

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD  
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WATER UTILITY  
LAKE MICHIGAN SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT  
SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT "D"  
9915 39th Avenue  
Pleasant Prairie, WI  
July 21, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, July 21, 2008. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Monica Yuhas, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Clyde Allen and Mike Serpe. Also present were Mike Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Peggy Herrick, Assistant Village Planner; Mike Spence, Village Engineer and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Steinbrink:

Before we do the Pledge of Allegiance, I'm going to ask for a moment of silence for a young lady that worked for the Village, Emily Rose Kidwell, and she worked with the Discovery program over at the RecPlex and had been here for a while with us and was something of a special person to a lot of the kids out there and everybody here at the Village who knew her. She passed away in an automobile accident out in the Town of Bristol. Mike can tell us a little bit more about Emily Rose.

Mike Pollocoff:

As the President indicated, Emily Rose was a counselor in Discovery. She dealt with special needs of children and adults both after school and during the summer program. She was an excellent person. She dealt with people in everything from chairs to cognitive disabilities, and she did it with a smile on her face and a song in her heart. She was the nicest person to be around. She was diligent about her work. She was a nursing student at Parkside. She just had the perfect temperament and outlook on life to do the things that she did. You don't see young people that age get involved in such a serious line of work and do it with the vigor that she did and it's terrible to lose somebody like that. We're a small organization and we're fortunate that we don't lose people very often, but we sure hate to lose one like this.

John Steinbrink:

If we could have a moment of silence for Emily Rose Kidwell. Thank you.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

John Steinbrink:

With us today we're very fortunate to have Troop 520 from St. Therese and if they would lead us in the pledge we'd be honored.

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**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS - JUNE 16, JUNE 19 AND JULY 7, 2008**

**ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS OF JUNE 16, JUNE 19 AND JULY 7, 2008 AS PRESENTED IN THEIR WRITTEN FORM; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Consider the request of Cornelius Charles, Agent, Harborside Wines, LLC, for a "Class A" Liquor License for the proposed Cellar Door Wines store located at 8503 75th Street, Unit C.**

Jane Romanowski:

Cornelius Charles, as you indicated, is the agent for Harborside Wines, LLC, and they've submitted an application for a Class A liquor license for the proposed Cellar Door. That's going to be located out at the Willow Point Shopping Center, 8503 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C. A Class A liquor license allows for the sale of intoxicating liquor to consumers only in original packages or containers for off premise consumption. The police department check has been completed. Publication requirements have been met, training requirements and residency requirements - they'll all been satisfied. Harborside Wines, LLC proposes to open Cellar Door Wines somewhere in the area of about August 15<sup>th</sup>. They aren't quite sure of that date yet. And then the license term would run through June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2009.

If the Board approves the application there are a few conditions. If they grant it then these would have to be satisfied prior to issuance. They'd have to pay the prorated license fees from whatever date that I do issue it through June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year. Publication costs, a certificate of occupancy needs to be issued by the inspection Department and the Fire and Rescue Department. I would also need a copy of the lease securing the licensed premise letting us know that they can, in fact, use Unit C. And then next Monday they will be going before the Plan Commission for site and operational and conditional use approval. Once all those are satisfied, if the Board approves the application it would be ready to be issued and that would be my recommendation.

John Steinbrink:

This being a public hearing I'm going to open it up to public comment and question. Did we have a sign up sheet for this?

Jane Romanowski:

We did.

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John Steinbrink:

Once again, this is a public hearing and we ask that you give us your name and address for the record and please use the microphone.

Jane Romanowski:

The first speaker is Neil Charles.

Neil Charles:

Good evening, Neil Charles, 600 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha. Neil is an abbreviation for Cornelius. Essentially I'd just like to thank the Board for listening to our application, and we very much hope to win a favorable judgment from you this evening, and I'm here to answer any questions you might have. And I'd like to point out that the address is 8501 and not 8503.

