

TOWN OF BELGIUM  
PUBLIC HEARING/TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
August 2, 2010

**Call to Order:** Chairman Francis Kleckner called the Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Bill Janeshek and Tom Winker, Clerk Ginger Murphy, Treasurer Janet Coeur, Zoning Administrator Charlie Parks, Carol Pomeday of the Ozaukee Press (7:30), Rodney Schroeter from The Sounder, and 15 interested persons.

**Minutes:** Motion by Janeshek, second by Winker, to approve the minutes of the last meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Building Permits:** #7 Pete & Debbie Krier, 6960 Sauk Trail Rd – New Residence  
#8 Sharon-Cutwell, Inc., 2192 Cty Rd D – Storage Shed with variance (after-the-fact permit)  
#9 Fahimah Vahdat, 6502 Sauk Trail Rd – Porch Extension

**Resident Complaint of Jet Ski Noise and Parking on Sandy Beach:** Bill has ordered the sign crew to put a ‘no parking on the beach’ sign up at the end of Sandy Beach Rd. DNR representatives were not asked to attend this meeting at the request of John Behnke (petition originator) due to a conflict with his schedule. They will, once again, be asked to attend the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Residents Complaint of the Housing of Dogs:** Residents were present to complain of approximately 14 barking dogs owned by Penelope Wagner and housed at Kathi Switzer’s home at 6067 Lake Church Rd. Francis called the Sheriffs Dept. but was not sure of the outcome of their investigation. Charlie informed people that the Zoning Ordinance is being updated, and the issue of this type of non-typical pet ownership will be reviewed. Until the Ordinance is revised, there is no violation. Ralph DeWall stated they are trying to cooperate with their neighbors, but the barking has become very annoying. Kathi Switzer and Ron Switzer (occupants of property) and Penny Wagner (owner of the dogs) were present. Ms. Wagner explained her rescue mission and assured everyone that she would never put her dogs in danger and was quite offended at the accusation. She assumed the area was agricultural due to the chickens and other farm animals across the street. Charlie Parks said he was contacted by Ms. Wagner and was told there were no restrictions on the number of pets and the use is not regulated by ordinance. Ms. Wagner stated that she will move the dogs from the property by October 1<sup>st</sup>. This issue will be addressed at the next Plan Commission meeting for possible Zoning Ordinance revisions.

**Belgium Fire Department:** The Town Board, Village Board and Fire Department held a joint meeting on June 15, 2010, where the decision was made to purchase a used fire truck. Dan Birenbaum, BFD Fire Chief, explained the capacity of the recently purchased 2002 Pierce Quantum Fire Engine. Total price: \$264,224.77. The Town’s share is 60% - \$158,834.86 and the Village’s share is 40% - \$105,689.91. Breakdown is as follows:

Truck Cost	\$235,000.00
Foam System	13,000.00
Paint	11,000.00
Hose Replacement	3,300.00
Flight	1,924.77

The truck is a different shade of white, and they want to paint it the same color as other trucks at a cost of \$11,000. The truck is expected to arrive in mid-September. The Clerk informed the Board of Port Washington State Bank’s proposed terms for financing. The Chairman suggested the split should be 50/50 due to the increased population of the Village. Dan will set up another meeting between the Town and the Village to discuss the percentage issue. The Clerk will investigate several loan options and arrange a public hearing to make a decision on funding of the truck.

**Veolia Contract:** Michael Thun, Veolia Environmental, was present to answer any questions in regard to the new contract proposal. Our current contract expires December 31. Motion by Janeshek to renew the contract with Veolia to include metal/steel pickup and rebate, second by Winker, motion carried unanimously.

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**Resident complaint of Noise at Sharon-Cutwell, Inc.:** Bert and Regina Bares requested to be on the agenda to discuss their noise issue with their neighbor, Sharon-Cutwell, Inc. Tom Winker read a letter from Jeffrey Prom, President of Sharon-Cutwell, since neither he nor Steve Baumann could attend the meeting. Mr. Prom outlined their numerous actions taken to mitigate the noise concerns even though they are not in violation of any Town Ordinances. Mr. and Mrs. Bares complained of noise at the same time last year, and Tom Winker visited the business several times unannounced and did not hear any unreasonable noise. Tom suggested that Mr. Bares and Mr. Prom sit down and amicably deal with the problem between neighbors. Charlie Parks stated the town is fortunate to have the business in the Town, and Sharon-Cutwell has made a reasonable approach to work with their neighbors. This issue will be discussed at the next Plan Commission meeting in September.

**Citizen Input:** Judith Olson, 5322 Sandy Beach Ln, presented a letter with a complaint of flooding on her property. She is requesting that the ditch be dug deeper and the area near the culvert be cleaned out. Bill stated that the ditch is as deep as it can be without having standing water. He also stated that residents have placed rocks and other objects in the area that prohibit the water from flowing freely to the lake. This flooding occurred after an unusually great amount of rain fell in the region. Bill will check the culvert area and determine reasonable actions to be taken.

**Monthly invoices:** Invoices were audited and ordered paid.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ginger Murphy, Clerk