

VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 25, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by President Ermeling at 5:00 p.m.
2. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Roll Call by Clerk

Roll call indicated 6 Board of Trustee members present.

Trustee	Present
Ermeling, Barb	YES
Ostrowski, Kevin	YES
Zeyghami, Hooshang	YES
Ziegler, Jon	YES
Sparks, Wally	YES
Maloney, Mark	YES
Xiong, Yee	NO

4. Public Comments.
No comments.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

5. Letter from Don Mezei re: Weston pond (formerly the Mashuda pond).
Sparks would like to see Don Mezei and the DNR come to a future meeting to discuss the pond. Ermeling said there were complaints with parking. People were parking at Premier Sports and W.J. Higgins parking lots. Osterbrink said he had received several requests to fish the pond. Don Mezei has attended several meetings in the past to address the pond usage. Osterbrink said the issue with the DNR is the limited number of wardens in the area. The bag limits on fish would be hard to control. Back in 2018 it was decided to keep it closed. The Board of Trustees indicated the Village needs to figure out what they are going to do with property before any other decisions are made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action on 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
Donner gave some background on this item. He talked about the debt exemption level and the importance of it. The current debt level is not high enough to maintain the current levy. Donner emphasized that these are not personal requests and that the Village needs to determine what kind of process to use going forward for prioritizing the capital improvement plan. It was also acknowledged that it could not be solved tonight.

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The goal of this discussion is for the Board to determine a borrowing number for the CIP resolution to be considered at the Board meeting on March 18th. Sparks asked what the borrowing impact would be to the tax rate and stated that it's important to maintain current services but wants to see the long-term impact of any projects taken on. Sparks also asked if the borrowing for the safety building was included for subsequent years.

Finance Director Trautman said the CIP budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee twice. She said the Village has a large capacity to borrow without raising the tax rate. The Finance Committee approved moving forward with the borrowing for one year, knowing the Board still needs to determine the projects to be included. Maloney said the review of the CIP budget at the Finance Committee was overwhelming.

Maloney voiced his frustration with all the ongoing discussions regarding another kayak launch, sports complex, and fishing pond. Maloney is concerned that the Village does not have the time to be taking on those projects with so many other crucial items to take care of. He stated that he wants to be a part of the decision making moving forward.

Zeyghami stated some of these items are needed for water and sewer and will not affect the tax levy. It was stated that the Village has not done any CIP projects for 10 years. Ermeling said the previous Board decided years ago that the Village could not move forward with any project borrowing until some of the debt was paid off. There was a short discussion on TIF funding. Sparks said past community surveys show public safety and roads are a priority and that's where the focus should be.

Greg Johnson, with Ehlers, gave a presentation on the preliminary financing options. He reviewed the 2019 financing first. He then reviewed the multi-year financing with and without a municipal center. There was a short discussion on the financing options and terms, proposed tax rate for debt, and the amount to be borrowed. The scenarios show the Village borrowing 6 million for the CIP budget every two years.

Donner reviewed the 2019 CIP prioritization plan. Donner said item #12 has changed adding back in the design for Weston School. Building Inspector Tatro reported on a repair needed at the Safety Building for a heat exchanger. Schulz expressed his concerns with the Police Department's operational budget. Schulz asked why the locker room design for the safety building is not included in the budget. There was a short discussion on priorities. It was decided the design for the locker rooms is a high priority because the male and female officers are currently sharing the room. Maloney suggested eliminating some park items to include the locker room design. Schulz also talked about the importance of the evidence room and the parking lots at the safety building. Sparks said the safety building is a priority item. It was requested that the locker room and evidence room design be included in the 2019 CIP budget, and the construction in the 2020 budget.

There was a short discussion on borrowing for municipal center repairs. It was decided staff should remove the municipal center repairs from the plan. The Board also asked

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staff to decrease the borrowing number for play equipment to reflect the amount being paid for with other funds.

Staff will make all the modifications to the plan and bring it back to the Board in the form of a resolution. The resolution will include approximately 6 million dollars for the 2019 borrowing. Donner reminded the Board that a process for prioritizing CIP items needs to be implemented.

Motion by Maloney, second by Sparks to have staff make the changes, as discussed, and bring back to the Board for consideration through a resolution.

Yes Vote: 6 No Votes:0 Abstain:0 Not Voting: 1 Result: Pass

Trustee	Voting
Ermeling, Barb	YES
Ostrowski, Kevin	YES
Zeyghami, Hooshang	YES
Ziegler, Jon	YES
Sparks, Wally	YES
Maloney, Mark	YES
Xiong, Yee	-

ADJOURN

Motion by Maloney, second by Sparks adjourn the meeting.

Yes Vote: 6 No Votes:0 Abstain:0 Not Voting: 1 Result: Pass

Trustee	Voting
Ermeling, Barb	YES
Ostrowski, Kevin	YES
Zeyghami, Hooshang	YES
Ziegler, Jon	YES
Sparks, Wally	YES
Maloney, Mark	YES
Xiong, Yee	NO