John Steinbrink:

Once again, this being a public hearing is there anybody else wishing to speak? Anyone else wishing to speak? Anyone else wishing to speak on this item? Hearing none, I'll close the public hearing and open it up to Board comment or question.

Mike Serpe:

To either one of the petitioners is this a chain or this is your first store?

Tom Kibbe:

Tom Kibbe, 920 Vose Drive, Gurnee. I'm a foreigner, sorry about that. We're strictly independent. We're privately funded by ourselves and a few private investors.

Mike Serpe:

This is your first store then?

Tom Kibbe:

First store that we own, not first that we've worked in. We've both got a long history in the business.

Mike Serpe:

Very good, thank you.

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John Steinbrink:

Other Board comments or questions?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I think you are going to be the second one in my recollection to have a liquor store as a business. The old one used to be Town 'N Country off 75<sup>th</sup> by the shopping center many, many years ago. Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Other Board comments or questions?

Clyde Allen:

I make a motion to approve.

Mike Serpe:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Clyde, second by Mike. Further discussion on the item?

**ALLEN MOVED TO GRANT A "CLASS A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO CORNEILIUS CHARLES, AGENT, FOR HARBORSIDE WINES LLC, FOR THE NEW CELLAR DOOR WINES STORE TO BE LOCATED AT 8501 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET, UNIT C, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY STAFF; SECONDED BY SERPE; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

## **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bob Babcock:

Bob Babcock, 11253 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. I have some concerns about the outside firm that you guys are going to hire to evaluate salaries. I've heard that there's going to be—people are concerned that you're going to lose employees to private industry, and there's a complete difference between working for the government and private industry. One of the things that people usually give is salary and what they get in return is the assurance pretty much that unless you really screw up you're not going to lose your job. In private industry it's pretty much at the whim of a CEO who wants to cut costs. They might have a downsizing and through no fault of your own you lose your job. There's security that you get when you're in the public sector. Hopefully you're going to be comparing apples to apples.

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I hate to bring up when we try to get you to videotape these meetings, but one of the things that you mentioned was the police department not having video cameras. And while you thought it was a great idea it wasn't a good time because it wasn't in the budget and you couldn't afford to completely safeguard your own police department. I think this is not the time to do this. If you can't afford to do the police department video cameras for the police cars I don't know why you now want to put their safety at jeopardy to ensure that someone doesn't leave to the private sector. From what I understand most of the employees here have been here a long time. That hasn't happened in the past. I don't know what the concern is now, but I'm against this. I know that Mr. Pollocoff has a golden parachute that really is equal only by CEO's in private industry and professional athletes. He already has his cake and is eating it, too. I don't think this is a good idea and I hope you reconsider.

Jeff Lauer:

Hi, Jeff Lauer, 3245 124<sup>th</sup> Street. I'm here on a couple points. The first you already noticed was for Emily. When I saw that in the paper it was a shock, obviously, because she did work at the RecPlex, and also our prayers have been going out to her and her family as well.

The other item I wanted to talk about, I'm not sure if it's a foregone conclusion but I know I read in the paper about this salary situation. I don't think it's good at this time for the Board to hire consultants. I know how much they charge and I wouldn't go down that road. I believe that's what we have an HR department for if we have to look into that. But I also think I've heard over the past four years that certain staff members, mainly management, might leave for greener pastures. I find that hard to believe because they have done a well job. They like their jobs from the ones I've talked to in the past. I really think if they were going to leave for greener pastures I don't know where that's coming from.

But I think if anything maybe the Board should look at the staff underneath management and those not in management or in positions of authority. I think maybe that should be looked at which, again, that can be done through the Human Resource department, because those staff people as we all know do a lot of the grunt work. They do the paperwork. They make sure things are done and everything. So that might be the other route to take. I'm just not in support of spending money at this time to try to review salaries when that technically is supposed to be done by the Human Resource, and if the Board sees fit to give everybody a raise or whoever then the Board should be the ones to vote on it. Thank you.

