

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approved

Call to Order/Open Meeting Law requirements:

R. Spurrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2015.

Roll Call:

M. Shoessow, G. Scheff, A. Salmela, L. Neuburg, R. Block, R. Spurrell were present; K. Degenhardt was Absent

Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by R. Spurrell

Announcement for possible closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss compensation for all Village of Eagle employees:

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Review/Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes for both the Regular Board Meeting held January 3, 2015 and Special Board Meeting held February 3, 2015 by A. Salmela. Seconded by M. Shoessow. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Review/Approval of Treasurer's Report, including regular monthly account payable:

R. Spurrell stated that the Treasurer's report provided to the board was a year-to-date summary and did not include a summary for 2014. R. Spurrell further states that, per his discussion with the auditors, the 2014 financial statements are not ready to be released, but R. Spurrell stated that they would be provided as soon as the auditors have it completed. R. Spurrell also states that there may be some expenses in the Treasurer's report that apply to 2014 and that they will be taken care of during the course of the audit process. Motion made by L. Neuburg to approve Treasurer's report and accounts payable. Seconded by R. Block. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Clerk's Report:

R. Spurrell introduces new Clerk, Cheri Zindars and states that 2014 W2s were sent out on time and the year end reporting was being completed.

Citizen Comments/Concerns:

B. Dingle, 116 South St. - inquires as to whether there has been an outcome on noise violations issues in relation to Knuckleheads Pub. R. Spurrell states that there hasn't been an outcome, however the code & ordinance committee has been working on a new ordinance but there has been issues regarding equipment being used. B. Dingle inquired about a time frame. R. Spurrell states he could not give a time frame for resolution, but that the committee is working on it.

D. Molloy, 303 Hawthorne Dr. – expresses support for the Palmyra/Eagle School District. Asks whether the Village Board has taken a stance regarding the proposed Palmyra/Eagle District split with Mukwonago School District. Asks whether the board members are aware that the split will include the Village Park moving to the Mukwonago District. Names R. Block and L. Neuburg as two board members who signed the petition in support of the split. Refers to map of proposed district lines posted on the bulletin board behind board members. Continues reading letter and states that if the proposed split occurs, he will need to open enroll his children into the Palmyra/Eagle schools.

R. Spurrell responds to comments regarding board members signing petition by stating that board members have a residency requirement to be on the board, therefore because they are residents of the Village, they have a right as residents to sign the petition. He continues by addressing the question as to whether the Board has taken a stance on the issue and explains that it is not a board issue and that the municipal board does not have jurisdiction regarding school district issues, this is a school board issue.

R. Block states that he respects the comments from D. Molloy and that his decision to sign the petition was in the best interest family.

R. Webber, 310 S. Sherman St. – begins to read letter written by her father, Al Salmela. The letter expresses support for the Palmyra/Eagle School District, outlines his participation in growing the community over the last 20 yrs, and concern regarding the effects that splitting the school district will have on the Village and his grandchildren, who will be divided because of the proposed district lines. Robin also reads her own letter in support of Palmyra/Eagle School District and calls for the board members who signed the petition to either remove their names from the petition or resign from the board.

S. Hoff, Colonial Dr. – introduces himself as Palmyra/Eagle School Board President. He hands out information to the board regarding the upcoming open meeting on February 16, 2015 @ 7pm and invites residents to attend with questions and concerns. He provides information regarding the petition process, decision making process, and time line of potential change-over.

C. Ollis, 708 Tenderfoot Trl – Urges R. Block and L. Neuburg to remove their names from the petition. Expresses support for the existing Palmyra/Eagle School District and outline what she believes the effects will be on the Village if the district change occurs and her concerns regarding those effects.

S. Royston, 330 Appletree Ln. – Requests that the board provide updated complete financials for 2014 prior to the upcoming April election.

B. Kane, 421 Meadow Ln. – announces support for Palmyra/Eagle School District. Describes his belief in the increase in property tax for the Village of Eagle if Mukwonago Schools' enrollment increases. Asks for update from board on the ordinance regarding chickens kept in the Village. Inquires whether anything has/will be done regarding motorcycles parking on the sidewalk in the Village this summer.

R. Spurrell explains that the code & ordinance committee is still working on the chicken ordinance and the board does not have a time line.

B. Kane asks if the public is going to have input regarding the passing of the ordinance and R. Spurrell explains that the code & ordinance committee meetings are open to the public – next meeting Feb 18.

B. Kane suggests holding a referendum regarding the chicken ordinance.

D. Steinbach, 316 Larkin – expresses support for Palmyra/Eagle school district. Expresses to the Board that she feels the school district proposal is truly a board issue and not just a school board issue.

Announcements:

Chief Presiding Officer: R. Spurrell makes an announcement in response to the school district public comments. He explains that the board, although some on the board have personal opinions regarding the issue, the board has no legal jurisdiction over voting on school board issues, only over public property and domains.

Also makes an announcement regarding the upcoming spring election. Explains how the ballots will be set-up and that there is a write-in for the one-year term as trustee.

The Fire Chief, due to injuries, will not be returning to active duty.

