

City of Stevens Point Meeting Minutes

Public Protection Committee  
Monday, February 9, 2009, 6:58 p.m.  
Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

Present: Alderpersons: Stroik, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Heart, Brooks.

Also Present: Mayor Halverson; Clerk Moe; C/T Schlice; Alderpersons: Myers, Hanson, Wiza, Molski, and Moore; Directors Gardner, Schrader, Halverson; Lt. Kudronowicz; Assessor Siebers; Personnel Manager Jakusz; Joe Wheeler; Jeremy Beaudry; Kelly Pazdernik; Reid Rocheleau; Patrick Leahy; Scott Gralla; Gene Kemmeter (Gazette).

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1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendations on License List: A. New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses. B. Special Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License: 1. St. Casimir Church, 203 W Casimir Road, Stevens Point, WI for the St. Casimir Winter Dinner Dance on February 21, 2009 at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 1025 Second Street North, Stevens Point. 2. Boys and Girls Club of Portage County, 1007 Ellis Street, PO Box 171, Stevens Point, WI for the Portage County Taste of Wine and Cheese on March 27, 2009 at the Noel Group Hanger at the Stevens Point Airport, Stevens Point. 3. St. Peter's Holy Name Society, 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI for the St. Peter's Holy Name Society Annual Dance on April 26, 2009 at St. Peter's School (school gym, foyer and kitchen). C. Request for Extension of Premises: Stevens Point Brewery, 2617 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI for the annual Brews, Brats and Bands Festival on Friday, August 14, 2009 and Saturday, August 15, 2009 to include the Brewery Park.
2. Consideration of Request to Hold Events and Street Closings: A. Annual Point Bock Run on March 7, 2009. B. Annual Brews, Brats and Bands Festival on August 14 -15, 2009.
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4. Report on the 2008 Housing Rehabilitation Program.
5. Adjournment.

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Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Slowinski seconded, approval of the 19 New Operator's Licenses, the Special Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's Licenses for: St. Casimir Church, the Boys and Girls Club of Portage County, and St. Peter's Holy Name Society, and the Extension of Premise for the Stevens Point Brewery for the annual Brews, Brats, and Bands.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Consideration of Request to Hold Events and Street Closings:

A. Annual Point Bock Run on March 7, 2009. Request

B. Annual Brews, Brats and Bands Festival on August 14 -15, 2009. Request

Scott Gralla stated that due to an increase in event participation they want to move the starting point for the Point Bock Run off Henrietta Street to Water Street. They are requesting to close Water Street from Francis Street to Matilda Street from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from Francis Street to Whiting Avenue from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Lt. Kudronowicz noted that the Police Department did not have any problem with this event in the past.

Ald. Slowinski moved, Ald. Heart seconded, to approve the requests to hold the Annual Point Bock Run on March 7, 2009, and the Annual Brews, Brats and Bands Festival on August 14-15, 2009, with the street closings requested.

Ald. Slowinski noted that there have been some parking issues in the past associated with Brews, Brats and Bands. He asked if those issues have been resolved.

Lt. Kudronowicz stated that over the years adjustments have been made to address the parking situation and, as each year is different, the Police Department's response will continue to adjust.

Ald. Wiza asked that an extra effort be made to get the street closings information out to the public ahead of time.

Call for the Vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendation of the Monthly Inspection Report:

A. Construction Starts.

B. Violations.

Ald. Trzebiatowski likes how the report is now broken down by violation types and thanked Director Gardner for including this information.

Ald. Trzebiatowski moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the Monthly Inspection Report and place it on file.

Mayor Halverson noted the fact that there was no new construction in January which is a reduction of nearly \$1.6 million from last year. He hopes that this trend will not continue.

Call for the Vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Report on the 2008 Housing Rehabilitation Program. Report

Director Gardner said that last year the City along with CAP Services ran a housing rehab program that acted as a one stop resource for persons interested in housing rehab who met income guidelines. Together the City and CAP utilized eight different funding sources for the program. Last year they were able to increase the number of projects and the amount of money lent out to a total of \$900,000. He hopes that this success will be

repeated this year though he is not sure if they will have as much money. He believes that it is important to take care of existing housing and this program addresses that.

Ald. Stroik asked if this was separate from the program to convert duplexes/multi-family back into single family residences.

Director Gardner said it is part of the same project with some of the same funding sources. The main program focuses on two target areas. The first target is retired people on a fixed income who have been in the house for a long time and their home needs maintenance or repair. The second target is the first-time home buyer who wants to make improvements that will increase the home's value and positively impact the neighborhood.

Ald. Brooks asked how the conversion program has fared so far.

Director Gardner said there has not been a lot of activity and believes that it will be difficult to get people interested in the program. The typical problem is that if the property is generating income, such as a student rental, the property may sell for up to \$200,000 while as a single family home it may only sell for \$140,000. There is not a lot of incentive to convert these properties unless a buyer really wants to be in a particular house.

Mayor Halverson said that for these houses it has to be a labor of love and that the City cannot afford to make up the gap. This program is there to partner with the owner to help move the project forward to insure that reinvestment happens.

Ald. Molski wanted to know the status of the rental rehab program.

Director Gardner noted that the rental rehab program sets the amount of rent that can be charged for a number of years as well as sets an income ceiling for the tenants who would live there. Most landlords are not interested in the program because of the limit on the amount of rent.

5. Adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

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