



**TOWN MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT VILLAGE - TOWN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
MEDIATED COOPERATIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO Wis. Stat. § 66.0307(4M)
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Meeting Notice.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Chairman Ray Heidtke and Village President Mike Schwab. Roll Call. Town Chairman Heidtke stated all Town Supervisors were present. Also present was Town Attorney Tim Andringa and Town Clerk Julia Oliver. Village President Schwab stated all Village Trustees were present. Also present was Village Attorney John St. Peter, Village Administrator John Walther and Village Clerk Deanna Boldrey. The Notice of Joint Public Hearing Regarding a Mediated Cooperative Plan Between the Village of Jackson and the Town of Jackson Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0307(m) was read into the record by Village President Schwab.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3. Introduction of Boards and Description of Hearing Procedures.** Town Chairman Heidtke introduced Supervisors Dan Kufahl, Paul Huettl, Marcy Bishop and Robert Hartwig. Village President Schwab introduced Trustees Brian Emmrich, Debbie Kurtz, John Kruepke, Jack Lippold, Don Olson and Mike Kufahl. The hearing procedures were summarized by Village President Schwab including the requirement to sign in if you wish to speak.
- 4. Presentations by Village and Town.** Attorney St. Peter provided a historical summary of the events that have prompted the need for the Mediated Cooperative Plan between the Village of Jackson and Town of Jackson, including the 1999 agreement, the 2005 amendment, the 2008 amendment and the attachment ordinance adopted by the Village of Jackson in 2014, and the challenge by Jackson Town Residents Against Attachment (JTRAA). Attorney St. Peter noted the Mediated Cooperative Plan will replace all current boundary agreements, eliminate the 2014 attachment ordinance and rescind all the letter/agreements that have been signed by new Town residents that have requested Village water and sewer municipal services.

Attorney Andringa referred to the current map and the map that was presented at the fall 2017 public hearing, noting the number of Town properties that are no longer being attached to the Village. Attorney Andringa also noted that the Town will experience a net financial gain of \$120,000 with the current agreement because \$30,000 will be paid to the Village instead of the \$50,000 for three years that was noted previously. Attorney Andringa referred to the current map and noted that all properties being attached are receiving Village water and/or sewer service with the exception of the Town residents located within the Water Service Agreement between the Town and Village which was a result of the 2012 fuel spill.
- 5. Public Hearing.** Village President Schwab opened the Public Hearing. The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: Jeff Wenzel, Police Chief Jed Dolnick, Larry Hatke, Casey Latz, Scott Mittelsteadt, Attorney Joe Cincotta, Winter Hess, Fire Chief Aaron Swaney, Sheri Bacigalupo, Bob Seidel, Tim Welke, Toni Heller, and Washington County Sheriff's Office Captain Marty Schulteis. In addition, Bob Seidel filed a "Petition Against the Cooperative Planned Agreement Between the Town of Jackson and Village of Jackson" with the Town Clerk.

Village President Schwab closed the Public Hearing.

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- 6. Concluding Remarks Regarding Next Steps.** Attorney St. Peter stated the twenty (20) day period for public comment starts tomorrow, and the Agreement can't be submitted to the WI Department of Administration for forty-five (45) days. Following the twenty (20) days, but during the forty-five (45) days the Village Board and the Town Board will each meet to consider public comments and take action on the document. Attorney Andringa reported there was a telephonic court hearing between the three attorneys and the judge today, October 16th to provide the court with an update. The three issues that JTRAA has with the document due to its variance from the signed "Memorandum of Understanding" were discussed and Judge Martens stated he will issue a ruling on the three points by November 3, 2017.

Town Chairman Heidtke expressed his appreciation to all who attended and provided their input, to Living Word High School for the use of the gymnasium, and to the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

- 7. Adjournment.** Village President Schwab called for the Village Board motion to adjourn. Town Chairman called for the Town Board to adjourn; motion by Town Supervisor Huettl, seconded by Town Supervisor Hartwig to adjourn, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Oliver, Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____

Next Resolution Number: J-17-003 Next Ordinance Number: J-17-002
