



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Village Hall, Community Room 1

8811 Campus Drive, Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

Staff Present: Administrator Maureen Murphy, Village Attorney Chris Smith, Project Director Claude Lois, Police Chief Matt Soens, Fire Chief Robert Stedman, Deputy Director of Public Works Linsey Weber, Human Resources Director Mary Cole, Deputy Director HR/Finance Heather Teigland, Village Assessor Dan McHugh, Community Engagement Manager Lisa Olley, Village Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Kohlhagen, and Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jill Firkus. Todd Taves with Ehlers was also in attendance.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President DeGroot called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Village President DeGroot reported all members of the Village Board were present.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Follow Up Comments Regarding Strategic Plan

Follow-up comments were discussed regarding the Strategic Plan presented during the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on April 17, 2023. Trustee Bhatia proposed that a department head provide a 10 minute status update once a month at a meeting which would result in each department head reporting twice a year. Trustee Bhatia would also like to see the Village implement a bike rental program to operate out of the Parks and Recreation facility located at the beginning of the Pike River Pathway on Spring Street. The Village could create a sponsorship program and/or a donation structure to help fund the initiative if necessary. Trustee Bhatia also questioned the assessment process and trying to improve communications with the residents to help them better understand the assessment and taxing process. Attorney Smith advised that the Village must comply with opens meetings law and all agenda items must be specific as it relates to Trustee Bhatia's first proposal for strategic plan updates. Attorney Smith also advised that the assessment process is governed by State Statute and the Village Assessor must follow statutory guidelines when determining property values. The assessment process is not under the control of Village officials. Village Assessor Dan McHugh was present and reported that State Law requires property values must be within 10% of the fair market value or you risk being out of compliance with said State Statutes.

2. FINANCE/CLERK-TREASURER

a. Discussion regarding Monsanto Class Action Settlement

Attorney Chris Smith reminded members what the Monsanto Class Action lawsuit was and indicated that the Village has received just over \$300,000 as part of the nationwide settlement. Director of Public Works Tony Beyer will make recommendations on how to use these funds as the lawsuit directly related to water quality.

b. Discussion regarding the Village of Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin \$4,250,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A

Todd Taves with Ehlers reviewed the pre-sale report for borrowing of general obligation promissory notes for Capital Items and public infrastructure. A resolution will be discussion and voted on Monday, May 8 during the Village Board meeting to approve this borrowing.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

a. Village Assessor 2023 Assessment Update

Village Assessor Dan McHugh stated Notice of property assessment changes have been mailed and Open Book will begin May 1st. Board of Review is scheduled to begin June 5, 2023 with additional dates if necessary. McHugh reviewed the 2023 property assessment data and explained that

Residential, Commercial & Apartment, Warehouse and Medical Facilities will all see an increase in values this year. McHugh further stated that the quality metrics used for completeness, accuracy and credibility are at 99.6%, 96.8% and 96.4% respectively. Records dating back to 2011 show these percentages at 64.1%, 31.9% and 14.7%.

b. Discussion on Resolution 6-2023 to vacate an easement in TID 5

See below under 4a.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Discussion regarding a gas pipeline easement between the Village of Mount Pleasant and WE Energies at parcels: 151-03-22-33-013-000, 151-03-22-33-+007-000, 151-03-22-33-008-000, 151-03-22-33-009-000, 151-03-22-33-010-001, and 151-03-22-33-001-000

Project Director Claude Lois reviewed agenda item C3b and C4a together identifying that this is clean up for easements on properties the Village took ownership of where they no longer exist. Resolution 6-2023 is for a shared driveway easement however there is no longer a driveway. Lois stated we will see more of this in the future as we continue to develop/sell property in TID 5.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. South Shore Fire Department Response Data Update

Discussion regarding the South Shore Fire Department Response Data Update will be carried forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on May 8, 2023.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES

7. TOURISM

8. ADMINISTRATION

9. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Approval of the April 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Motion by Trustee Bhatia to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Trustee Docksey. On voice vote, motion carried.

D. ADJOURN

Village President DeGroot adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at approximately 5:53pm.