steiner stated no, not specifically for the Stormwater utility, but the Stormwater plan was applied for. He stated the utility is a way to fund for the plan, which is now being budgeted for.

Engineer Swan reviewed how the Town of Vernon is scored. She stated we have a well defined work plan. She stated she doesn't see a problem with meeting the minimum six points. She also stated she will be attaching a detailed budget to accumulate more points. She stated as of right now, the Town of Vernon is not eligible for Stormwater quantity analysis and modeling. She stated the Town of Vernon is eligible to ask for \$59,825 from the DNR.

Engineer Swan stated we will turn in a final report summary at the end of the two year project to the DNR, which will be the Stormwater management plan. She stated this report has to be submitted by the end of January 2009. She stated RA Smith will handle this. Engineer Steiner stated the DNR wants the reports to make sure we follow thru with the Stormwater plan. Supervisor Finch asked if the costs that we budgeted are coming close to what the grant application states. Engineer Swan stated the Town could be spending less than what they planned. Engineer Swan stated we should be able to get the maximum points for having the funding already adopted in the budget. Engineer Steiner stated they will be attaching a copy of the Town of Vernon Budget showing the line item budgeting for NR216. She stated the Town of Vernon has accumulated more points with this application, than what we had last year. She continued to review where the Town of Vernon received points for the grant.

Chairman Paff asked how many total points we accumulated. Engineer Swan stated they came up with about 114 points without water quantity or taking less money and does not include the multiplier. She stated with the multiplier, we could have about 122. Engineer Steiner stated others that received grant money had a total of 114 points and that was without the multiplier. Supervisor Finch stated those that already received the grant are now off the list, so we should have a better chance. Chairman Paff stated we were 21 out of 30 on the list. He stated if we have 122 points that should move us up higher in the rankings. Engineer Swan stated the construction grant is now available this year so maybe more people will apply for the construction rather than the planning grant. She feels that we are further ahead of the game than other communities. Chairman Paff asked what the items are that we need to do to get the Town of Vernon points.

Engineer Steiner stated by putting the quantity in, we are not just doing this because we are requested, but the Town of Vernon has been thinking about a comprehensive plan that includes quantity and quality. He stated if we submit a report without any quantity report, we would meet the grant application requirements. He stated because this is a quality grant, we might not get any points for quantity. Supervisor Finch stated if we are awarded the grant, this would still reduce our total bill by \$26,000. Engineer Swan stated if the Stormwater utility is created, we will have a dedicated funding source. Supervisor Finch asked if we don't get the grant, do we still have to do NR216. Engineer Steiner stated we still have to do NR216. He stated when doing a plan like this, it makes sense to include quantity with quality issues. Supervisor Finch stated it sounds like its worth while putting in the quantity issues, to maybe help the application. Chairman Paff asked what the second item is. Engineer Swan stated if the Town of Vernon asks for less money, we could accumulate more points. Engineer Steiner stated if we asked for less money, we could get the grant, but then we get less than we planned on. Supervisor Paff stated if we asked for 20% less funding, those are for sure points, but decrease the amount of money we receive. He stated by adding quantity, we are not sure if we will receive points for that or not. He stated we would be ahead money by asking for less money and receiving more points. Supervisor Finch stated we would still walk away with \$29,000 rather than \$0. He stated the end game is to get funding. Supervisor Finch stated this is our best choice.

Chairman Paff stated he is hearing we are sitting better in the rankings this year, without going for the quantity or discounted funds for more points. He stated we are good with were we are at now. Chairman Paff stated all of the other municipalities that received monies last year are now off the list. Also, other communities could be applying for the second grant that is available and others aren't as prepared as our municipality. He stated he would like to continue to go through the process as it is now and go for the maximum. Chairman Paff asked if we can re-apply the following year. Engineer Swan stated yes. Chairman Paff stated we will not lose money, just pay for it up front for two years instead of one year. Engineer Swan stated there could be many other communities that are doing the same thing the Town of Vernon is doing, reapplying. She stated we don't have to ask for the maximum amount of points for reduced funding. She stated we could ask for 10% and only get five points, instead of reducing funding by 20% and getting 10 points. Supervisor Finch stated he would like to make the safest gamble we can. Engineer Steiner stated it sounds like the board has decided to move forward with the Stormwater utility, so we know that we will be getting revenues from that source.

Supervisor Reilly stated he would like to see applying for 60% funding. Engineer Swan stated we would get five points for about \$31,000. Chairman Paff stated two communities received the maximum grant of \$85,000 with 132 points and the multiplier. Supervisor Tyllinski asked how we get the multiplier. Engineer Swan stated the multiplier comes from education, which we have information on the website and the newsletter. Chairman Paff stated we need two of three items to qualify for the multiplier, but we can add more items to the website, which the Clerk has already done. Supervisor Tyllinski stated he is comfortable asking for 60% funding for getting five points. Supervisor Finch stated he is ok with asking for 60% funding for gaining five points. Supervisor Reilly asked how much money we would gain if we did more items. Engineer Swan stated she has already applied for the middle range points, but doesn't want to promise that we will get the maximum amount of points. Chairman Paff stated he will go along with the 60% funding for five points.

MOTION Supervisor Finch moved to direct Town Engineers Jessica Swan and Mike Steiner to move forward with the Stormwater Grant Application, not include quantity, and apply for 60% funding to gain five additional points, seconded by Supervisor Tyllinski, carried by voice vote.

Chairman Paff stated once we get going on the plan, the maintenance costs should come down. Engineer Steiner stated expenditures in the utility will go up to plan for capital projects. He stated your startup costs will go down, once it's running. He stated there will be annual costs to maintain the permit requirements and other general problems. Chairman Paff asked if there will

be more grants in the future. Engineer Steiner stated it would have to be a different grant, probably a construction grant for a project.

5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION **Supervisor Finch moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Tylinski, carried by voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Gina C. Gresch, CMC / WCMC
Town of Vernon Clerk
Waukesha County

APPROVED:
As printed ()
With amendments ()

Brian Paff, Chairperson

Date: _____