

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order by President Staton at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2008.
2. **ROLLCALL.** Present: Phil Harms, Randy Way, Darlene Groenier, Steve Staton, Jon Lourigan, Eric Poole and Jerry Bollig arriving at 6:03p.m. Also present: Village Administrator Mike Gracz, Village Attorney Matt Dregne, Public Works Director Mark Below, Police Chief Doug Pettit, and Clerk Assistant Peggy Haag.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** At 6:03 p.m., **Poole moved** to adjourn into closed session **to discuss an employment matter related to the Village Clerk's Office pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) second by Lourigan. Roll call vote: Lourigan – yes; Poole – yes; Staton – yes; Harms – yes; Groenier – yes; Bollig – yes; Way – yes. Motion carried 7-0.**
4. At 6:12 p.m., the meeting reconvened into open session on motion by Bollig, second by Harms. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Discussion of Appointment of Chief Deputy Clerk and Deputy Clerks due to Village Clerk's Leave and Discussion of Outstanding Assignments (PSC Report due March 31st; 2007 Audit –Auditors here March 17th thru March 21st; Preparing for April 1st Election; Census Information due April 4th; Property Tax Exempt forms due March 31st and Liquor Licenses due April 15th Motion by Bollig to appoint Renee Hoelt Chief Deputy Clerk and Mike Gracz, Tracey Hicks, Peggy Haag and Beth Trumpy as Deputy Clerks until May 6, 2008. Second by Groenier. Motion carried 7-0.**
6. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.**
 - a) **Discussion and Possible Action re: Historic Preservation Nomination for Red Brick (Joan Gefke).** Gefke was unable to attend the meeting but Gracz had an informational hand out and thought it would be nice to have the Village Board support the nomination. **Motion by Harms to support the nomination of the Gorman (Red Brick) Building for Wisconsin Historic Property. Second by Way. Motion carried 7-0.**
 - b) **Youth Center Monthly Report – Shane Gahagan.** None.

Items where taken out of order to accommodate members of the audience but remain in order for ease of reading.

- c) **Heidi Fischer – Grant Request for Rail Corridor Bike Trail from Brooklyn to Fitchburg: Possible Action on Fischer's Request to Submit the Application and the Village's Financial Participation.** Heidi Fischer came before the Village Board to explain the Village is in the Dane County and State Trail Plan for the corridor. She discussed applying for the Safe Routes to School Planning Grant, which is 100% covered for the 2 mile radius to and from school which leaves a ½ mile of the path unpaid for and by whom. Dane County said they may be able to assist but Fischer is waiting to hear. Fischer roughly estimated around \$1,000 aid from the Village of Oregon. Fischer stated the City of Fitchburg TTC Committee is going to do a letter of support for the Federal request. There was more discussion. **Motion by Harms to recommend submitting application for rail corridor bike trail from Brooklyn to Fitchburg and the Village of Oregon's financial participation of \$1000.00 out of contingency only if the grant is approved and write a letter of support. Second by Lourigan. Motion carried 7-0.**
- d) **Presentation of Comprehensive Storm Water Study by Ruekert/ Mielke and Discussion and Possible Action re: Purchasing of Pump and Reminder of Dates:** Terry Tavera, an engineer from Ruekert Mielke, is heading this project and gave the presentation along with Joe Eberle. They went through the presentation of the Comprehensive Storm Water Study. After the presentation Way asked if something different was done with the box culvert under Highway 14 if the Village of

Oregon would need to purchase flooding easements downstream. Way asked Tavera if was not cost effective to do this. Tavera agreed and said that putting in a bigger structure adds more water flow downstream. In Tavera's opinion it opens up the Village of Oregon to more liability. Eberle included that the Village would be taking land that is developable and making it undevelopable. Way also asked if the box culvert under Highway 14 was examined. Eberle stated it was inspected by the D.O.T. as part of their ongoing design of the improvement plans for Highway 14. Bollig stated that he didn't realize that the Waste Water Treatment Plant was in jeopardy and very close to being immobilized, how will Ruekert Mielke's recommendations save it in the future? Tavera stated the biggest reason for backing down on anything larger than a 72" culvert is due to looking at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. If the pipe was exchanged for something larger there would be a greater chance of flooding the treatment plant. Eberle stated if the WWTP shuts down the entire Village would be down because sewers would be backing up in homes and businesses leading to a major health problem. Bollig also asked if the Badfish Creek is operating at capacity, how can water get out of the Village. Tevara said it is operating at capacity but it is still moving. If you look at the floodplain once it gets upstream of the 72" culvert the water surface is flat acting like a lake. There is water moving in it. There would be some sort of restrictor going into the 72" culvert so the water is not going through the culvert so fast it floods on the out coming end down by the WWTP. There was discussion if the Village had a 14" rain storm the downtown and WWTP would be flooded. Bollig asked what the point is that the WWTP would flood. Tavera said they did not run through that with the model but they can do that in the future. Bollig also asked where the \$400,000 savings is coming from. Eberle explained that from the 1999 and 2001 study recommending a 6' by 8' box culvert which would cost significantly more than replacing the 72" culvert and not taking into account the cost of flooding easements down stream. Poole asked if taking the recommendation for the Prairie View/Soden Drive area and adding another pipe that would drain into the culvert along Oak Street would increase the capacity of taking water away by 50%. Tavera said by the time the water goes through the pond on the west side it takes a while for it to reach the highest elevation of flooding. Poole also asked when looking at the pictures of the current 72" culvert compared to the pictures the Village had previously is there a drastic change from then until now which might make us concerned about certain areas sooner? Tavera said there weren't many pictures from the previous study. Tavera stated the focus is on the immediate needs. Poole asked if there is more than just the Spring Street pipe going into the 72" culvert? It was stated that there is. Lourigan asked if Ruekert Mielke thinks it's effective to piece it together or if it should be done at one time. Tavera said it can be put together in pieces but there will not be any benefits until it's done. Lourigan asked if it would cost more money to piece it together and it was confirmed more pieces, more money. It would be more cost effective to do the project once. Lourigan mentioned there is a dry pond in the Leeward Lane area and asked if Tevara recommends a weir there. Tavera says exhibit 8 shows potential ponds. Tavera said these ponds are here to get storage. Harms asked when the Spring Street Culvert intersects with the 72" culvert what the elevation would be on that intersection. There is discussion of the 72" culvert backing up to the 36" culvert and back to Spring Street. Harms asked if the Village put in a 72" culvert from Tri-County through the Hitching Park will there be additional collateral expenses by changing elevations on those three or four intersections coming into the 72" culvert? Eberle said storm sewer systems are designed for a 10 year storm. That is normal. What is being recommended is designing for a 10 year, 50 year or 100 year storm but before the storm sewer on Spring Street gets redone those things need to be looked at. If the capacity is increased what effects does it have on the rest of the storm sewers coming in. Harms is worried about the ripple effect. Eberle suggested putting a camera down the pipe to see what is happening and figure out the impacts it would have. Way said Ruekert Mielke is showing the six houses in the floodplain on Florida Avenue and North Burr Oak, he wanted to know if these are the only houses in the Village of Oregon that are in the 100 year floodplain. Terry was not sure. Below stated as far as he is aware that is true. Way also stated he as been thinking about density and if the Village adopts a strict storm water ordinance are they are giving up growth? Tavera and Way agreed essentially there would be fewer roads for the same number of houses. Tavera said it is important to protect the areas that are environmentally

