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**TOWN OF WINDSOR
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
at the VILLAGE OF DEFOREST BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
DeForest Public Safety Building/Court Room
305 E. Holum Street, DeForest, WI

MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Meeting convened by Chairperson Wipperfurth at 6:30 p.m. Supervisors present: Alan Buchner, Don Madelung, Monica Smith, Bruce Stravinski and Bob Wipperfurth. Others present: Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Tina Butteris and Town Attorney Connie Anderson.

2) Incorporation & Transfer of Agreements

Chairperson Wipperfurth stated that the Town Board is appearing before the Village Board to update the Village Board directly, request input from the Village Board, and assure the Village Board that any incorporation that the Town Board pursues will include a request for language that requires continuation of boundary and intergovernmental agreements.

At the December 2014 joint meeting the Village of DeForest Trustees had multiple questions regarding current agreements. They stated to fairly represent their citizens they would need to know that the existing boundary agreements, as well as all other agreements between the Town of Windsor and the Village of DeForest, would remain in place. Attorney Anderson had stated that they can make that happen if both parties are in agreement and it was requested that the attorneys look at how to make the agreements transfer.

Windsor wishes to pursue incorporation and will do everything in its power to assure that the existing boundary agreements and intergovernmental agreements with the Village of DeForest (and other neighboring communities) will continue if the Town of Windsor is able to incorporate.

Windsor wants to preserve their identity and protect their boundaries and does not desire to annex additional lands.

Windsor has received support for incorporation from the Town of Bristol, Town of Vienna, Town of Leeds and Town of Westport. They have supported Windsor in good faith that we will continue our relationships and look at agreements with them upon incorporation.

Windsor has met with a lobbyist to discuss incorporation through legislation.

Any strategy recommend by the lobbyist will include incorporation of the Town as a whole and language that required cooperative boundary and intergovernmental agreements to continue in force following incorporation.

Any legislation that Windsor supports should include the following language:

Intergovernmental cooperation agreements entered into under s. 66.0301 and cooperative boundary agreements approved under s. 66.0307, to which a town incorporating under this section is a party, that are still in effect on the effective date of the incorporation, shall continue in force until altered or repealed, to the extent allowed under the agreements. When incorporated under this section, a city or village shall be considered the town's successor with respect to such agreements.

The Town Attorney previously provided the Village Attorney this language for review and comment.

Windsor hopes that any legislation would be approved in 2015.

A referendum may be a requirement for incorporation.

The Village Board continues to be concerned about the existing boundary agreements and the process of incorporation.

Village President Blau stated he needs to know how it will affect their residents and understand further what they are being asked to support.

Supervisor Stravinski stated it is a name change. All of our agreements will remain in place. What is the concern? The net result is the Town of Windsor is now the Village of Windsor. All agreements will be in force. Where is the problem?

Discussion will continue at the joint Village of DeForest, Town of Windsor Board meeting on April 29th.

3) Adjournment

Supervisor Madelung moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., second by Supervisor Smith. Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Butteris
Finance Director/Treasurer
Office Manager/Deputy Clerk