

**VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 28, 2017**

Present: President Palmer, Trustees Haas, Domaszek, Kressin, Kujawa, Cornell, and Michalski.

Also Present: Village Manager David De Angelis, Village Clerk Mary Stredni, Zoning Administrator Thomas Harrigan, and Attorney de la Mora and members of the public.

Roll Call

President Palmer brought the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Mary Stredni took the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consensus to amend agenda by placing public comment first.

1. Public Comment

Proclamation for Great Harvest – The Friends of the Elm Grove Library presented a Proclamation to Great Harvest for assistance in the Elm Grove Library annual Bookie Cookie fundraiser.

Elmbrook Rotary – Doug Jacobson and Jack Nelson stated that the Elmbrook Rotary has a new award – Business Person of the Year. To nominate someone go to elmbrookrotary.org

Trustee Kressin – gave brief summary regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee. The City of Brookfield has requested that the Village give permission to extend Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield through to Pilgrim Parkway. Elm Grove owns the right of way in the western portion of Pilgrim Parkway.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has the ability to change the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway if it determines that the intersection causes is a safety problem with the Bluemound Road and Pilgrim Parkway intersection. As part of the discussions with Brookfield regarding Wisconsin Avenue, changes to this intersection have been researched to make it safer. The Public Works Committee is recommending alternative 5B, which has a bypass and changes to Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway and allowing the City of Brookfield to extend Wisconsin Avenue through to Pilgrim Parkway. Tonight's vote is to give Village staff the ability to continue talks with Brookfield. If any changes are made an environmental and economic study would be done and changes would be paid for by Brookfield and with grants.

The following spoke during the Public Hearing:

Katherine Cottrell – 13395 Braemer Dr. – Seems like a big hassle and change for Elm Grove, but not for Brookfield.

Donald Clausen – 890 Pilgrim Parkway – Concerned about environmental issues, more water in the area of the condominiums, and more traffic.

James Klein – 15055 Wisconsin Ave – Proposed building a bridge and have Brookfield pay.

Dennis Kaun – 1780 Wedgewood Drive E – Moved here for the small town charm and it has changed. Increased traffic on Watertown Plank Road. Questioned what the cost to residents will be and why DOT (Wisconsin Department of Transportation) can tell the Village what to do.

Stew Elliott – 1180 Woodland Avenue and owner of Elliott's Ace Hardware corner of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway – A mess at the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway. If the Village does nothing, risk having DOT do whatever they want at the intersection. Closing the intersection would be a drastic step as far as his business goes. Important for Village to explore all of the options. In favor of Public Works Committee recommendations.

Mike Lewis – 15185 Watertown Plank Road – Safety is the issue, traffic will only increase. Take out U-turn at Terrace and Bluemound Road.

Elizabeth Jesion – 825 Circle Drive – This is a community of families. Speed on Watertown Plank Road is too fast; this proposal will increase traffic.

Noel Zimny – 1009 N. 124th Street – Worried that Watertown Plank Road will become four lanes.

Jeff Behring – 1100 Red Barn Lane – Concerned for children’s safety. Cars are already driving too fast. This plan will draw additional traffic. The postcard giving information about tonight’s meeting only arrived a week ago. Not enough time before the meeting for residents to plan and there is nothing on the Village web site. Tired of Brookfield and DOT bullying the Village.

Spasen Sposoff – 1038 Pilgrim Parkway – Was told at one point Pilgrim Parkway would become a boulevard. Believes Brookfield wants to extend Wisconsin Avenue because building more apartment units, which will cause more traffic; will not alleviate any problems.

Tim Broerman – 13865 Stonefield Court – The proposal will impact entire Village. Lives off of Sunnyslope and cars come down Sunnyslope from Bluemound too fast. Commuters will travel this new route from Village to Wauwatosa.

Joe Schlidt – 14270 Applewood Court – Questioned how Brookfield could use TIF funds in Village of Elm Grove. It was explained that the use of Brookfield TIF funds in Elm Grove has been approved by the State Legislature.

Peter Henry – 14995 Froedtert Drive – All options will increase traffic on Terrace Drive. Would like to have Terrace Drive become a cul de sac.

Kristen Labovsky – 855 Verdant – Concerned with safety of children because there will be increased traffic.

Dave Beaumier – 15221 Watertown Plank Road – Questioned the density in Brookfield. President Palmer explained that the only proposal in the Wisconsin Avenue area now is the 96 unit apartment building. There are no more empty lots north of the area.

