

MINUTES OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2010

Draft Minutes

Walworth County Administrator David Bretl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was made by those present introducing themselves and their position within their municipality.

Present:

Walworth County Administrator David Bretl
Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell
Town of Delavan Chair Dorothy Burwell
Deputy County Administrator-Central Services Shane Crawford
Town of Spring Prairie Supervisor Bob McIndoe
Town of Delavan Administrator John Olson
Town of East Troy Chair John Soesser
Town of Troy Chair John Kendall
Town of Lyons Chair Bill Mangold
Town of Richmond Chair Wayne Redenius
Town of Whitewater Chair Ron Fero
Town of Darien Chair Cecil Logterman
City of Lake Geneva Mayor Jim Connors
City of Lake Geneva Alderman Mary Jo Fessenmaier
Town of LaFayette Clerk Barbara Fischer
Town of Sugar Creek Chair David Duwe
Town of Walworth Chair Joe Abell
Town of LaGrange Highway Supervisor Patrick Hoffmann
Village of Fontana President Arvid Petersen
Village of East Troy President Bill Loesch
Deputy Director Land Use & Resource Management Dept. Louise Olson
Land Use & Resource Management Dept. Audrey Greene
UW Extension CNRED Agent, Josh Clements
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Ted Peters
Lake Geneva Regional News Mike Ramczyk

Approval of the agenda

Bob McIndoe made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by John Stoesser. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of February 23, 2010 ICC meeting minutes

Ron Fero made a motion to approve the February 23, 2010 ICC minutes with a second by Bill Mangold. The motion carried unanimously.

Update concerning German Fest 2010 – Honoring Walworth County at July 22 opening day ceremony and festivities

Administrator Bretl noted this topic had been introduced at the last meeting. Walworth County will be honored because of our relationship with our sister county in Germany. This is not a county government honor. Town, city and village officials and staff are invited to participate. Final information will be forthcoming soon.

Community Action, Inc. of Rock & Walworth Counties – presentation by Lisa Furseth, Executive Director, regarding three-year needs assessment

Administrator Bretl introduced Lisa Furseth and Mary Beth Aldrich of Community Action (CA). He noted we don't often think of Community Action because we don't think of poverty in Walworth County. Lisa Furseth stated CA has been in Rock and Walworth Counties since 1965. The federal government set this up so local people will be helped and 98% of the counties in the United States have CA. They adapt their programs to meet local needs i.e., the city of Beloit has different needs than the town of Darien. Every three years they are required to do a needs assessment to determine what the needs of moderate-income families are. They have data and would like comments on what the needs are in attendee's communities. She briefly explained the survey results such as health care needs even with Badger Care. Bob McIndoe stated he is from a township of 36 square miles that is agricultural with no schools, libraries or churches and is not aware of anyone who is unemployed.

Lisa Furseth stated 55% of their income comes from the federal government with rental, day care and donations making up the balance. The homeless shelter and local food pantries were discussed as well as housing availability issues. It was noted that people who are unemployed sometimes don't look for work because benefits are more than low paying jobs. Seasonal housing rental was discussed, as was the fact that 40% of school children in Walworth County get subsidized lunches. Transportation issues for people wanting to work were noted as well as the reduction of health benefits for employees. Lisa Furseth asked that governmental officials keep in touch with them with questions or needs in their communities.

Presentation on Clean Boats/Clean Water Program by Audrey Greene, Lake Specialist and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator for Walworth County/SE Fox River Basin

Audrey Greene gave a Power Point presentation regarding her work to educate and control the spread of aquatic invasive species in our lakes. She noted the recreational and economic impacts of AIS on our 37 lakes. There are 47 public launches on our lakes. In 2003 Lake Geneva launches had 24,000 boats launched at four public launches and in 2009 the town of Delavan had 18,000 boats launched at one public launch site. She explained what she has been doing to prevent AIS.

Issues associated with road salt and winter road maintenance

- a. *Ted Peters, Director, Lake Geneva Environmental Agency*
- b. *Shane Crawford, Deputy County Administrator – Central Services*

Ted Peters explained his concerns for salt usage in the county and the potential damage to area lakes. He noted the county has changed some of their practices and stressed that not many people know what the county is doing. When chloride is in the lakes, it does not go away and some invasive species thrive in that element. Ground water is a very serious issue as well.

Shane Crawford explained some of the things the county has been doing. In the last 15 years electronic and computer systems have been used. Larry Price, Superintendent at the highway department explained in detail how they work and the fact that the weather service is also used. They do an anti-icing process at the county and use a liquid salt brine.

Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction – Shane Crawford, Deputy County Administrator – Central Services

Shane Crawford introduced Peggy Watson of the Purchasing Division, who gave a power point presentation on the county's use of the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction and how each municipality could use the service as well. She stressed that the service is easy and it is free. Administrator Bretl explained the change in the law for Sheriff's auctions.

Discussion regarding State smoking ban –2009 Wisconsin Act 12

Administrator Bretl advised some people had asked about this new law, which takes effect July 5th. Bars and restaurants have different rules. The WTA has suggested municipalities can be stricter than the state law. Since time was short this will be put on our next agenda.

Set date and time for next Council meeting

Administrator Bretl stated the next meeting will be October 26, 2010 at 6:00. He also stated he had attended the SE Counties Association and they recognized this organization at the meeting as an example of governmental cooperation.

Adjournment

Ken Monroe made a motion to adjourn with a second by John Stoesser. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Bretl adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy C. Burwell, Secretary