Jane Romanowski:

There are no more sign ups.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else wishing to speak under citizens' comments? Hearing none, I'll close citizen's comments and open it up to—Mike?

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Mike Serpe:

Just a clarification. I don't think any Board member made a determination that we're going to even do this. I said we'd look at it and that was in response to a citizen making a comment at the podium. So this is a little premature to accuse us of going ahead with this. That's not even been discussed yet as a Board and I don't even know that it will. It may or may not come up, but if it does we'll discuss it. But right now to say we're going to go ahead and do this is a little bit premature.

John Steinbrink:

Just as a point of clarification, the term consultant to be hired by the Village was used by both speakers, and in reality there is no consultants even looked at by the Village Board. I think what we have at our disposal is the League of Municipalities which has a very orderly set of knowing what salaries are out there in the field, and that would give us a guideline if we wish to even compare to look at that and use the resource that's available to us at probably no cost at all.

Clyde Allen:

In reference to the hiring of a consultant, if you look at or listen to the minutes or look at them or were here that it was suggested that nothing be done until we review it at budget time and see if it's anything that should be brought up at budget time for fiscal year '09 and that's where it was left.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

We mentioned that. There is a lot of issues in the Village that . . . we're limited in our budget to two percent. So there's not too much that we can do. We have to look at the big picture when we work in the budget. That's all that we can do.

## **7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mike Pollocoff:

I just have one thing. It's on gypsy moths. We've received some information on some infestations that are occurring. We've contacted the County right now as a municipal program which I think is a good thing because gypsy moths will just not pay attention to municipal boundaries when they're out and about. So the County has put together a plan along with DNR to help homeowners and municipalities identify areas where infestations occur, and we're going to be putting on a link to our website to the DNR gypsy moth website. It gives the homeowners a process to follow starting this August, September, certain benchmarks for people to look at different levels of infestation that might be occurring so that the Village could, once we've identified areas of infestation, get them on a spraying pattern for next spring. We'll also be putting this in our newsletter that will be coming out.

Right now I don't think anybody is in any danger of losing any trees over this, but if gone unchecked over the next couple years somebody could be in a problem. So for those people who have concerns you can go to [www.gypsymothwisconsin.com](http://www.gypsymothwisconsin.com) on the Wisconsin website, UWX is the extension. As I said, it will be up on our website shortly. Maybe we can get that up tomorrow and follow steps that are provided so that people can get a handle on how to take care of those pests.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Receive Plan Commission Recommendation and Consider Resolution #08-28 for a Floodplain Boundary Adjustment for the request of Mark Eberle, P.E. with Nielsen, Madsen & Barber, S.C., agent to remove 3,606 cubic feet of floodplain and to create 4,057 cubic feet of floodplain to compensate for the floodplain proposed to be filled on the subject properties owned by Stanich Development Corporation, Stanich Builders, Inc., Stanich Investments, Inc. and Walter and Evangeline Bennage generally located west of 56th Avenue on 88th Street and 86th Place and the vacant property to the west of the Whittier Heights Subdivision.**

Peggy Herrick:

The petitioner is proposing to relocate the detention basin from Lots 58 of Whittier Heights First Addition and Lots 76 and 77 of the Whittier Heights Third Addition Subdivision to the land adjacent to the Whittier Heights development on the west side of the high tension wires. The detention basins are proposed to be located to a new basin, again, which is going to be constructed on the vacant land to the west of the Whittier Heights development. In order for the basins to be relocated and for single family homes to be constructed on the lots the location of the 100-year floodplain needs to be adjusted.

In addition, this floodplain boundary adjustment will also accommodate the filling of the floodplain on Lot 78 of the Whittier Heights Subdivision owned by Walter and Evangeline Bennage that was done without first obtaining permits. As you can see on the overhead, the floodplain boundary adjustment proposes to remove 3,606 cubic feet of floodplain and to create 4,057 cubic feet of floodplain to accommodate for this floodplain boundary adjustment that is proposed. Again, this includes the Bennage property.

