

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 9, 2003 - 6:00 P. M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue Present: Chairman Phillips, Alderpersons Seiser, Sowieja, Stroik

Excused: Ald. Sevenich

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Disher, Gardner, Schrader; Alderpersons Walther, Markham, Barr, Rackow, Molski, Moore; Fire Chief Barnes, Police Captain Dowling, Street Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, City Surveyor Hild, Mayoral Assistant Gebert, Kate Garsombke (Journal), Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette)

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B. Manager's License.

C. Taxicab Driver's License.

D. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License:

(1) Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools, 1408 Ellis Street, Stevens Point, WI, for Pacelli Panacea, on September 5, 6, and 7, 2003.

(2) Knights of Columbus, 401 W. Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI, for a picnic at Bukolt Park Lodge, on Sunday, June 22, 2003.

(3) Portage County Business Council, 5501 Vern Holmes Drive, Stevens Point, WI, for Volunteer Recognition Picnic at Iverson Park, on Tuesday, August 19, 2003.

E. Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License - The Flame LLC, 916 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI, for The Flame, 916 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI, Brian Cramer, agent, effective July 1, 2003, previously issued to Ronald Kurszewski.

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3. Request to hold The Lactic Edge Triathlon on Saturday, July 19, 2003, starting at 9:00 A.M.

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5. Recommendation on Inspection Report.

6. Adjournment.

1. Recommendation on License list.

A. New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

B. Manager's License.

C. Taxicab Driver's License.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, to approve the New and Renewal Operator's (Bartender's) license list, Manager's License, and Taxicab Driver's License.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

D. Special Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers License:

(1) Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools, 1408 Ellis Street, Stevens Point, WI, for Pacelli Panacea, on September 5, 6, and 7, 2003.

(2) Knights of Columbus, 401 W. Clark Street, Stevens Point, WI, for a picnic at Bukolt Park Lodge, on Sunday, June 22, 2003.

(3) Portage County Business Council, 5501 Vern Holmes Drive, Stevens

Point, WI, for Volunteer Recognition Picnic at Iverson Park, on

Tuesday, August 19, 2003.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the Special Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers Licenses, as outlined above.

Police Captain Dowling said he sees no problem with the three requests but reminded the Pacelli Panacea event organizers of the need for fencing, private security, and contractual officers as was done in the past years. Since Panacea is a much larger event, there is a potential for problems, the Captain added.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

E. Transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License - The Flame LLC, 916 Maria

Drive, Stevens Point, WI, for The Flame, 916 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI, Brian Cramer, agent, effective July 1, 2003, previously issued to Ronald Kurszewski.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Stroik seconded, for approval of the transfer of "Class B" Beer and Liquor License for The Flame at 916 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, Brian Cramer, agent, effective July 1, 2003.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Request to hold Run/Walk fund raiser for the Family Crisis Center on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, starting at 8:00 P.M.

Captain Dowling stated the requestor had asked to start an hour earlier, at 7:00 P.M., instead of the original starting time of 8:00 P.M. The Police Department does not foresee any traffic problems or any other difficulty with the route.

Ald. Sowieja moved, Ald. Seiser seconded, for approval to hold Run/Walk fund raiser for the Family Crisis Center on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, starting at 7:00 P.M.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Request to hold The Lactic Edge Triathlon on Saturday, July 19, 2003, starting at 9:00 A.M.

Ald. Stroik moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to approve the request to hold The Lactic Triathlon on Saturday, July 19, 2003, starting at 9:00 A.M.

Police Captain Dowling stated there is no objection from the Police Department on accommodating this request. This has been done in the past.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

4. Presentation on Urban Deer Management - Greg Dahl, DNR Wildlife Manager.

Chairman Phillips informed the Committee that he plans to discuss the culling of the deer in the August 2003, Public Protection Committee meeting and if it is determined that there is a need to cull the deer, it will be done in December 2003, or in January/February 2004.

The Chairman added that there will be a workshop on culling of deer in Madison, on Tuesday, July 29, 2003, which he plans to attend. He extended an invitation to other alderpersons who might be interested in attending the workshop.

Greg Dahl, DNR Wildlife Manager, said a lot of the municipalities in this area are running into a lot of complaints of having too many deer. The problems range from deer eating shrubs to deer car kills and other problems. The DNR has no standard on the exact number of deer per square mile in a municipality. It is a matter of how many deer the public will tolerate. Some municipalities will tolerate as many as sixty deer per square mile and others might tolerate twenty deer per square mile. The DNR cannot regulate any kind of hunt within a municipality. It is usually done by an ordinance within the municipality.

Mr. Dahl noted there are a lot of people asking if there are non-lethal ways to lowering the deer herd. The deer herd cannot be lowered but the damage done by deer can be controlled. There are sprays or some other remedies that will work part of the time but nothing really works 100% of the time. He said the deer get used to people and have probably spent their entire life in the municipality and the only danger they have is cars. He added that the municipality can also adopt an ordinance allowing 8-foot high fences.

Mr. Dahl offered a few suggestions on lowering the deer herd in the municipality. One suggestion is opening as much area in the municipality as possible for bow hunting either after the gun season or start from the beginning of the bow season which is mid-September. Another way to lower the deer herd is through sharpshooting. This is being done in the Village of Whiting and the Village has done it in the last two years. What the Village does is hire an organization that shoots deer over bait from the early evening until it gets dark. These organizations have liability insurance, shoot from trees from a very short distance. There were about forty- two deer killed last winter and the Village feels the problem is being alleviated. Mr. Dahl went on to say that the DNR will help with the issuance of permits that are needed by the sharpshooters.

Ald. Barr asked what the sharpshooters charge?

Mr. Dahl said around \$70 to \$120 per deer, depending on whether the deer is processed or not. The Village of Whiting does not process the deer but instead gives the deer to the Village residents who signed up to get them. Other municipalities process the deer and then give the meat to food pantry.

5. Recommendation on Inspection Report.

Ald. Seiser moved, Ald. Sowieja seconded, to accept the May 2003 Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment - 6:15 P.M.

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