

VILLAGE OF EAGLE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
“APPROVED” MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2010

President Spurrell called the monthly meeting of the Eagle Village Board to order at 7:30 p.m. The Clerk confirmed Open Meeting Law requirements. Roll was taken: Rice, Scheff, Royston, Greenberg, Couch, Spurrell – present; Block excused. Trustee Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, special of May 25th and June 1st were reviewed. Moved by Rice to approve all minutes as submitted; Greenberg seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Greenberg, to approve the treasurer’s report as submitted. Under further discussion, Couch questioned the invoice from Stitch-It in the amount of \$273.50. Chief Ehlers indicated that it was for the T-shirts for the DARE graduating class. All in favor; motion carries.

Citizen Comment/Concerns: Resident Bill Dingle (116 South St.) expressed his concern over the parking on South and Eagle Street. It was noted that the Code and Ordinance Committee is currently in the process of drafting an ordinance which will restrict parking on the north side of Eagle Street.

Announcements: President Spurrell wanted to clarify that the park rental fee is \$100, not \$75. At the special Board meeting held on June 1st, the discussion and motion was to waive the park rental for Bonnie Hunkins and the Special Olympics’ fundraiser. He also stated that he wants the citizens to have the understanding that the Board’s decisions are very transparent.

Trustee Scheff announced that the Police Committee changed their monthly meeting date of the 2nd Monday to the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Police Chief Ehlers reported on the motorcycle issues at Knuckleheads, driving on the sidewalks and communication with the tavern establishment owner. He also invited citizens to come to the Police Committee meetings. Secondly, he stated that in one night, two (2) cars were reported stolen. One (1) car has been recovered and they have a suspect on the second one. Thirdly, regarding the vandalism in the park, he announced that thanks to Officers Bruckner and Duffy who did their homework, the two (2) guilty parties were apprehended. Lastly, due to lack of communication the committee’s recommendation for the hiring of a part-time officer was omitted from tonight’s agenda. The Board will hold a special meeting on June 14th at 6:30 p.m. to address this item.

Website: Discussion followed regarding upgrading the Village website. After obtaining additional information, a motion was made by Greenberg to table any decision until next month’s meeting. Royston seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Renewal of licenses: Motion by Greenberg to approve the renewal of licenses, items a–e as listed on the agenda: (a.) Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor to Melissa Dooley for the premises at 105 W. Main St known as Coyote Canyon, including the restaurant, bar, outside back dining area that is fenced in, small fenced in patio in front, deck and

garage; (b.) Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor to William and Janis Suhm for the premises at 201 Kettle Moraine Drive known as Suhmer's Saloon, first floor and outside walkway, second floor restaurant and the outside cement porch; (c.) Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Cigarette to Melissa A. Dooley for premises at 100 South St known as Knucklehead Pub including the restaurant, bar enclosed backyard, basement and garage; (d.) Class A Fermented Malt Beverage, Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Cigarette to Malinda Kenney for premises at 101 South Street known as Eagle BP including the convenience store, cooler, and storage rooms; (e) Class A Fermented Malt Beverage, Class A Intoxicating Liquor, Cigarette and Soda to Bruce Hanke for premises that include the cooler and wall of the convenience store, at 214 Grove Street known as The Kettle. Scheff seconded the motion. Under further discussion, Couch wanted to make the rest of the Board aware of the riding of cycles down sidewalks and the parking issue on South Street. He also commented that the porch in back of Knuckleheads is not what it is supposed to be and that at the Police Committee meeting, police were asked to enforce the parking issues, making visual contacts. Discussion continued and the question was raised as to whether the situation is a licensing issue or more of an enforcement issue. Greenberg then withdrew his motion to approve all of the licenses and Scheff is second.

Greenberg then made a motion to approve Agenda Item 9b, 9d, and 9e. (Class B license with premises as indicated to Suhmers Saloon, Class A license to Eagle BP, and Class A license to the Kettle.) Rice seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Discussion followed regarding the renewal of the Class B licenses for Coyote and Knuckleheads. Greenberg stated that he would like the building inspector to get involved to make sure that the building permits are for what they were issued for. Royston commented that the building permits are a separate issue and that the motorcycles and parking is an enforcement issue. Chief Ehlers then stated that neither establishment has received any citations that would affect their licensing. The premises for each establishment were reviewed. Motion by Royston to approve the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor license to Melissa Dooley for the premises at 105 W. Main St., known as Coyote Canyon, including the restaurant, bar, outside back dining area, small fenced in patio in front, and garage. Scheff seconded. Motion carries; all in favor.

Motion by Rice to approve the Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Cigarette license to Melissa A. Dooley for premises at 100 South Street known as Knucklehead Pub including the restaurant, bar, and basement. Motion carries 5-1 with Couch being opposed.

Motion by Rice to approve the Soda License to Melinda Kenney for Tasty Z's 101 South Street. Scheff seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Committee Reports/Action Items.

Library: The library requested that they receive their quarterly payment on July 1st versus July 8th. Motion by Greenberg to approve the early disbursement. Scheff seconded. Under further discussion, President Spurrell indicated that the 2nd quarter payment was requested to be paid. This is for the 3rd quarter and he anticipates the same will happen for the 4th quarter. He is curious as to what will happen with the 1st quarter for 2011. Motion carries 5-1 with Couch being opposed.