Specifically, the project will include relocating approximately 470 linear feet of a tributary to Jerome Creek, create a new detention basin north and east of Jerome Creek that will provide storm water storage for the relocation of detention basins and the adjusted floodplain, tree clearing within the 80 foot wide ATC easement, abandoning the existing detention basins on Lot 58, 76 and 77 in the Whittier Heights Subdivision, constructing storm sewers and overland flow pads to convey storm water from the existing basins to the proposed basin, installing a reinforced concrete outlet control weir north of Jerome Creek and west of the proposed basin, installing a culvert for the maintenance access and new detention basin from 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

It is estimate that there will be 6,650 cubic yards of excess material on this site west of the Whittier Heights Subdivision, and rather than hauling off this excess material, the developer is

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proposing to keep this material on site and spread it over the remainder of the parcel west of Whittier Creek Subdivision outside the floodplain. This excess material would cover approximately eight acres of land at about six inches of thickness. This will eliminate a great deal of truck traffic entering and leaving the site on the Village roadways.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> the Plan Commission held a public hearing and they are recommending approval of the floodplain boundary adjustment as proposed.

Mike Serpe:

Is Mark still here? A couple of the residents just expressed some concerns with the elevation of the filling and how it may affect their property. I think you adequately answered that. But has there been any more done by you with that neighborhood since the Plan Commission?

Mark Eberle:

No, there has not. Mark Eberle, Nielsen, Madsen & Barber, 1339 Washington Avenue. We haven't had any more correspondence with any residents since last week's meeting.

Mike Serpe:

It was my understanding I think you answered their concerns quite adequately. I just was curious to see if there's any more dialogue between you and the neighbors.

Mark Eberle:

No, there wasn't.

Mike Serpe:

I move approval, Mr. Chairman.

Monica Yuhas:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Monica. Further discussion on this item?

**SERPE MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #08-28 FOR A FLOODPLAIN BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REQUEST OF MARK EBERLE, P.E. WITH NIELSEN, MADSEN & BARBER, S.C., AGENT TO REMOVE 3,606 CUBIC FEET OF FLOODPLAIN AND TO CREATE 4,057 CUBIC FEET OF FLOODPLAIN TO COMPENSATE FOR THE FLOODPLAIN PROPOSED TO BE FILLED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES OWNED BY**



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**STANICH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, STANICH BUILDERS, INC., STANICH INVESTMENTS, INC. AND WALTER AND EVANGELINE BENNAGE GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF 56TH AVENUE ON 88TH STREET AND 86TH PLACE AND THE VACANT PROPERTY TO THE WEST OF THE WHITTIER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY STAFF; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**B. Consider Professional Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. for the Carol Beach Estates Unit 1 Subdivision full drainage topo-survey and drainage analysis.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mike Spence, the Village Engineer, he'll discuss this contract.

Mike Spence:

Mr. President, this past winter there have been a number of issues related to drainage in Carol Beach Unit 1, and we've been looking sort of a piecemeal basis to correct these drainage problems. In light of that, I believed that a more comprehensive inventory of the topography in the area was necessary, so we've asked for a proposal from Clark Dietz to do some specific topo survey in Carol Beach Unit 1. They're currently doing a small storm water project in the area. What this project will do will give us a comprehensive database of topo information so that as problems occur in this area as time and resources allow we can go back and do design and correct the problems.

My concern is that the piecemeal basis that we've been doing it in the past we don't want to create any additional issue while trying to solve other problems, so therefore we decided to survey the entire area and that's what this contract is for.

Mike Pollocoff:

This doesn't mean that we're going to provide storm sewers for all Unit #1 once this is done. There are a few areas in there that people have been petitioning requesting that we take a look at it. I agree with Mike - getting a system look at the entire Unit 1 area is worthwhile. So it would be my recommendation that the Village President and Clerk enter into the engineering service agreement with Clark Dietz for an amount not to exceed \$34,000 to be funded out of the Clean Water Utility.

