

**VILLAGE OF HORTONVILLE  
VILLAGE BOARD  
DECEMBER 20, 2007 MEETING MINUTES**

President Roger Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Community Hall, 312 W. Main St., Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Trustees present: Wallace Lenzner, W. George Wojcik, Craig Dreier, Alfred Handrich, Charles Nieuwenhuis, and Andrew Gitter.

Officials present: Administrator J. Everett Mitchell, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Mischker, Director of Public Works Ron Austreng, and Chief of Police Michael Sullivan. Engineer Ron Wolf was excused.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**

*Motion made by Mr. Wojcik and seconded by Mr. Dreier to approve the December 6, 2007 Regular Board minutes. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2007 CLOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion made by Mr. Wojcik and seconded by Mr. Gitter to approve the December 6, 2007 Closed Board meeting minutes. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.*

**PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Industrial Park Construction/Marketing Report:** Mr. Mitchell reported two contacts. The Trustees would like routine status reports on past contacts.

**Liquor License Business Violation/Complaints:** The November report was filed with the Board.

**Gold Cross Ambulance Report:** The year-to-date report was filed with the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2008 Water & Sewer Utility Budget [Ron Austreng]**

*Motion made by Mr. Nieuwenhuis and seconded by Mr. Dreier to approve the 2008 Water & Sewer Utility Budget. Roll call vote: Gitter aye, Nieuwenhuis aye, Handrich aye, Dreier aye, Wojcik aye, Lenzner aye, and Retzlaff aye, motion carried.*

**R-29-07, Resolution Adopting 2008 Water & Sewer Utility Budgets**

*Motion made by Mr. Wojcik and seconded by Mr. Lenzner to approve R-29-07. Roll call vote: Gitter aye, Nieuwenhuis aye, Handrich aye, Dreier aye, Wojcik aye, Lenzner aye, and Retzlaff aye, motion carried.*

**2008 Contract for Stray Animals Boarding, Wolf River Veterinary Clinic Inc. [Chief Sullivan/J. Everett Mitchell]**

*Motion made by Mr. Gitter and seconded by Mr. Handrich to approve the 2008 Contract for Stray Animals Boarding with Wolf River Veterinary Clinic Inc. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.*

**Appointment of Election Officials**

*Motion made by Mr. Dreier and seconded by Mr. Wojcik to approve the list of Election Officials as presented. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.*

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Administrator:** Gave an update on the Cable Deregulation Bill and the impact fee trailer bill. Both bills have an effect on the Village and its future revenues. Reported that over thirty people applied for the court clerk position and five interviews were held. The selected candidate has accepted the position.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Gloria Coenen**

Mr. Retzlaff read the Certificate of Recognition approved at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting which recognizes the many years of service by Gloria Coenen as an Election Official and Chief Inspector. Mr. Retzlaff presented Mrs. Coenen with two gift certificates as token of the Board's appreciation for her services.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Clerk-Treasurer: 1. Presentation of Vouchers** *Motion made by Mr. Dreier and seconded by Mr. Handrich to approve Village wires and vouchers #12542-12589 in the amount of \$32,421.86, payroll checks in the amount of \$20,184.35, and Water & Sewer Utility loan payment and vouchers #7528-7539 in the amount of \$38,580.09 as presented. Roll call vote: Gitter aye, Nieuwenhuis aye, Handrich aye, Dreier aye, Wojcik aye, Lenzner aye, and Retzlaff aye, motion carried.*

**Director of Public Works:** Reported that the boring for the sewer and water lines for the Baerwald property on W. Main St. is done.

**Chief of Police:** Reported that the Department has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Wal-Mart Safe Neighborhood Grant program because of an application written by Patrolman Bahr.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

It was reported that the buildings on the Kringel property on W. Main St. are being demolished.

Mr. Gitter stated that the Fire District should be congratulated by the Village for the grant they have received for fire equipment and training.

Mr. Gitter stated that the Post Crescent article on the Village taxes was not good. Mr. Mitchell responded that the reporter did not use much of the material she was given that would have made a fuller explanation of the tax rate.

Mr. Retzlaff asked what can be done for the Visocky well on W. Main St. for the Village's well abandonment program. The well is artesian and the previous capping did not work. Mr. Austreng will check on the situation.

## **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

None.

## **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

*Motion made by Mr. Gitter and seconded by Mr. Wojcik to go into Closed Session under State Statute 19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." Specifically to discuss a possible property for a municipal building. Roll call vote: Gitter aye, Nieuwenhuis aye, Handrich aye, Dreier aye, Wojcik aye, Lenzner aye, and Retzlaff aye, motion carried.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

8:25 p.m. – 8:47 p.m.

**BOARD TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:47 p.m. from a motion made, seconded, and carried in Closed Session.

**ANY ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion made by Mr. Gitter and seconded by Mr. Dreier to make an offer to purchase land according to the discussion and consensus of the Closed Session. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by Mr. Wojcik and seconded by Mr. Gitter to adjourn. Voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.*

Submitted by,

Lynne Mischker  
Clerk-Treasurer