sensitive. Way wondered if zoning and planning ordinances would need to be changed also. Eberle stated the whole picture needs to be looked and to end up with the result the Village wants. Staton asked if the pump in the ponds will make much difference. Eberle said they just ran over this analysis. Tavera said the big concern is the time to pump water down with 24 hour run time. Eberle said overall the pump is minimal but there are a lot of variables besides. Eberle said it is very important this study was done so the Village can say this is an option, we looked at it, tested it, and saw the impact. Bollig and Staton thanked staff and Ruckert Mielke for saving the Village around \$35,000 (not buying the pump) along with the facts to make the right decision.

- o **March 31st:** Written public comments and questions need to be submitted by this date to Administrator Gracz to be included in the April 7th Board packet.
- o **April 7th Board Meeting:** The Board members will be asked to discuss the process to be used for the Village's response to the written public comments and questions and what role Ruckert/Mielke will play in the process.
- o **April 21st Board Meeting:** The Village Board will hold a public forum to take public comments on the Study. This forum may include an opportunity for Ruckert/Mielke to respond to questions that were submitted by the March 31st deadline. Following the public forum, the Board will be asked to provide direction to the staff as to what the process should be for continuing to review and implementing the Study's recommendations.

Motion by Bollig to rescind the previous motion of purchasing the pump to NOT purchase the pump. Second by Poole. Motion carried 7-0.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a) **Regular meeting 2/25/08. Poole moved, second by Groenier, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2008. Motion carried 7-0.**

8. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS.** Poole moved, second by Lourigan, to approve the payment of vouchers for the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$205,459.73 per the list dated March 17, 2008. Roll call vote: Staton – yes; Lourigan – yes; Bollig – excused himself; Harms – yes; Poole – yes; Way – yes; Groenier – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

9. **COMMUNITY INPUT.** None.

10. **PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a) **Village Staff Comments.** None.
1) **Accurate Appraisal in Village in March for Continuing 2008 Revaluation.** None.
2) **Reminder of Special Board Meeting for Five Year Plan: March 20th at 6:00 p.m.** Meeting will last about an hour and a half. Gracz will have handouts at the meeting and go through it with the Board.
- b) **Other Staff Comments.** None.
- c) **Village Board Comments.** Lourigan stated he will have to resign from the Transportation Committee because of a potential conflict of interest.

11. **COMMUNICATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.**

- a) **Discussion and Possible Action re: Selecting Contractor for Railroad Bridge Replacement including Alternate #1—the reuse of the stones (Tabled Until April 7th Board Meeting).**
- b) **Discussion of Capital Area Regional Planning Commission Polices (FYI Only).** Gracz wanted the Board to see article and give them an update on the RPC.
- c) **Status of AB-423 Limiting Municipal Extraterritorial Plat Approval Powers (FYI Only).** Gracz asked Erpenbach not to support this bill which would affect review of plats outside the Village of Oregon's limits. Gracz expressed his concern for the Village of Oregon.

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12. **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

- a) Minutes not requiring any action
 - 1) Zoning Board of Appeals 2/13/08
 - 2) Park Board 3/05/08
 - 3) Library Board 2/13/08

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. None.

14. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Appointment of HPC member to serve as alternate on CDA
- b) Discussion and Possible Action re: Special Village Board Budget meeting minutes 10/24/07
- c) Special Village Board Budget meeting minutes 10/30/07
- d) Joint Village Board/Downtown Ad Hoc Meeting minutes 1/15/08
- e) Special Village Board – Public Hearing on 2008 Budget minutes 11/26/07
- f) Special Village Board 12/05/07
- g) Board Minutes 2/4/08
- h) Board Minutes 3/3/08

15. **ADJOURNMENT**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on motion by Lourigan, second by Bollig. Motion carried 7-0.

Submitted by
Peggy Haag,
Clerk Assistant