Mike Spence:

Again, I guess I just wanted to follow up on what Mike just said. This isn't like an overall drainage plan for the whole area. This just gives us the base information I think that allows us to move in a comprehensive manner down the road when problems arise.

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Monica Yuhas:

I received three phone calls this spring from people, residents who do live in Unit 1 because they had drainage problems. And I know John Steinbrink, Jr. and Mike you are aware of that. And I wholeheartedly support this moving forward. It's something that we need to have on file and record so we can address concerns as they come up. And with that I move for approval of the agreement with Clark Dietz not to exceed \$34,000.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Monica, second by Steve. Further discussion on this item?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

It has to be done and be done properly and I think this is the way to go. I think Clark Dietz is very good and they've got a very good reputation in the field. They have an office right here on Green Bay Road and in my opinion that's the way to go.

John Steinbrink:

We have a motion and a second.

**YUHAS MOVED TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLARK DIETZ, INC. FOR THE CAROL BEACH ESTATES UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION FULL DRAINAGE TOPO-SURVEY AND DRAINAGE ANALYSIS; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**C. Consider Ordinance #08-40 - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 194 of the Code relating to Alcohol Beverage License Qualifications.**

Jane Romanowski:

Mr. President and Board members, this ordinance was drafted in response to some of the Board's recent concerns regarding police checks when looking at approving operator license applications. So the areas highlighted on the ordinance would be the ones that would be added if approved and, obviously, the areas that are struck out would be deleted. I'll just kind of go through them. Paragraph A.(1) lists the guidelines the police department will use in making a recommendation to the Village Board based on the police check that comes back, and maybe Chief Wagner can add on to that if he needs to. In expanding A.(1) we can delete paragraph B. obviously. It all relates to the same and we've just spelled it out in A.(1) better.

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Also in Paragraph C. there was actually a correction. The statute cited was correct but the language as to who needed to follow the residency requirement was wrong, and so that is a good correction on our part. Like I said, the statute reference was correct but I've added the rest of the sentence that needed to be there.

Paragraph E. has been added to indicate that any prior licenses will not be subject to the guidelines on A.(1) until the ordinance is adopted so that would be from this point forward. So we wouldn't be going back to any previous licenses issued. Then Paragraph F. if the Village Board in their discretion, their findings, to approve a license outside of those guidelines if their findings in their determination warrant such an approval.

And also, just to let you know, legal counsel has reviewed the ordinance. We've been working on this quite a while with them. Basically Brian and I have been working quite a bit to make sure that we've spelled out what we needed to. They've reviewed it, and in your packet was a matrix that the Police Department created if somebody doing a police check, whether it be Brian Wagner or the dispatchers or whatnot when they're doing it could give us that recommendation and we have something to follow. So this kind of sets a few guidelines that will be easier for you as a Board not to be subjective if you see something all of a sudden that pops up. And it helps us to let the applicants know ahead of time because they will get a copy of this and the matrix and we'll do new guidelines so they'll know when they're applying what's expected when we do a police check. If you have any questions I'm sure Brian can answer them.

Clyde Allen:

I make a motion to approve 08-40.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Clyde, second by Steve. Are there any further comments or questions?

Clyde Allen:

Jane, thank you very much for following up. This really is something I think we really were looking for and it's good guidance. Chief, I like the diagram. It really gives you a chance to determine and make a choice in some of these matters and it's something we really needed. So I appreciate the help.

Jane Romanowski:

You're welcome.

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John Steinbrink:

Any questions for the Chief? Great job on this, Chief. There's always been questions out there and I think this really clarifies a lot and makes the process a little better. So if you have any comments on this we can hear the now.

Chief Wagner:

Chief Brian Wagner, 8600 Green Bay Road. Just to jump on what Jane has already said, this was an effort to bring some continuity and some uniformity to the process, and I think together we've been able to create something that will help do that.

