

Regular Meeting of the Oregon Village Board
Monday, October 20, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Village Board was called to order by President Staton at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2008.
2. **ROLLCALL.** Present: Jerry Bollig, Darlene Groenier, Phil Harms, Jon Lourigan, Eric Poole, Steve Staton and Randy Way. Also present: Village Administrator Mike Gracz, Finance Director Renee Hoeft, Police Chief Doug Pettit, Public Works Director Mark Below, Village Planner Mike Slavney and Clerk Georgia Johnson.
3. **PUBLIC FORUM:** First public forum regarding Phase 2 of Downtown Project—Hitching Park, Village Hall Parking Lot and Spring Street. Next Downtown Ad Hoc Committee meeting to be held October 22nd at 7:00 a.m. Kevin Lord, the Project Manager of MSA, along with Eric Dandy and Mike Stern gave a brief overview of the project.
 - Since the bidding of the two phases, the process has changed, will take approximately three additional months—now need to get Federal approval
 - Environmental report will need to be done
 - Was hoped to be done by Summerfest (in June), more likely will be August of 2009
 - Went over designs of Hitching Park with bike paths along side of the Fire Department (with possibility of utilizing Fire Dept public restroom)
 - Explanation of differences between Concept A, Concept B and Concept C – all options are viable and maintain the existing parking in Hitching Park
 - Discussion regarding Village Hall parking lot and possible reconfigurations
 - (1) Just repave and leave as is
 - (2) Complete restructure, taking out islands, decreases green space and increases Madsen Park area
 - Improvements of the alley connecting the Hitching Park and Village Hall parking lot were discussed to increase the use and so forth

At this time President Staton invited public input.

Jeff Groenier, Vice Chair of Planning Board, preferred Concept C on the Hitching Park, disapproved of taking green space away from the Village Hall parking lot, thought there were other alternatives that could be looked at.

Hans Noeldner, 133 W Lincoln St., indicated approved with the downtown and gave credit to the Board and staff for it going so smoothly. Indicated disappointment with a lack of alternatives to improve Hitching Park, had concerns with the bicycle path south of the building to Janesville Street, concern with taking out parking spaces and green space.

Mike White, 130 N Main St., preferred option 1 for Village Hall parking lot. More downtown parking is needed for business owners to bring people to the downtown. Favored Option A in the Hitching Park.

Paula Brisco, 137 Lynne Trail, expressed safety concerns with Concept A, Concept B path needs to be straighter and noted she preferred Concept C – especially the use of kiosks. Brisco expressed concerns with the Triangle Park noting the Master Plan created in 2001 shows the Triangle Waterman Park on the Master Plan and expressed concern with taking away more green space or reducing the size of the band shelter.

Marechiel Santos-Lang, Oregon Chamber of Commerce Director, noted approval of the bike path going through an area that has an informational kiosk, had no conflict with the parking lot and green space and noted approval of the focal point with green space.

Staton closed the public forum at 6:35 p.m.

4. **CALL TO ORDER – PLANNING COMMISSION:** President Staton noted there is not a quorum for the Planning Commission and invited those present from the Planning Commission to participate in the discussion under item #7.
5. **ROLL CALL – PLANNING COMMISSION.** No quorum present.
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD REGARDING DANE COUNTY FARM LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AND TOWN OF OREGON AMENDMENT.** No quorum present.
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY VILLAGE BOARD REGARDING DANE COUNTY FARM LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AND TOWN OF OREGON AMENDMENT.**
Mike Slavney, the Village Planner, and Phil Van Kampen from the Town of Oregon were present to provide input regarding the amendment. It was noted the Town needs to adopt the amendment to the Dane County Farm Land Preservation Plan before the end of the year with the amendment being satisfactory to the Town, the Village, the County and the State and has been a give and take process. Slavney referred to the colored map noting this is a substantial improvement over previous ones and transitions from agricultural to non-agricultural very well. This transition period would be from 20-40 years. Following Slavney's review of the plan, he recommended the Village correspond with the County in supporting it. Staton asked for input from Van Kampen who stated he is in agreement with the plan.

