

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oregon Village Board  
Monday, December 6, 2010

1. **Village Board Call to order:** President Steve Staton called the Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010.
2. **Village Board Roll call:** Present: Eric Poole, Phil Harms, Steve Staton, Darlene Groenier, David Donovan, Randy Way, and Jon Lourigan. Also Present: Village Administrator Mike Gracz, Chief of Police Doug Pettit and Deputy Clerk Peggy S.K. Haag.
3. **Financial Matters**
  - a) **Discussion and Possible Action re: Proceed with Sending RFPs to local Banks for a loan for the 2009 Ambulance purchase for Oregon Area Fire/EMS District in the amount of \$160,000.**  
Item placed on hold. Donovan gave a brief update on the situation. We had a meeting this past week with the Fire Commission and they're very grateful for the forward payment that we gave them. The commission decided that, along with the other payment they received, it should last them through the first part of May. Since we have until then, we thought we would try to find someone to do the cash flow analysis that Hoefl had suggested. In addition to that, we're looking at doing a 5 year financial plan. Ultimately, they think they still have to come back for a loan just to get the cash flow in place; when they come back it'll be with a one shot deal. Staton responded that the course of action gives us more time to get important information to make a better decision on the matter. There was a question as to whether or not the Fire Commission was thinking of having the Town of Dunn Clerk do the 5 year financial plan. Donovan stated that they're thinking of going to an outside source, but it really depends on how it's all put together. There were no further questions or comments.
4. The Village Board may adjourn into closed session from time to time during the course of the meeting pursuant to **Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1) (f) to discuss a Senior Center personnel matter and 19.85(1) (e) to discuss Labor Contract Negotiations with Unions. Motion by Poole to discuss a Senior Center personnel matter and 19.85(1) (e) to discuss Labor Contract Negotiations with Unions in closed session at 6:11pm. Second by Groenier. Roll call: Lourigan-yes; Groenier-yes; Donovan-yes; Staton-yes; Way-yes; Harms-yes; and Poole-yes. Motion carried 7-0.**
5. **The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:54pm.**
6. **Public Appearances** -None.
7. **Approval of Minutes** - None.
8. **Approval of Vouchers:** Staton stated that the vouchers in the General Operating Fund were in the amount of \$532,320. Way mentioned that because the vouchers include a payment to the Fire District that he will not be voting on this item. **Poole moved, second by Groenier, to approve the payment of vouchers for the General Operating Fund in the amount of \$532,320.87 per the list dated December 6, 2010. Roll call vote: Donovan – yes; Harms – yes Poole – yes; Staton – yes; Lourigan – yes; Groenier – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with Way abstaining.**
9. **Community Input.** Hans Noeldner was present to discuss two issues. First, he explained that there was a graph brought to his attention with data on the actual costs of road funds in transit. It was relevant to mention this because there was a lot of misinformation (especially in the last election) about transit versus subsidizing. The data that Noeldner was presented with was directly from the Wisconsin DOT.

The main thing Noeldner wanted to discuss with the Board was his concerns with the Dane County Regional Transit Authority. Noeldner encouraged the Village to petition to be included in the

District for the following reasons: it will give residents an opportunity to vote whether we want to impose a half cent or smaller sales tax on ourselves, it will give the Board an opportunity to tell the RTA what we want here in Oregon and it will allow Village residents to vote on the RTA plan. Noeldner further explained that most of us pay our sales tax outside of the Village but we spend most of the money inside existing boundaries of the RTA District. As a result of this, if the RTA referendum is approved, Village residents will pay whether or not we get any service here. Plans are afoot in the RTA plan to include a commuter bus service to Stoughton and, if the routes are going right by the Village of Oregon, Noeldner questioned why they cannot make a few stops in the Village; service plans from 2006 concluded that there would be time for that. There was further discussion about the advantages of the service to senior citizens and other residents in the area. Way questioned the process of joining the RTA. Noeldner responded that the first thing is to let the RTA know the Village is interested. He stated that he believes they're working on some procedures at this time and, in order to best represent the interest of Village residents, it would be beneficial to get involved before the referendum. Way requested to have this issue on a future agenda to discuss the idea further. Staton agreed with this suggestion. Noeldner offered to investigate any questions or concerns that Board members may have.

