

**City of Fox Lake**  
**Committee of the Whole Synopsis**  
**March 20, 2019**

The March 20, 2019 committee of the whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Bednarek, following a special council meeting. Those in attendance were alderpersons John Mund, Dan Ault, Dennis Linke, Peter Hartzheim, Robert Jenswold and Don Zilewicz. Also attending were city administrator Dean Perlick, city clerk Susan Hollnagel, police chief Jim Rohr, librarian Erin Anders, utilities superintendent Brad Ruenger and city attorney Mike Devitt.

In the audience were Mitch Wegner, Kathy Jenswold, Richard Quirk, Tim Nehls, Meagan Buchda, Gerald Lazewski, Ann and Russell Tripke, David Braaksma, Craig Hughes, Chuck Guerts, Alan Leystra, firemen Jeff Hafenstein and Steve Hopp and fire chief Aaron Paul.

**Intergovernmental dam operation agreement**

Perlick said since the public works department is in charge of the dam, the agreement with the Town of Fox Lake needs to be updated. He said the new agreement will have the city doing the operation of the dam, with the city billing the Township monthly for their share of the operating costs. The Mayor said the agreement was put together by both entities. Perlick said the town is in agreement with it.

**Hoekstra's field run off on We Go Trail**

Zilewicz said during the heavy rain, on We Go Trail, a lot of water was coming off the field behind the homes. He said there has been freezing/thawing in the street from the run off. Zilewicz said they were able to contact Hoekstras and they came in with a tractor and dug a swale, behind the house, that tilted towards the march. He said this has been working.

**Dam**

Ann Tripke asked to talk about the dam high water. Russell Tripke said it is in violation of the dam order. He said he didn't know why he was let go and wanted an explanation on why he was let go. The Mayor said they had looked at the whole picture and it is the same as what I told you last Friday. He said there are 4 employees trained to do it now and in the future. Russell Tripke said it's a violation of the dam order and it wouldn't have happened with me. The Mayor said the left gate was jammed.

Chuck Guerts said he had sent e-mails to the city and attorney with his concern when the dam is opened. He said no warning is given to the people on the channel. He said when it drains down fast, no one has information on when it will happen. Guerts requested the city to notify those property owners on the channel, in advance, of raising or lower the water level. He said if they are notified, it will allow the channel owners time to take action. The Mayor said

it could be posted on the city's Facebook page. Hughes suggested mass texting. Perlick said they would look into it with the dam operation committee. Guerts said they should create a water management plan. Mund said they have made valid points. Guerts said his is not happy with the channel management.

Tim Nehls said the water level should be addressed. He said he can't believe if it's 2 inches high that it has to be lowered within 24 hours. Nehls said the water levels are not the same as 30 years ago. He asked if the flooding in 2008 changed that and would like to question the DNR as to why. Guerts said he understands the rules but there is the need to communicate with the people who are affected. He said now is the time to get this done. The Mayor said they would address this with the Town and Rob Davis of the DNR and would try to get the text going.

### **Delinquent water/sewer bills**

Hartzheim asked why unpaid sewer bills are not getting sent disconnection notices. Ruenger said section 185 of the PSC deals with deferred payments. He said a deferred payment agreement can be set up but the customer has to pay their current bill plus pay on their past due account. He said if they break the agreement they can be shut off. Nehls said 80% of his renters have past due bills and they should be required to pay 50% to 75% of their past due. The Mayor asked Hartzheim, Mund and Jenswold to meet with Ruenger and Hollnagel and make a recommendation for the April committee meeting.

### **DNR sanitary survey report**

Ruenger said he got a good report. He said there were a couple of things he has to get done by June 1 such as installing an eye wash station. He said they have to set up a cross connection program, which they would work on at budget time. He said they currently check for residential cross connections when they replace water meters. He said the program would cover industrial, commercial and public authority buildings. Ruenger estimated the cost of the program at \$15,000- but would get more numbers this fall for the budget.

### **Police Union contract**

Perlick said the police union contract grievance procedure is different that the city employee manual. He said the officers also work 12 hours shifts. Linke said they won't see the changes until we receive the final draft. Wegner said the final draft would be at the city by tomorrow.

