

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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**OCONOMOWOC LAKE JOINT VILLAGE BOARD/PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MONDAY, June 4, 2007, Unofficial until approved by the Village
Board. Approved as written (☒) or with corrections (☐) on**

The Joint meeting of the Board of Trustees/Plan Commission of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake was held immediately following the Special Village Board meeting on June 4, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll was taken following the Pledge of Allegiance with the following in attendance:

Mr. Kneiser/President – present
Messrs., Bickler, Fischer, Schinzer, Shult, and Owens/Trustees – present
Messrs., McNellis, Langenbach, Lyons and Foster/Plan Commission
Members - present
Messr., Birbaum - absent
Ms. Kreuser/ Clerk-Treasurer – present
Mr. Wiemer/Police Chief - Administrator – present
Mr. Macy/Attorney –present

ATTENDANCE

Pat McAdams, McAdams Realty Oconomowoc LLP, Carol Wilson, Chairperson for Oconomowoc Lake Management District, Maury Sullivan, Mayor, City of Oconomowoc, Ray Maurer, Parks & Recreation Director, City of Oconomowoc, Brian Wiemer, Supervisor for the Town of Oconomowoc, Dick Nawrocki, Representative from Town of Merton, John Roelandts, Oconomowoc Lake Management District, Bob Thelen, Waukesha County, Sue Beyler, Department of Natural Resources, Katherine Michalets, Oconomowoc Enterprise.

Discussion/action regarding the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus that could impact the fish population in area lakes. A representative from the DNR and representatives from the Okauchee Lake Management, City of Oconomowoc, and the Town of Merton and other communities have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss this issue and possible preventative solutions.

President Kneiser stated the Village Board decided to hold a joint Village Board and Plan Commission meeting to discuss the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) virus that could impact the fish population in area lakes. The Village Board directed Village Staff to invite a representative from the Department of Natural Resources and representatives from surrounding municipalities to discuss possible preventative solutions for the area lakes.

Sue Beyler, representative from the Department of Natural Resources, explained the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus. Ms. Beyler stated VHS has been detected in the Great Lakes, the Mississippi and the Winnebago Lake system but has not been detected in any Wisconsin inland lakes at the present. Ms. Beyler explained that the virus is transmitted through bodily fluids of fish but that it is not transferable to humans. Discussion followed.

Ms. Beyler explained that the VHS virus can be spread by water in boats, and fisherman's bait. Ms. Beyler stated that precautionary measures can be taken to prevent the spread of the VHS virus by:

1. Allowing only dry boats to enter lake.
2. Draining boats and live wells when leaving the lake.
3. Using artificial bait.
4. Posting information regarding the VHS virus at all boat launch sites.
5. Post VHS virus information on municipal websites.

Ms. Beyler stated the DNR is taking a proactive stand and trying to educate the public through advertisements on radio and television and posting information on the DNR's website.

Ms. Beyler stated she would e-mail detailed information to be posted at the Village of Oconomowoc Lake's boat launch site.

The Village Administrator stated he would post the information received from the DNR to educate the public on preventable precautions at the Village boat launch site.

Numerous questions and comments were made by those in attendance, including whether water in inbound-outboard cooling systems is a concern and whether all licensed boat-owners would be contacted by the DNR to educate them on VHS. Ms. Beyler did not have answers to these, but indicated she would follow up.

With no further discussion being heard, motion (Schinzer/Lyons) to adjourn was made at approximately 8:10 PM, and Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Kathy Kreuser, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved and Ordered Posted by:


Richard J. Kneiser, President