10. Proclamations and Announcements

a) Board Comments

1) Information regarding Village Board Compensation. Gracz stated that he researched information from 2003 on Trustees paychecks versus per diem meetings. It has been some time since the Board has had a raise and, according to Wisconsin State Statutes, there's a certain time when you have to approve a raise. Gracz offered to talk to the Village attorney if this is something the Board would like to consider. Donovan explained that he thought this issue came up originally because he didn't understand the history of it; it's his understanding that if this Board approves a raise it won't take effect until the next election cycle, making it at least a 2 year process. Staton said that he thinks it's been the same for quite awhile; about 8 years or so. Donovan stated he's a little hesitant to suggest doing anything with it now with the way the economy is and the way the budgets are.

b) Staff Comments

- 1) Important Election Dates. Information is presented in the packet and also posted on the website. December 1<sup>st</sup> was the first date to circulate nomination papers; December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm is the last day for incumbents to file non-candidacy papers if they're not running; January 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm is the final day to file nomination papers; February 15<sup>th</sup> is a possible primary election; April 5<sup>th</sup> is the Spring election date and April 19<sup>th</sup> is when the elected Trustees begin their term. For anyone who would like to circulate papers, they are available at Village Hall and require 20 signatures, but not more than 100.
- 2) Rescheduling January 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting to January 10th (Gracz). The week before that meeting will be the most challenging and busy time for the front office staff collecting taxes so it would be great if we could move that meeting to the following Monday (the 10<sup>th</sup>). There are 5 Monday's in January this next year. We're also thinking about mailing the Park Board and Planning Commission packets the week of December 20<sup>th</sup> (a whole week early) just so the staff's main focus that last week in December is collecting taxes. Agreed by all members of the Board.
- 3) News Release. Chief Pettit stated that there was a news release passed out that we just received this afternoon from the Dane County Sheriff's Office. It is about a community notification meeting that's going to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30pm at Rome Corners Intermediate School for a sexual offender that's being released back into the

community. This individual will not be living in the Village of Oregon (they're living in the Town of Rutland), but because they have some ties to the Village of Oregon and the Village of Brooklyn, they're doing a multi-community notification.

Pettit reminded everyone that alternate side parking for snow removal is in effect and, after a 2 ½ week period of warnings, citations are now being issued. Also, remind people that they must remove snow from their sidewalks and may not deposit it onto a roadway. If they are depositing it and leaving it there permanently, we will be contacting them and issuing citations. In the spirit of the law, you are to remove snow that you deposited to the satisfaction of the Public Works department and they are keeping records of residents that are not compliant with the ordinance. Also, if you have a contractor that's doing your driveway, they cannot plow the snow across the road and deposit it into the terrace area of someone else's property; it has to remain on their client's property.

11. Communication and Miscellaneous Business.

- a) Discussion and Possible Action re: Status of Park and Ride Lot with DOT. Gracz explained that, included in the packet, was an e-mail from the DOT where they asked the county about taking over the lot. Gracz stated that he promised Mary at the DOT a vote from the Village Board. **Motion by Donovan that the Village will not assume the maintenance costs at a Park and Ride lot at 138-14. Second by Way.** Estimated maintenance would be between \$3,000-\$5,000 a year with the initial lot; this would include 80 spaces. Concern was expressed that most of the people that would be using the lot would be non-residents. Maintenance would include snow removal, resurfacing of the lot, taking care of the lights, repairing vandalism, trash removal, etc. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- b) Discussion and Possible Action re: Authorizing the Chief of Police to purchase 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Squad (budgeted item). Pettit stated that this request is earlier than normal because Kayser Ford got ahead in locking the price of the Crown Victoria Police interceptors. They have several of them on the lot and with authorization to purchase the 2011 squad, Pettit would likely be able to get the manager to hold one until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. **Motion by Way to authorize the Chief of Police to purchase 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Squad (budgeted item). Second by Poole.** It was questioned if this was the last Crown Victoria that would be purchased. Pettit responded that it would, but there may be the possibility of purchasing another in 2011. If we were going to do that we would have to order it before March 1<sup>st</sup> so we would have to make a decision within the next few months. There was discussion about vehicles in the future being switched to Hybrids; there is testing at U.W. in the Admin/Security Department to see how the vehicles hold up. This discussion will be seen on the February Finance Agenda. **Motion carried 7-0.**

12. Report of Committees

- a) Planning Commission Meeting 12/2/10 (Trustee Harms)
  - 1) Discussion and Possible Action re: Preliminary Certified Survey Map for 4548 County Highway A in the Town of Rutland.  
No action required on the Village Board's part; an FYI.

13. Minutes Not Requiring Action. None.

14. Unfinished Business. None.

15. Future Agenda Items

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- a) Schedule League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance Company's Viewing of DVD on Public Officials' Liability
- b) Development of liquor license policies by Board

16. **Adjournment:** Lourigan moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 7:14 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2010. Second by Groenier.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Peggy S.K. Haag  
Deputy Clerk