Fire Chief: no announcements

Board Members: A. Salmela announces the next code & ordinance committee meeting will be held February 18th at 6pm instead of February 17th due to the election

M. Shoessow makes announcement on the excellent job S. Deegan is doing regarding snow removal this winter

Police Chief: R. Ehlers announces that Gwen Bruckner will return to active duty, which should help with the recent staffing issues

Eagle Business Association

- a. **Update on EBA meeting and activities:** March 1st is the deadline for registration of new members. Outlines upcoming events. Next meeting February 19th

Consideration/Action regarding the contract with Waukesha County for garbage and recycling collections: R. Spurrell - There is still no contract. The board is waiting to hear from the state's attorney if we can detach from the county. Outlines contract details of proposed contract. Motion to table made by M. Shoessow, seconded by G. Scheff, Motion carries (4-2, R. Spurrell and L. Neuburg opposed)

Consideration/Action regarding operator license application for Ali Hall: Motion to approve by L. Neuburg, seconded by M. Shessow, Motion carries (6-0)

Consideration/Action regarding Joint Powers Agreement, County 911 emergency system: Motion to approve by M. Shoessow, seconded by L. Neuburg, Motion carries (6-0)

Consideration/Action to approve Deborah Bliese as an emergency worker/stand-by worker for the Village of Eagle office: Motion to approve by A. Salmela, Seconded by L. Neuburg, Motion carries (5-0-1, R. Spurrell abstains)

Consideration/Action regarding Kettle Moraine Days

- a. **Consideration/Action of park reservation:** Motion to approve by L. Neuburg, seconded by G. Scheff, motion carries (6-0)
- b. **Consideration/Action for temporary picnic license:** Motion to approve with fee waiver by L. Neuburg, seconded by G. Scheff, motion carries (6-0)

Discussion relating to scheduling and attendance of meetings: R. Spurrell states that when meetings are scheduled, members should attend – including special meetings.

R. Block discusses some recent scheduling issues regarding the recent DPW meeting

R. Block requests to re-visit public comment because of an email he received in regards to the public comments

R. Spurrell denies request, states that they have moved on from Public Comment and they were moving forward with agenda

R. Block resigns and leaves the meeting

Committee Reports/Action Items:

- a. **Fire Commission – update on meeting:** R. Spurrell - discussion of consolidation of fire departments with North Prairie, tentative joint Special Meeting February 26th. S. Kugel – inquires about funding for radios. R. Spurrell responds that the issue will need to be revisited. S. Kugel states discussion will continue regarding fire department consolidation.
- b. **Recreation Department – update on meeting:** there was no meeting
- c. **Code & Ordinance – update on meeting:** A. Salmela is hoping to settle on chicken ordinance by next meeting. Addresses inquiries on noise ordinance, specifically regarding Knuckleheads. There is new equipment to read decibel levels and the ordinance needs to be updated accordingly. Indicates that there is a draft notice being worked on with R. Ehlers and is hoping they will have an ordinance they can vote on by the next meeting. **Consideration/Action regarding an update to Chapter 2, section 2.15 with respect to adding meeting absence penalties:** A. Salmela indicates that the committee is working on updating the ordinance, which was submitted to attorney. Indicates that the ordinance still needs to be reviewed by the Code & Ordinance committee. Motion to send back to committee by R. Spurrell, Seconded by L. Neuburg, motion carries (5-0)
- d. **Nature Trail Committee – update on meeting:** there was no meeting held
- e. **Library Board – update on meeting:** M. Schoessow, will be looking to hold a joint meeting regarding library expansion after elections
- f. **Police & Licensing – update on meeting:** A. Salmela states there was discussion regarding new computers for the department, which was approved. **Consideration/Action for a full time officer position to replace Officer Ryan Brehmer –** A. Salmela states that there was a full time position on the Police Department vacated by R. Brehmer - Motion to authorize filling full time position by M. Shoessow, seconded by A. Salmela, motion carries (4-0-1, G. Scheff abstains) **Consideration/Action to approve a promotion to fill the full time office vacancy –** A. Salmela states the committee would like to offer the position to existing part-time Officer K. Cunningham. Motion to offer full-time position to K. Cunningham made by M. Shoessow, seconded by L. Neuburg, motion carries (4-0-1, G. Scheff abstains)
- g. **Public Works & Property – update on meeting:** there was no meeting held
- h. **Personnel & Finance – update on meeting:** there was no meeting held, however R. Spurrell states that the HR Policy will be discussed at the next meeting

Motion for closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)© for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss compensation for all Village of Eagle employees: R. Spurrell states there was no meeting held regarding DPW evaluation due to DPW not meeting, there was also discussion regarding D. Bliese, however not sure of the contents of discussion because K. Degenhardt was not present. Motion to go to closed session by G. Scheff, seconded by L. Neuburg. R. Spurrell further clarified the reasons for closed session will not be discussed therefore closed session is not needed.

Roll Call Vote: L. Nueburg–No, M. Shoessow–No, R. Spurrell–No, G. Scheff–No, A. Salmela–No, (0-5)
Motion to go to closed session failed.

Consideration/Action regarding compensation for Deborah Bliese: Motion to table line item regarding D. Bliese made by L. Neuburg, seconded by G. Scheff, Motion carries (4-0-1, R. Spurrell abstains)

Consideration/Action regarding resolution to set maximum pay rates for the Village of Eagle employees: R. Spurrell makes motion to approve resolution 2015-01 Maximum Pay Rates and make Captain Lesniewski's pay increase retroactive, seconded by L. Neuburg, Motion carries (5-0) Wage Resolution 2015-01: Salaries positions: Police Chief \$65353, Village President \$4000, Village Trustees \$2400; Hourly positions: Full time Patrolman/officer \$23.43, Part-time Captain \$25.08, Part-time Patrol Office (less than 6 months experience) \$16.01, Part-time Patrol Officer (more than 6 months experience) \$19.21, Full Time Clerk/Treasurer/Planning Commission Secretary \$20.00, Part-time Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer \$12.36, Full Time Public Works &/or Certified Water \$28.95, Election Clerk \$10.00, Part-time DPW employees \$15.00 and Compost Workers \$8.00/hr.

Adjournment: Motion to close by L. Neuburg, seconded by A. Salmela, Motion carries (5-0), R. Spurrell adjourns meeting at 8:10pm