Ron Klassen – 1385 Crescent Drive – Does not believe the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway is a problem 24 hours a day. Believes it is a ‘traffic control’ issue and a change of traffic pattern is not needed.

Joanne Seeger – 13400 Elmhurst Parkway – Should restrict traffic in Elm Grove; have ‘no through traffic’ during certain hours. Lower speed limit to 15 mph. Village does have to tolerate what DOT wants.

Doug Jacobson – 1440 Woodlawn Circle – If DOT cul de sacs Watertown Plank Road then everyone will go to Terrace and to Sunnyslope to get to Bluemound Road. Everyone who lives on those streets will be upset.

John Perry Jr. – 14980 Irene Court – Loves living in Village. Density is not good. If Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield does not go through it will stop Brookfield from sending traffic to Pilgrim Parkway.

Mike Wolak – 575 Terrace Drive – Traffic flow on Terrace Drive will increase; drivers are too fast. Keep Watertown Plank Road more of a residential Road.

Barbara Wiederhold – 805 Park Lane – Only way for children to get anywhere is to cross Watertown Plank Road. So consider what impact any changes will have on other areas of Village.

Ted Wenzel – 14905 Watertown Plank Road – Lives on corner of Watertown Plank Road and Wisconsin Avenue (in Elm Grove); concerned with traffic. Continue to study and find ways to slow drivers down.

Glen Gratke – 15375 Brojan Drive – If relieve traffic on Bluemound it will need to go somewhere and will go to Watertown Plank and Pilgrim Parkway; so don't allow Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield to go through. Will cause problem of access to North Shore Bank. Don't allow threat of DOT closing down Watertown Plank to make a decision.

Joanne Johnson-Clauser – 890 Pilgrim Parkway – requested that the change in intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway be explained. Would driver be able to go south from Watertown Plank Road.

Julie Sonney – 2280 Mt. Kisco Drive – Questioned what is happening with North Avenue. President Palmer verified that Elm Grove has nothing to do with the North Avenue project.

Cathy Varebrook – 850 Terrace Drive – Questioned U-turn on Bluemound at Terrace Drive.

Dan Burbach – 1870 Lilly Road – Was against the project, but now it looks like a good idea.

Dave Gummin – 825 Shadow Lawn Dr. – Don't allow Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield to go through. Will cause more traffic.

Lianne Rachow – 12505 Gremoor Drive – Improve Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway on our own. Find out where traffic is coming from.

Kevin Harry – 15300 Watertown Plank Road – commercial building. Village needs to solve problem at Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway right. The lights cause backup at Bluemound Road and Pilgrim Parkway. Against the proposed plan. Inquired as to the timeline. President Palmer verified that there is no timeline.

Andrew Goblirsch – 12955 Wrayburn Road – Against project. Useless destruction of property; ruin the quiet of the Village.

Jane Walt – 920 Pilgrim Parkway – Concerned with traffic. 1/3 of the traffic would be eliminated if there was an on ramp to I94 at Calhoun Road.

Frank Buscher – 13130 Watertown Plank Road – Concerned with money. What about long term maintenance of road. Watertown Plank Road is a disaster during rush hour; this will increase traffic and Village will need more police to enforce speed.

David Engbring – 2050 Hollyhock Lane – Asked for clarification as to how far Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield goes. You can now go west on Wisconsin to Brookfield Road. If it goes through to Pilgrim Parkway will have more non Elm Grove resident traffic in Elm Grove.

Gerald Falci – 800 Lone Tree – Don't want traffic from Brookfield. Get representatives, senators, DOT, and Brookfield together to discuss problem. President Palmer stated that this is a local problem and the state representatives or senators cannot tell the DOT what to do.

Mike Sertich – 15260 Luther Lane – Just leave the intersection alone and if DOT comes in and makes it a right turn only and then make a U-turn. Ask Brookfield to table and study further.

Kerri Ochotnicky – 14255 Oakdale – verified that this is not a county road. Has study shown that traffic will increase on Watertown Plank Road. President Palmer stated that studies show there will be no change.

Sandy Gummin – 825 Shadow Lawn – Does not understand why the Village is putting Wisconsin Avenue extension and change in the intersection of Watertown Plank Road and Pilgrim Parkway together. Stated belief that traffic will increase and she does not want that.

