

VILLAGE OF WAUSAUKEE
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015
WAUSAUKEE VILLAGE HALL
428 HARRISON AVENUE
5:30 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order – President Radtke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Ann Hartnell, Rosie Figas and Bradley Taylor. Kyle Stumbris, Debra Stumbris and Jason Figas were absent. Also in attendance were Clerk Toshia Ranallo, Lowell & Mary McKim, John Ranallo, Ray Gordon, Randy Schmidt, Joellen Simpson, Terri Edlebeck, Rosemary Posdal, Mary Ann Zahn, Roger Jicha, Liela Gozdecki, Jim & Maria Knepel Lynelle Caine with Stantec Consulting Services and the Village’s Financial Consultant Brian Ruechal.
2. Approval of Agenda – Taylor made a motion seconded by Hartnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Discuss/Consider – Identification of total potential funds. – The public was provided a cost summary of the total streetscape project estimating \$350,000. The Village will apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with the Department of Administration. The grant is a 50% matching grant so the village could potentially be awarded \$150,000. WisDOT will award the village with 3% of the total cost of the reconstruction project called CSD funds (Community Sensitive Design) towards WisDOT approved items such as stone welcome monuments on both ends of the Village and other landscaping plans. The Village currently has an Open Line of Credit at the Stephenson National Bank and Trust that can be used as a funding source requirement for the CDBG application.
4. Discuss/Consider – Eligible CDBG Activities. – Streetscapes and infrastructure projects falls within the perimeters of applying for the CDBG grant. The Village will also receive a high score using a point system in the community distress section of the CDBG application because the Village is a low- and moderate- income (LMI) community.
5. Discuss/Consider – Presentation of identified community development needs. – There are 38 locations for hydrants and storm sewers that are in conflict with WisDOT’s reconstruction HWY 141 project that the Village is required to address and fund. Other needs include updating poor lighting and adding pedestrian facilities (sidewalks and crosswalks). Hartnell stated that studies have shown where there is beautification of community’s growth in the next 10 years greatly exceeds that of communities where there has been no improvement. She added there is no more room for standing still and without growth, the Village of Wausaukee will die. “It may be a slow death, but it will happen.”
6. Discuss/Consider – Identification of any community development needs by the public. – Dilapidated buildings and maintaining of other village streets were mentioned.
7. Discuss/Consider – Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities. – Comments from the public were generally in favor of the streetscape project. Roger

Jicha is in favor of the streetscape project only if the Village receives grants and his tax dollars will not be used. John Ranallo stated he is in support of the trees and other landscaping items. He further explained it would provide pedestrian safety by creating a slowing traffic effect throughout the major corridor of the Village.

8. Motion to Adjourn – Hartnell made a motion seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by TR

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