

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
COMMON COUNCIL
October 4, 2016**

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UNAPPROVED**

A joint meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the Town Board of the Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the Cedarburg Town Hall, 1293 Washington Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: Present - Common Council: Mayor Kip Kinzel, Council Members John Czarniecki, Jack Arnett, Dick Dieffenbach, Rick Verhaalen, Mitch Regenfuss, Patricia Thome, Mike O'Keefe

Town Board: Town Chair Dave Valentine, Town Supervisors Wayne Pipkorn, Dave Salvaggio, Gary Wickert (Tom Esser excused)

Also Present - City Administrator/Treasurer Christy Mertes, Town Administrator Tim Rhode, City Clerk Constance McHugh, Town Clerk Eric Ryer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mikko Hilvo, Community Pool Manager Karrie Suhr; interested citizens and news media

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

At Mayor Kinzel request, City Clerk McHugh verified that notice of this meeting was provided to the public by forwarding the agenda to the City's official newspaper, the *News Graphic*, to all news media and citizens who requested copies, and by posting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CEDARBURG TOWN BOARD REGARDING THE COMMUNITY POOL (2016 COMMUNITY POOL REPORT AND POSSIBLE FUTURE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT)

Director Hilvo said the purpose of this joint meeting is to present the 2016 Community Pool Report, the 2017 proposed budget, and to discuss whether both communities want to move forward with a Shared Services Agreement.

A question and answer period was held after a presentation by Director Hilvo of the history of the pool, current pool operations, the 2016 Community Pool Report and the 2017 proposed budget.

The Council and Town Board discussed the possibility of entering into a Shared Services Agreement for the pool.

Chairman Valentine said the reason for the one year Shared Services Agreement that is currently in place was to see if both communities could make the pool more efficient. He said it seems like the pool is going in the other direction. Funding by the Town for the pool is really all about priorities.

The Town currently funds recreation programs, with the exception of the pool, on a user fee basis. This is the only recreation program in the Town that is subsidized by tax dollars.

Chairman Valentine said the Town Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the Town get out of the pool; however, this is a Town Board decision. He said this will not be an easy decision. He said the pool does not have a revenue problem, but a cost problem.

Council Member Regenfuss said it may be a good idea to put this issue back to the users of the pool to determine what they want. For example, do the users want the pool to be repaired, do they want a new pool, or do they not want a pool at all.

Chairman Valentine said the Town did a survey recently and one-third of the respondents said they did not want to see the Town subsidize the pool.

Supervisor Wickert said pools all over the country are not doing well. It may be time to determine if the communities want a pool that is safe to swim at or a pool that entertains. This will be tough decision to make.

It was the consensus of the Council and the Town Board that Chairman Valentine, Mayor Kinzel, Administrator Rhode, and Administrator/Treasurer Mertes meet to discuss this matter with the intention of bringing something back to both governing bodies for review and further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member O'Keefe, seconded by Council Member Thome, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Constance K. McHugh, MMC/WCPC
City Clerk