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**TOWN OF WINDSOR
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF DEFOREST BOARD AND
THE TOWN OF WINDSOR BOARD**

Minutes
May 28, 2014

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Bob Wipperfurth and Village of DeForest President, Judd Blau called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Wipperfurth noted all Town of Windsor Supervisors were present: Alan Buchner, Don Madelung, Bruce Stravinski and Monica Smith. Others present: Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Tina Butteris, Clerk Christine Capstran and Town Attorney Connie Anderson. Village of DeForest Trustees present were: Paul Blount, Ken Clark, Dick Josephson, Jason Kramar, Jeff Miller, Chip Van Meter and President Judd Blau. Also present were Administrator Steve Fahlgren, Deputy Administrator/Clerk LuAnn Leggett and Jane Cahill-Wolfgram.

3. Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Appearances Before the Board

DeForest resident, Gary Schute, 117 Paradise Court, voiced a tree issue. Fahlgren stated staff would contact him to discuss further.

Mike Lawton, attorney representing Bear Tree, appeared to provide an overview of the Bear Tree plat. He asked for both communities to cooperate so this project can move forward. Bear Tree would like to use DeForest zoning, requested a municipal boundary change and would like to attach the land to the Village of DeForest for plat approval, then detach the land back to the Town of Windsor.

Steve Pederson, also representing Bear Tree, would like the boundary adjustment to follow Pederson Crossing. He proposed a trail through the woods which would connect with Revere Trails.

5. Old Business

1. ETZ and Status of Bear Tree

Chairperson Wipperfurth gave an overview of where we are today. The Boards discussed ETZ. Supervisor Buchner encourages the Boards to work toward the development moving forward.

Supervisor Stravinski said ETZ has to be in the Cooperative Plan. The process could take 6 months. Sign over attachment needs to start at the 1st of the year to avoid tax base issues. The Boards may be interested in considering ETZ. Windsor will review Village of DeForest zoning code to determine if any changes would need to be considered for ETZ.

2. Community and Senior Center

Supervisor Stravinski stated that the DeForest Area Community and Senior Center wants to purchase the UW Health building on the corner of Main and North Street as there has been immense growth which creates a need for additional space. The Boards briefly discussed financing, donations, grants and fund raising options.

The communities have to balance this with other needs and look at long range planning for all community needs.

3. Discussion About the Positives and Negatives Regarding the Following: Merger, Incorporation of Windsor and Keeping the Status Quo

Chairperson Wipperfurth stated the Town is analyzing three options: merger, incorporation or keeping the status quo. Meetings with residents to get their input will be held in the near future. Chairperson Wipperfurth said there is no pre-determined outcome and the Town wants to maintain cooperation with its neighbors.

Chairperson Wipperfurth stated our Cooperative Plan stays in place with incorporation. Borders are at risk on south by Madison too. Boundary agreements have an end.

Village Board members asked what incorporation gets Windsor that a new entity does not? What's the benefit?

Supervisor Madelung stated Windsor would enjoy same amenities afforded to Villages and maintain identity. Windsor has grown and is one of the most sophisticated towns.

Village Board members stated Windsor needs to do what is in the best interest of residents and continue to work together. Some felt a unit of 15,000 gets more attention than 9,000 and 6,000.

Supervisor Buchner asked how merger would benefit Windsor.

Supervisor Stravinski stated Windsor wants to preserve the agricultural lands while villages and cities look at it as a land bank. Supervisor Stravinski thinks we should incorporate to protect the agricultural area and municipal boundaries.

Trustee Miller responded that DeForest wants agricultural preservation too.

Supervisor Smith wants stability, growth and positive cooperation.

Dr. Walton stated he was pleased with the discussion.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

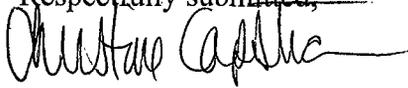
7. Any Other Business That Lawfully Comes Before the Board

There was none.

8. Adjournment

Supervisor Buchner moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Madelung. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Trustee Blount moved to adjourn at 8:13, seconded by Trustee Kramar. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Capstran", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christine Capstran
Town Clerk