There was discussion. **Bollig moved to accept option #5 as presented by Planner Slavney along with his recommendation that this be for the Dane County Farm Land Preservation Plan and Town of Oregon Amendment and also that the Village of Oregon will continue to enforce its extraterritorial land division approval authority within its ETZ and the Village will send a letter of support to the County.** There was some discussion. **Motion carried 7-0.**
8. **ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION.** Not necessary.
9. **VILLAGE BOARD RETURNS TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**
10. **2009 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS.**
 - a) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Village Board Development Strategies and Impact of Hiring Village Planner/Economic Development Coordinator in 2009. This will be discussed in more detail at the Budget meeting Wednesday night (the 22nd). Gracz referred to the staff report and went over portions of it. It was noted there will be further discussion regarding this during the budget process.
11. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were none.
12. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** None available.
13. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS.** **Bollig moved, second by Groenier, to approve the payment of vouchers for the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$895,152.62 per the list dated October 20, 2008. Roll call vote: Groenier – yes; Staton – yes; Way – yes; Poole – yes; Bollig – yes; Harms – yes; Lourigan – yes. Motion carried 7-0.**
14. **COMMUNITY IN PUT.** Paula Brisco, 137 Lynne Trail, spoke to the future of the downtown water tower and to the Village's possible hiring of a planner, stating the Village needs to address concerns of flooding and stormwater management in conjunction with future developments and annexations.

15. **PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a) Staff Comments: Below stated leaf pick up starts October 27th and we'll make sure the information is listed on the website.

Johnson thanked the Village residents for the great response to recruitment of election workers.

- b) Other Staff Comments. There was some discussion regarding the downtown project. It was noted S. Main Street is being paved. The project is going very well.
- c) Village Board Comments. Groenier referred to the Grand Opening of the hockey rink and there was some discussion.

16. **COMMUNICATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.**

- a) Update regarding acquisition of properties on Florida Avenue.

1) Status of Demolition of 360 Florida Avenue. No date has been set for the demolition.

2) Update re appraisals for 350 and 380 Florida Avenue. Some discussion, still waiting for the DNR to make a determination on the appraisals.

- b) Discussion and Possible Action on State Trust Fund Loan Application for Public Works Truck. President Staton read Resolution #08-23 into the record indicating this is for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck with a snow plow. **Poole then moved, second by Bollig, to approve Resolution #08-23, approving an application for a State Trust Fund Loan for purchasing a Public Works Dump Truck with snow plow.** The cost of the dump truck with plow is \$155,000.00, the State Trust Fund loan will be for five (5) years at an interest rate of 3.50% per annum. There was discussion. **Roll call vote: Groenier – yes; Staton – yes; Way – yes; Poole – yes; Bollig – yes; Harms – yes; Lourigan – yes. Motion carried 7-0.** It was noted there has been discussion on this previously.

- c) Discussion and Possible Action of re Approving Resolution #08-22 renewing the Best Flex Cafeteria Plan for 2009. **Groenier moved, second by Lourigan, to approve Resolution #08-22 renewing the Best Flex Cafeteria Plan for 2009.** Johnson stated this is to approve renewal of the contract for the Best Flex Cafeteria Plan which needs approval by the Board. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- d) Discussion and Possible Action re: Approving Resolution #08-24 Street Opening for Phase 1 of Braun Road Extension Project. **Harms moved to adopt Resolution #08-24 opening streets for Phase 1 of Braun Road Extension Project. Second by Lourigan.** This resolution opens the road to the railroad tracks. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- e) Reminder of 3rd Budget meeting – October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. FYI

- f) Status of Railroad Bridge. There was some discussion. [Bollig left at 7:10 p.m.]

17. **REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

- a) Minutes not Requiring Action.
- 1) Fire/EMS District Commission 10/9/08 and 9/10/08
 - 2) Library Board 9/10/08

18. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Ordinance #08-07 – Crating Section 9.115 of the Municipal Code Regarding Graffiti on Property. **Poole moved to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance #08-07 regarding graffiti on property. Second by Lourigan.** There was

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discussion. **Roll call vote: Groenier – no; Staton – yes; Bollig – yes; Lourigan – yes; Harms – no; Way – yes; Poole – yes. Motion carried 4-2, with Groenier and Harms opposed.**

19. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

a) Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 41 in November with Adoption in December. FYI

20. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on motion by Groenier, second by Way. Motion carried 6-0.

Submitted by
Georgia Johnson,
Village Clerk