

JOINT MEETING
TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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1. Roll Call and Meeting Properly Posted:
 - A. Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the Town. Town Chair Kris Hampton and Supervisors Mike Fonger, Kristi Williams and Mike DuPlayee were present.
 - B. Notice of the meeting was properly posted in the Village. Village President Jack Henrich and Trustees Troy Allen, James Elmore, Melissa Ratcliff and John Williams were present.
 - C. Also present: Town Clerk Kim Banigan, Town Highway Superintendent Dan Dresen, Fire Chief Jude Wolf.
2. Call to order:
 - A. Hampton called the Town Board to order at 7:00 P.M.
 - B. Henrich called the Village Board to order at 7:00 P.M.
3. Public Concerns: Public's opportunity to speak to Board Members about any subject that is not a specific agenda item:
 - A. Mike McKenna, 3650 Graham Paige Road, asked if he is the only one concerned about contamination of groundwater and the Little Door Creek from the compost site at the quarry at 3355 County Road N. He thought the grade at the compost site is below the topsoil and would not provide the filtering capacity of "regular" land. He also complained of odors in the spring and fall. Hampton explained that the site is regulated by Dane County, and Banigan offered to provide a copy of the conditional use permit to anyone who asks for it.
 - B. Ann Maeder, 4583 Conestoga Trail, said she and others in her neighborhood are very interested in having a bicycle path to connect the American Heritage subdivision in the Town to the Village. She was not sure what route it could take but suggested either along County Highway BB or through Blackhawk airport. She felt there would be safety benefits and could bring business to the community. She is willing to help with the steps needed to make it happen.
4. Discuss/Consider approval of minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting:
 - A. Village Trustee approval: **MOTION** by J. Williams/Ratcliff to approve the minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**
 - B. Town Board approval: **MOTION** by K. Williams/DuPlayee to approve the minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**
5. Discuss and Consider Parks and Recreation:
 - A. Potential future dog park at the former Natvig Landfill: The history of earlier discussions on this topic were included in meeting packets, including a petition opposing a dog park in this location from 2007. Several residents spoke, including:
 - Karen Lex, 3658 Graham Paige Road, thought a dog park would be a good idea but not in this location. She was concerned about the proximity to homes, traffic, barking dogs, the potential of it becoming a hangout for teens, and a possible negative effect on property values.
 - Ellen Buechler, 3662 Graham Paige Road, asked why this topic was placed on the agenda. Hampton said it was a request made at the Town's Annual Meeting.

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- Mike McKenna was worried that his dog would be barking at dogs in the park and does not feel the property is being properly cared for now.
- Peter Yundt, 3666 Graham Paige Road, said most area residents have dogs and they don't need others bringing dogs there. He is also concerned about cars parking on Natvig or in a parking lot.
- Casey Erlandson, 721 Cresthaven Drive, was also in favor of a dog park but not in this location. He said it should be away from homes, but would not need to be large, giving the example of a dog park in Monona that he thought is only an acre or two and does not have a parking lot.
- Danielle Williams, 301 Melissa Lane, was in support of the concept of a dog park and saw it as an opportunity for community members to meet. She wondered if trees or landscaping would make the site more appealing, otherwise she suggested a different site. Hampton said plantings cannot be made on the Natvig Landfill due to the cap there.
- Chris Buechler, 3662 Graham Paige Road, said that the same concerns were raised in 2007 by many of the same residents, and wondered why this is being re-hashed now.
- Carol Wettstein, 3625 Natvig Road, was concerned about adding traffic and a parking lot, as well as the safety of people and dogs and the potential for illegal activity.
- Dana King, 4566 American Way, suggested that the Town would be more likely to have a property large enough for dogs to run than the Village would, and suggested making a request to the County for more off leash areas in County parks that allow dogs.
- Brian Storms, 3652 Graham Paige Road, asked when this topic will come up again.

Board member discussion:

- Fonger wondered who would pay to operate the dog park.
- DuPlayee said the Natvig Landfill is too small, especially with neighbors in opposition.
- Elmore said the Village long range plan has a dog park penciled in between the Wisconsin Bank & Trust and the school. Currently the property is in private hands so the Village has no authority to implement the plans.

Village Board action: **MOTION** by J. Williams/Allen to NOT consider a future dog park on the Natvig Landfill site into perpetuity. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Town Board action: **MOTION** by Fonger/K. Williams to NOT consider a future dog park on the Natvig Landfill site into perpetuity. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

- B. Potential cooperative improvements to Bakken Park: No board members knew why this item was on the agenda. Banigan said it had come in an email from the Village.

