

TOWN OF EAGLE  
Town Board Meeting  
Held Jointly with the Village Board of Eagle  
June 7, 2005  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Gillette, Malek, Kwiatkowski, and West. Excused: Orchard. Also present: Clerk McMillan, Village of Eagle President R. Spurrell, Village Trustees B. Spurrell, Salmela, Kussman, Shea, and Block. (Couch excused). Village Clerk Mealy also present (later in the meeting).

Mr. Spurrell announced the possibility that the Village Board may enter into closed session.

Discussion of Master Plans- Mr. Gillette endorsed having the Town and Village Boards becoming more familiar with each other's Master Plans in order to better understand each municipality's needs as related to growth, and to work toward being good neighbors. Town Plan Commissioner Brian Rudy requested a copy of the Village Master Plan to use as a reference. Discussion followed on the recent subdivision proposal for the Porter property in the Town, which would require Village approval of a change to their Master Plan.

Fire Commission Bill for Legal Counsel- Mr. Spurrell reported a final bill of \$1194.60 was received from the Fire Commission Attorney's law firm. Mr. Kussman questioned payment for research activity that was done by the firm that he was told was not going to be done. Mr. Malek pointed out that due to the questions about the bill, it was to have been a point of compromise with the law firm that the payment of the previous invoice was to be considered payment in full. Discussion followed regarding policies and procedures that are being considered in order to correct the situation for the future. The Village Board approved payment of their portion of the bill as a final payment on a Shea/Salmela motion, contingent on Town approval of the same. It was clarified that the attorney has been released. Motion by Gillette, seconded by Kwiatkowski that the Town pays its portion of the final Fire Commission Attorney bill. After further discussion, the motion carried.

DPW, Salt Shed and Other Intermunicipality Cooperation- Discussion was held regarding renewing the mutual aid between the Town and Village public works employees as had been done in the past. The possibility of remuneration if the aid becomes unbalanced was also discussed. The Village approved a Kussman/Shea motion regarding maintenance work returning to the 2003 status. Motion by Kwiatkowski, seconded by Gillette to return joint maintenance work to the 2003 status, including the salt shed, as determined by Steve Deegan and Tom Betts. Motion carried.

Joint Municipality Human Resource Committee- Discussion was held regarding formation of a committee to enact written policies and procedures for joint municipal employees in such as the library, park & recreation, and fire department. Committee should address each municipality's responsibilities for tasks such as hiring, benefits, workmen's compensation, payroll, etc. In addition, the committee could look at job descriptions and packages for non-joint employees, and consider having them correspond. Town appointments to this committee will be made at the next Town Board meeting.

Village Claim to Town- Mr. Spurrell asked for the Town Board's cooperation to settle the claim/bill presented by the Village Board to the Town for \$47,386 relating to costs the Village claims were incurred as a result of actions by the Town Board and/or individual board members. Mr. Gillette stated he needs to be further educated on the issue, perhaps in closed session with the Town Board, before he would be prepared to act. Discussion followed regarding the chain of events in question. Different levels of resolution were examined, including settlement at this meeting, referral by the Village to a claim agency, or Village participation in a class action/lawsuit against the Town. Discussion followed regarding possible negotiation on the amount of the claim. Town resident Steve Muth was recognized by the chair. He stated he has followed the Town/Village problems

since the beginning, when the Village wells were put in. He pointed out that the differences were settled once before, with both boards agreeing on the settlement, including a border agreement, but that the Village Board reneged. He called attention to the fact that Town residents were negatively affected by a proposed subdivision due to the lack of institution of that border agreement. He implored the board to clear the matter up. The claim will be put on the next Town Board agenda.

Next joint meeting was scheduled for September 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The Village Board then adjourned.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kwiatkowski, seconded by Malek to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally McMillan  
Town Clerk