### **Fire Department pumper**

Fire Chief Aaron Paul said the department is looking a buying a new pumper truck, which would be set up for multi-purposes. He said they would get rid of the mini pumper.

Paul said the estimated cost is \$625,000, with the city paying 27% of the cost. He said they are looking for grants. He said they are in the early phase of it and are looking at what's out here, with the intention of ordering in 2020. Guerts asked who helps to determine what the right equipment for the city is. Hopp said there are national standards they follow, with this pumper having extrication equipment. The Mayor said the semiannual fire association meeting would be in April. Hartzheim 2021 would be the earliest the city could do it, as we're looking at replacing this building's heating units. Hafenstein said if it is put off farther, then they would be looking at replacing two units. Paul said purchasing the pumper would be up to the Fire Association.

### **Community Center sale**

Hartzheim said they are getting more things together to put on the Wisconsin surplus online auction, which would include what was left of the community center equipment.

### **SAGES rental fee**

The Mayor said SAGES asked if the city would waive the community center rental fee for their fundraiser on April 15. He said he didn't have a problem with that and it would be on the April council agenda.

### **Razing order and inspection activates**

Perlick said the Martin house did not have much activity in February but would work weekends in April. He said they would be jacking up the beams to level the floor. Perlick said the house on Mill Street has been leveled. Nehls said the old Schmidt house on Makenick looks like there are animals living there. The Mayor said he hasn't heard anything from those owners since December.

### **Amend ordinance 456-8 junk vehicles**

Hartzheim said he would like the ordinance to include boats and campers. Guerts asked if that covers all of the city. Hartzheim said yes.

### **Picnic license – SAGES**

The Mayor said SAGES has applied for a picnic license for the April 15, 2019 fundraiser. He said this would be on the April council agenda.

### **Dollar General Class A intoxicating liquor license**

The Mayor said Dollar General has applied for a Class A intoxicating liquor license for the store at 733 W. State Street. Jenswold said he heard there should be one outlet for 2,500

people. He said the city already has 3 so that's one outlet for every 650 people. Nehls said he was here when Leroy Meats applied for a license and there comes appoint about saturation. He said we currently have 3 outlets and if this application is approved, we'll have 4 outlets. He said he has adjusted his prices to remain competitive. Nehls said the Dollar General stores n Randolph, Green Lake and Waupun do not have liquor. Hartzheim said the City of Beaver Dam has 7 liquor stores but they also have more than 15,000 people. The Mayor said this would be on the April council agenda.

### **Library minutes**

Anders said the new library board new president is Kathy Jenswold. She said they are making the library user friendly and so would like to have changing stations in both bathrooms. She said they have two events at the library in April. Anders said they are looking at their investments and what the plan was when they started the fundraising it in 2005.

### **Council I.D.'s**

Mund said at the Dollar General ribbon cutting, council members were walking up to the ribbon cutting and got yelled at for cutting in line. He said there is Fox Lake apparel at the Chamber, Golf Club, and Crocker Street park and would consider contributing to apparel for council members. Hollnagel asked if they were thinking about an ID badge. Jenswold said the Fire Department has jackets. He said he would pay for the jacket if the city paid for the embroidery. Ruenger said the artwork is at Design Plus. The Mayor asked to have some prices by the April committee meeting.

### **Contract for dumpster pick up**

Buchda said she had checked the cost for dumpster pick up at city hall, aquatic center, garage and sewer department by Waste Management and it was high. She said she called Waste Management to see if they could lower the cost and they could do \$76.66 per month, per dumpster. Buchda said she contacted Advanced Disposal for a price quote and they would pick up city hall, aquatic center and garage at no charge and charge the sewer department \$100.00 per month. Perlick said with the reasonable price for dumpster pick up, Advanced Disposal asked to extend our recycling and garbage pickup contract two years, to 2024. Jenswold said he wouldn't have a problem with that. The Mayor said this would be on the April council agenda.

With no other business to come before the committee of the whole, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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