Code & Ordinance: Chairman Rice, regarding the parking from South to Grove Street and also in front of Chase Bank, stated this issue has been shelved for now. The parking on

Eagle Street needed to be addressed because of the concern for emergency and other vehicles. Members of the Board had received a draft of the proposed amendment relating to various areas where parking would be restricted. President Spurrell questioned the tabling of South Street and stated that since the ordinance is being amended, it should be included. Rice stated that the Committee will consider it at its next meeting. In view of the South Street issue, Spurrell made a motion to table any action on the ordinance amending Section 4.08 (Parking Regulations) of the Village of Eagle Municipal Code. Greenberg seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

The Committee also has been working on various sections of Chapter 18 (Park Regulations), particularly the section regarding alcohol in the park. Rice stated that currently there is nothing in Village ordinances indicating a person can drink alcohol in the park including baseball games, horseshoe leagues, etc. Discussion followed. The Park Rental form will be given to the Park Committee to review and/or revise.

Streets & Sidewalks: The CBDG grant for construction of the sidewalk along side of the Municipal Building has been approved for this year. President Spurrell indicated that he wanted the Streets & Sidewalk Committee's chairman, Couch, to take the helm on this project. Couch was told to contact Glen Lewinski for specifications on the bid process.

A published advertisement for the bids will need to be placed. Moved by Scheff to approve the publishing of the advertisement for the sidewalk construction. Greenberg seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

Development Assistance: Chairman Couch indicated that seven (7) copies of the Market Study were mailed to various entities, including Piggly Wiggly, Sentry, and IGA. He stated that the CEO from Piggly Wiggly had actually visited the site. Couch spoke with Wicks who indicated it would probably be another week before he knew anything. If confirmed, it would probably get started this year, with an opening date of September 2011.

Couch also stated that the 5-year old traffic study needs to be updated, whether a round-about is needed, turn lanes, traffic signal, etc. Redmond would market the retail portion of the development.

Water Utility: President Spurrell stated that he spoke with Magnan Assessment regarding the changing of the hydrant rental fee from the tax roll to the water bills. Spurrell's preliminary calculations show that the rate on the tax roll is .9700587; if placed on the water bills it would be .9837726. This would mean \$1.03 of house value. On a \$250,000 assessment, this amounts to \$3.43 of more expense. Spurrell's personal opinion is that the Board needs to look at the big picture and building the reserve. This would not be a temporary fix, but a permanent one. The Board also needs to be financially responsible and cannot artificially inflate the budget. Discussion followed regarding possible other options, such as special assessments or taking a portion of the hydrant rental fee. Spurrell will bring in the finalized numbers once completed.

Personnel & Finance: A claim had been submitted by Trustee Royston for the workshop she attended in Madison, along with the corresponding mileage expense. Discussion followed. Couch stated that he felt these expenses are part of their salary and no reimbursement should be made. The other Board members agreed. Greenberg made a motion not to reimburse the travel expenses. Scheff seconded. Under further discussion, Spurrell received clarification that the motion was to deny the claim. Motion carries on a 5-0-1 vote with Royston abstaining.

President Spurrell indicated that the committees/departments need to begin the 2011 budget process now, looking at every possibility and option. At the mention of employee salaries for next year, the Committee will also be beginning that process. Other departments will need this information to develop their budgets as well. Greenberg commented that Board

members need to divorce what they receive in salary from what they give to our employees. He stated that employees should enjoy working here. Spurrell indicated that it has been said by the media and by Board members themselves, "Welcome to the real world." When it comes to the insurance, benefits and pay raises they are used to, that is their real world. He said that employees need to realize however, that their world is changing. Viewpoints were aired.

Regarding the health insurance policy, the Committee will be looking into other options, not because of the mistake/oversight that was made last year, but for the financial aspect. Spurrell then reviewed what occurred last year in the renewal process. For the record for the residents and the employees, he stated he believes the incident was completely accidentally and there was no malicious act by any member of this Board or representatives of the other companies. The bottom line is that the amount of out-of-pocket expenses on the part of the employee has increased. Now the employee is responsible for an additional \$1,000-\$2,000 on all prescription drugs after they have met their normal deductible, which for single coverage is \$1,500 and \$3,000 for family. With the 10% increase, the Village may have opted for the change in plans, but the employees were not informed of the change. Spurrell indicated that the Board has three (3) options: 1) Do nothing, 2) Pay for the difference, or 3) Pay somewhere in between. The Committee did not make a recommendation; they did not want to slight the members viewpoints. They would like an open discussion and end up with a solution. Spurrell also stated that this would affect both the Village and all joint employees that are covered under the Village's policy and that Board members be cautious in that any reimbursement should be across the board. This is a correction for this year only. At budget time, the existing plan will again be reviewed and different plans/options will be looked at. Discussion followed with suggestions ranging from reimbursing a portion, reimbursing only what the employee actually pays, or reimbursing the full amount. With the number of employees affected, if the total amount is reimbursed, it would come up to approximately \$15,000. It was noted that any reimbursement would be placed directly in the individual's HSA (Health Savings Account). One other thing that needs to be verified is that the additional contribution will not exceed the individual's maximum allowed by federal law. Reimbursing the employee directly by expensing it through the Village was also discussed. This could have a tax effect on the employee. Greenberg made a motion that either the Clerk or Spurrell speak with the auditor regarding contributing to the HSA's and/or accounting procedures and then follow his advice/directions. Scheff seconded. Under further discussion clarification was made that the decision is to "make each employee whole: reimbursement of the full amount of out-of-pocket expense. Also under further discussion, President Spurrell apologized to the residents for himself not catching this. Trustee Scheff also apologized. Spurrell also apologized to the employees, saying that the Board is trying to do what is right. All in favor; motion carries.

Motion by Greenberg, seconded by Scheff to adjourn. President Spurrell adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m. All in favor; motion carries.

Shirley Mealy
Clerk/Treasurer