

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Business Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Susan McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Green Lake County Courthouse, County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **Roberta Erdmann, Eugene Henke, Susan McConnell, Howard Sell, Thomas Traxler, Jr.**

Absent:

Also Present: **Al Shute**, County Surveyor/Land Development Director
Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary
Orrin Helmer, County Board Chairman
Jeff Haase, Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Erdmann/Henke, unanimously carried, to approve the amended agenda.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sell/Traxler, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2008.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE

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- Inquired as to whether or not Assistant Corporation Counsel Haase had sent out the letter that the committee directed him to send to Keith and Carol Myers. Haase replied that he had sent a copy to Sue McConnell for her review and would send it out after getting her feedback.
- The Board of Adjustment, at their meeting on May 16th, made a motion stating that they will require legal counsel for future appeals. The board stated that they are not comfortable with one legal counsel representing both staff and the board. The committee discussed from which budget the money would come to pay for another attorney. Two possibilities would be to either raise the fees for appeal applications or have the applicant pay for the attorney's time. The final committee consensus was that Attorney Haase be assigned as the counsel for the Board of Adjustment and staff would not have legal counsel. Attorney Haase will discuss this with Corporation Counsel John Selsing.

Motion by Erdmann that the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee send a letter to the Corporation Counsel requesting that Attorney Haase be made available to represent our zoning laws with the Board of Adjustment. (Mrs. Erdmann rescinded the motion since it was not listed on the agenda.)

- Attorney Hazelbaker, the attorney for the Town of Brooklyn regarding the Estates of Lawsonia, sent correspondence commenting on the staff report. This will be discussed at the June 4th public hearing.

PURCHASES - None

CLAIMS

Claims totaling \$655.78 were submitted.

Motion by Traxler/Henke, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$655.78 for payment. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL, 2008

Motion by Traxler/Erdmann, unanimously carried, to approve the April report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Committee discussion related to wind energy facility standards

The committee discussed the proposed wind energy facility standards ordinance. The committee agreed that this is now ready for a public hearing in August.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Such other matters as authorized by law.
- b. Rental weatherization process.

The committee discussed the process for becoming a rental weatherization inspector. Anyone can apply by paying \$20 and taking the three-hour exam. No other licenses are necessary. Currently, no municipalities have staff for inspections. A typical home inspection may take between 1-2 hours.

A combined business and public hearing meeting was discussed. One possibility would be to have the business meeting start at 4:30, the public hearing at 6:00, and, if necessary, finish the business meeting after the public hearing.

Motion by McConnell/Sell, unanimously carried on roll call (5-eyes, 0-nays), to begin a trial period of one meeting per month, the first Wednesday (beginning July 2nd), for the Planning and Zoning Committee's business meeting and public hearing, and leave the option to change back to two meetings, if necessary. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85(1)(G) CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LITIGATION, WHICH THE COUNTY IS INVOLVED AND/OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.

(Discussion of legal issues)

7:39 p.m. Motion by Erdmann/Sell, unanimously carried on roll call (5 eyes, 0 nays), to move to closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 1985(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel regarding litigation, which the county is involved and/or is likely to become involved. Motion carried.

RESUME INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION.

8:18 p.m. Motion by Sell/Traxler, unanimously carried on roll call (5 ayes, 0 nays), to resume into open session to discuss findings of closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by McConnell/Erdmann, unanimously carried on roll call (5-eyes, 0-nays), to direct Attorney Haase to pursue mediation pending legal action. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS DATES

June 4, 2008 – Public Hearing - 6 pm

June 25, 2008 – Business Meeting - 6 pm

ADJOURN

Motion by Traxler/McConnell, unanimously carried, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 8:21 p.m.

Recorded by:

Carole DeCramer
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

June 25, 2006