Mike Serpe:

I appreciate your efforts on this, Brian. I was the big mouth of the Board on this. I thought it deserved some attention and I appreciate the attention that you gave it. So hopefully this will prevent some arguments in the future when it comes to permitting.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Well clarified like John said.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you, Chief. If there are no further comments or questions we do have a motion and a second.

**ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #08-40 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 194 OF THE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**D. Consider Reappointments to the Community Development Authority.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, we have reappointments to the Community Development Authority. The Village President and a Trustee, Michael Serpe, have served on it. The Village President is required to serve on the Authority by ordinance and statute. The citizen member who fills that vacancy that is related to the construction industry as required by statute is Larry Nelson from Bain Nelson. He's a resident of the Village and has served very capably on the Community Development Authority. So it would be my recommendation that John Steinbrink and Mike Serpe be appointed for a one year term and that Larry Nelson be appointed for a three year term.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Move to approve.

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Clyde Allen:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Steve, second by Clyde. Any discussion on this item?

Monica Yuhas:

I have one question, Mr. President. Why the difference in the years of appointment?

Mike Pollocoff:

The Village President and the Trustee are ex-officio appointments of the Authority so they only get a one year appointment. They have to be considered on an annual basis. The other appointments and the statutes proscribe somebody from labor, construction, banking, attorney and somebody who is either real estate or biological sciences or whatever so to meet all those goals those people all serve staggered three year terms.

Monica Yuhas:

Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

And it is a very broad based, as Mike said, group of people. Each of them bring their expertise and their valuable time to this committee. I think the results really speak for themselves when you look at the work they've done there. It's been a pleasure to serve with all of them. So we have a motion and a second.

**KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF JOHN STEINBRINK; MIKE SERPE AND LARRY NELSON TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY ALLEN; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

**E. Consent Agenda**

- 1) Approve Bartender License Applications on file.**
- 2) Approve Renewal Bartender License Applications on file.**
- 3) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Devonshire Subdivision.**
- 4) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Creekside Crossing Addition #1 Subdivision.**
- 5) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for the Shoppes at Prairie Ridge.**
- 6) Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for STH 50 Improvements - Shoppes at Prairie Ridge.**

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- 7) **Approve the request of Chad Navis, Director of Industrial Development for Towne Investments, property owner, for a Certified Survey Map to adjust the shared lot line between the Towne Industrial I & II Building sites, located at 10790 Green Bay Road and 10795 72nd Avenue.**

Mike Serpe:

Move approval.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Steve. Any discussion or separation of any of the items on the consent agenda?

**SERPE MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-7 AS PRESENTED AND SUBJECT TO STAFF CONDITIONS; SECONDED Y KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

## **9. VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS**

Monica Yuhas:

Mr. President, this past Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to spend an entire day with our Village Engineer Mike Spence. And I had the opportunity to shadow Mike for the whole day. Mike explained current projects and development that is going on in the Village. I sat in on a meeting with WE Energies which was discussing what type of lighting to be used for Cooper Road and 80<sup>th</sup> as well as Highway Q. I learned about different poles, decorative poles, shoe boxes, light mapping. I learned a lot that morning about lighting, more than I thought I'd ever need to know or have to know. I was also able to sit in on conference calls with consultants and experience what Mike does on a daily basis with projects as they're moving forward as far as questions and comments and developments going on, and this is getting changed because of this reason or we haven't heard from this person yet so things are falling behind and how do we get caught up. It was very, very interesting.

Mike also took me out in the field. We went out to Highway Q and saw the development that's going on out there with Abbott, Uline, to see the property and KABA. When you see it on paper you know it's big, but when you're out there and you can physically see it and touch it it's enormous, and they're working very quickly and very well out there. That was interesting. He also took me out to Chateau and showed me the new lift station going in and explained the process of that. And he also took me out to Ashbury Creek and showed me where the first lift of pavement has gone in out there with the curbing. It really helped to spend a day with Mike because you hear about this at Plan Commission, you hear about things going on at the Board

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meeting, but when you're physically out there it helps put everything together. So I appreciate you, Mike, taking the time.