Village Board action: **MOTION** by Ratcliff/Elmore to table. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Town Board action: **MOTION** by DuPlayee/K. Williams to table. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

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6. Discuss and Consider overage on cost to repave Emergency Services Building Parking Lot: Hampton reported that the repaving tonnage was considerably higher than the contractor's estimate. The contractor has admitted to a mistake in estimating, and offered to bill the overage at cost, amounting to \$16,990.35 over the estimated price. Fonger noted that two contractors submitted bids on the project, and the other bid was closer to the final result. Chief Wolf is also not happy with the striping of parking stalls, saying the stalls are much smaller than before.

Village Board action: **MOTION** by J. Williams/Allen to pay the original estimate amount, leave the overage up to the contractor. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Town Board action: **MOTION** by DuPlayee/K. Williams to pay the original estimate amount, leave the overage up to the contractor. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

7. Discuss and Consider Economic Development and study from the Chamber on branding: Chamber Executive Director Paula Severson, President John Loeffler and Past President Mike Millage were present. Millage recounted that a year and a half ago the Chamber came to the Boards for their support in a branding study, which was the first one to be done in Wisconsin. A survey conducted by UW Extension showed an overall theme valuing quality of life. People in Cottage Grove like to spend time with family and friends, and eat in restaurants. Severson said a goal should be to prevent "leakage" from the community by providing destinations for people to do things with friends and families within the walls of Cottage Grove. She hopes the Town and Village Boards can cooperatively plan to bring diversification of businesses to meet this goal. Other suggestions included building on the Rugby club's draw to the community and better signage directing visitors to attractions already in the community (Bakken Park, the Golf Courses, for example). Consensus was to continue the topic on a future agenda.
8. Discuss and consider results of recent DNR inspection of the former Natvig Landfill: Hampton reported that as a result of the recent inspection, the DNR directed that a sign identifying the site as a former landfill must be put back up, missing locks must be replaced and faded labels must be re-painted. The sign has already been erected, all locks will be replaced with new brass ones, and all wells will be sanded, spray painted and have marine grade label stickers applied. Taking the fence down is not an option, however several trees along the fence have been marked for removal this Winter.
9. Discuss and Consider Emergency Government agreement: Fonger said that the ordinance has been in the hands of the Village Attorney for three months. Allen said the Attorney has actually had the ordinance since of June of 2017, and is reviewing a) the ordinances for compliance with state statutes, and b) the need for a mutual aid agreement between the Town and Village. Fonger thought the Emergency Government Committee serves the purpose of a mutual aid agreement, with its primary function of supporting the people on the ground and ensuring that the community has the resources needed in an emergency, but what is needed is the ordinance that can be adopted by both the Town and the Village. Hampton also did not see the need for a mutual aid agreement, but said there would be no harm in having one. Chief Wolf said the emergency services need everybody to work together in emergencies and emergency planning, and he applauded the boards for getting together. Ratcliff said that the Village Attorney does feel the ordinance meets statutory requirements, but is concerned about whether it conforms with what we do when there is an emergency. Discussion was that the ability to make decisions needs to be flexible because every emergency is different, and that NIMS allows for this. Paula Severson said it is unfortunate when jurisdictional issues hold up the process, and that in an actual emergency, directives will come from incident command. She would like to see the citizen capacity of the Emergency Operations

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Center increased, with citizens going through ICS training. No Board action was taken, but consensus was to keep working on the Village Attorney to finish up the ordinance.

10. Discuss and Consider sharing of public works equipment: Dresen said the two departments already work well together, and discussion was that there is no need to micro-manage this, but rather encourage staff to keep cooperation in mind, especially concerning items that both often find a need to lease or hire out for. Dresen noted that sometimes hiring out comes down to having an experienced operator for a piece of equipment.
11. Discuss 10 year boundary agreement: Fonger said that the Village already has four undeveloped areas that have been annexed from the Town, and suggested that that it does not have to accept new annexation petitions, especially when more homes lead to more schools and school district debt. He thought it would be good to have a cooperative plan to control growth in the community. Henrich said the Village has not been interested in boundary agreement because why would they want to be limited if they aren't required to, and what would the benefit to the Village be? Fonger said the benefit is to control growth. Hampton said he has met with City of Madison staff about a boundary agreement, and they would like to include the Village in these discussion. Henrich said the City has made no such contact with the Village, although other board members thought there may have been contact made with staff. When Hampton asked if the Village wants to have a conversation about a boundary agreement or not, Village Board consensus was that it would take a three way cooperation, including the City of Madison, for them to be interested.
12. Items for next agenda and meeting date: The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Village Hall. Agenda to include Emergency Government Ordinance, community branding/signage, boundary agreement discussion only if the City of Madison is involved.

13. Adjournment:

Village Board: **MOTION** by Allen/J. Williams to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Town Board action: **MOTION** by K. Williams/DuPlayee to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

The meeting ended at 8:52 P.M.

Submitted by: Kim Banigan, Town Clerk