Mary Inden – 14745 Watertown Plank Road – Before speaking Trustee Haas expressed his outrage of her using the official Village logo on her mailing as it made it appear as though the mailing was from the Village. President

Palmer also stated that he received several calls regarding the mailing and requested that she not use the logo in the future.

Inden opined that there is no benefit to Elm Grove with this proposal. There is a safety issue, but has not been studied enough. Need better and more signage. There is public interest; need to have more open houses before making any decisions. Also need economic and environmental studies done.

Terry Winter – 13335 Watertown Plank Road – What about Elm Grove residents who want to go west. Isn't it better to be able to take Wisconsin Avenue all the way from Pilgrim Parkway to Brookfield Road to do their shopping and so forth. It is a benefit and good for Elm Grove.

Norm Seeger – 13400 Elmhurst Parkway – Requested verification of what tonight's vote is for. President Palmer stated it is to give staff the ability to talk to Brookfield regarding the recommendation of the Public Works Committee.

As there were no other comments, President Palmer closed the Public Comments.

Public Works – Utilities Committee

Trustee Kressin moved to approve having staff discuss with City of Brookfield what is known as alternate #5b as recommended by the Public Works – Utilities Committee, to allow the extension of Wisconsin Avenue in Brookfield to Pilgrim Parkway, and to continue to look at environmental impact, do in stages if possible, no Elm Grove funds to be used for the project, look at traffic calming to the east, look at traffic counts, continue to look at Terrace and Bluemound intersection, try to improve signage. Trustee Michalski seconded. Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing.
Certified Survey Map – 1745 Highland
As there were no comments, President Palmer closed the public hearing.
3. Agenda
Approved prior to Public Comments.
4. Minutes
Trustees Kujawa and Domaszek moved and seconded to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.
5. Report of the Village President
6. Fire Department – monthly report in binder
7. Police Department- monthly report in binder
8. EMS report in binder
9. No Report of the Village Clerk
10. Report of the Village Manager
Trustees Kujawa and Domaszek moved and seconded to approve the 2018 Elmbrook Humane Society contract. Motion carried.
Trustees Kujawa and Domaszek moved and seconded to approve Resolution 082817 – Library Exemption for 2018. Motion carried.
11. No Report of the Village Attorney
12. Standing Committees
 - A. Plan Commission
Trustees Michalski and Kressin moved and seconded to approve the Certified Survey Map for 1745 Highland Drive. Motion carried.

- B. Library Board
Trustee Kujawa briefly reviewed the Library Board meeting. In the process of reviewing the unattended children policy.
- C. Public Works/Utilities
Trustees Haas and Cornell moved and seconded to approve the Agreement with Stantec for engineering services for the Underwood Creek Daylighting. Motion carried. Trustee Kressin abstained. Trustee Domaszek voting nay.
- D. Public Safety
Trustee Cornell noted that the Committee is in the process of reviewing the Wildlife Management Plan.
- E. Legislative Committee
Trustees Domaszek and Haas moved and seconded to approve creation of Chapter 120 Coal Tar Sealant. Motion carried.

Trustees Domaszek and President Palmer moved and seconded to approve amendment to Chapter 208 Peace and Good Order. Motion carried.

Trustees Domaszek and Kressin moved and seconded to approve amendment to Chapter 106-4, Article 1 Adoption of Administrative Code Provisions. Motion carried.

- F. Park and Recreation Committee
Trustees Kujawa and Haas moved and seconded to approve the Policy Statement for use of Village Soccer Fields – Elmbrook United with the following amendments: remove ‘including the Bluemound Road Park’ at end of paragraph #1 and in paragraph #4 change - conducted in the any Village Park. Motion carried.
- G. Administrative and Personnel
Trustees Michalski and Kressin moved and seconded to approve the request from the Police Chief for a second detective position. Motion carried.
- H. Finance and Licensing
1. Trustees Haas and Kujawa moved and seconded to approve new operator licenses for Amber Zentgraf, Angela Klim, and Jacob Smrz. Motion carried.
 2. Trustee Haas reported that the Finance and Licensing Committee did not approve reducing the Invoice amount for Robert Lefond 1435 Victoria Circle.
 3. Trustees Haas and Kujawa moved and seconded to approve the vouchers in the total amount of \$408,553.00. Motion carried.

13. No Other Business

14. Adjourn

Trustees Kujawa and Domaszek moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S Stredni
Village Clerk