I'm not sure if many of you know this but Mike is also accredited, he is a LEED 2.0, he's an accredited professional in the leadership and energy and environmental design. What that means is he's working on green, trying to make things more environmentally green and cost savings. That's an asset to the Village because that's where we're all striving to go in the future, so that's an added plus to having Mike on our team. So, Mike, thank you very much for letting me spend the day with you.

John Steinbrink:

Sounds like a lot of fun. I think we're all going to spend the day with Mike.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

That just corroborates what we all know that we don't have political appointees in the positions but we've got professional people well qualified to do the jobs that they are doing which I'm glad.

Clyde Allen:

I'd like to make a suggestion to the School Commission. Being that we don't seem to hear much information other than scanning the *Journal-Sentinel* for what's going on in Milwaukee, I have an interest. I look at the taxes on my tax bill and you notice a large part of your tax bill is the Unified School District. I definitely have some concerns and I really want to know what the state of things are at school and the School District. So I guess I would like the School Commission to request an open records request, either open, ongoing or weekly to get the value of the investments, both of them, both the \$28 million and the \$9 million or \$8.5 million one, to get those two sheets to tell what the investment value is, and I'd like to see that brought back to the Board periodically or once a month to see where they're actually at and see if anything is happening. Thank you.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I have been following that issue very close. The . . . I see some on the internet plus what the . . . School Board has been talking about it looks to me what they are doing actually to take a look at how those investments go. Myself I really consider going and having them, the President of the School Board and other members to come here just for that kind of consultation and clarification of what's going on with it. I think that's going to cover your request. That was pretty much in line with our line of thought. Our next meeting is September and we'll have somebody from the School Board.

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John Steinbrink:

Once again I want to thank the Scouts for coming. It's always good to have you here. I know you're here to learn about government and see firsthand what happens here at the Village Board meetings. We got done in plenty of time this evening, so if any of you have any questions for us we'd be happy to entertain them right now.

Mike Serpe:

How interesting was this to you tonight?

John Steinbrink:

None of them nodded off so that's pretty good.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I was in Scouting for 21 years and I ate a lot of bacon that fell . . . to the ground. We just shook it up and ate it . . . I hear so many times my kids don't eat this or don't do this . . . surprise when you're camping in the middle of the woods and the kids eat everything. It was a very positive experience of 21 years.

John Steinbrink:

Thanks for coming and thank you to your leader for bringing you here this evening. It's good to have you here and you can always stop back if you want a refresher course.

Monica Yuhas:

Mr. President, one other thing, Danskin last weekend. Beautiful weather. Plenty of volunteers. It was a great event, and just hearing some of the stories from the participants what they've been through and why they were competing was amazing. It was great to be out there.

John Steinbrink:

And when you get to do the registration you get to hear them a little more and meet them a little longer. Interesting people from all over the country. They kind of follow the circuit. I've got nothing but admiration for watching them do the swim, the bike and the run.

Monica Yuhas:

And when you're grilling burgers and brats and hot dogs on Sunday morning you learn not to stand too close to the grill otherwise you singe the side of your hair. So lessons were learned two weekends ago. But it was a good time and the weather was perfect.



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Mike Serpe:

That's why the State Health Department requires that you wear a hat in the service of food.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I'd like to make another comment. Mike and I have been . . . for years, and I think one of the most gratifying positions or places to work is the people remember from year to year. I have an experience last year that I couldn't make it on Saturday and the lady comes to me and says, where were you Saturday? Where were you yesterday? I was at a funeral up north. So the people come from all over and they know and they trust the organization that we've got . . . they're very, very appreciative all the care that we take of the bikes. That we feel very good about.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**ALLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY SERPE; MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.**