
**JOINT MEETING: GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CITY OF ELKHORN,
CITY OF DELAVAN AND TOWN OF DELAVAN**

March 22, 2007

**PHOENIX MIDDLE SCHOOL
414 BELOIT STREET, DELAVAN, WI 53115**

City of Delavan Mayor Mel Nieuwenhuis called the Joint Meeting of the City of Elkhorn, City of Delavan and Town of Delavan to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Middle School auditorium. Each governing body took roll call for their municipality.

ROLL CALL

Present: City of Elkhorn Mayor John Giese; Aldermen Ronald Dunwiddie, Scott McClory, Gary Payson Sr., Julie Taylor; City of Delavan Mayor Mel Nieuwenhuis, Aldermen Ryan Schroeder, Ellen Reddy, Dave Kilkenny, John Finley; Town of Delavan Board Chairman John Pelletier, Supervisors Larry Malsch, Dolores Nowak, Wayne Polzin, Bill Endisch

Absent: City of Elkhorn Aldermen Howie Reynolds, Charles Van Dyke; City of Delavan Aldermen Don Edmunds, Jeff Johnson

Also present: Elkhorn City Administrator Sam Tapson, Elkhorn City Clerk Nancy Jacobson, Delavan City Administrator Joe Salitros, Delavan City Clerk Sue Kitzman, Town Clerk Colleen Endisch, Chairman Pro-tem Bob Scott

ACTION TAKEN

Chairman Pro-tem

Motion (Nieuwenhuis/Malsch) to appoint Bob Scott as the Chairman Pro-tem to moderate the meeting. Motion carried by the majority present.

DISCUSSION

Presentations by City Mayors and Town Chairman

City of Delavan Mayor Nieuwenhuis listed the following accomplishments the communities have made through cooperation:

1. Improvement of Delavan Lake
2. Phosphorous ordinance
3. Mutual Aid

The Delavan Mayor's concern is incorporation by the Town of Delavan and hopes to work through the joint meetings boundary agreements.

City of Elkhorn Mayor Giese wants to see the impact of growth on all three municipalites to be addressed. His concerns for planning for the future include the following:

1. Size of schools
2. Traffic
3. Process of development – subdivision build-out
4. Water supply – is it adequate?
5. Medical facilities
6. Fire, Police and EMS

Mayor Giese hopes the municipalities can work together when projects come in in any of the three communities.

Town Chairman Pelletier said each community has common interests. His goals are as follows:

1. Create an ad hoc committee to explore incorporation and/or boundary agreements. The Town wants reasonable control of its lands that continue to be annexed to the cities.
2. Improve the quality of water in Delavan Lake. The City of Elkhorn has an important connection to the lake through Jackson Creek which is vital to the health of Delavan Lake.
3. Sharing services with neighboring cities such as snow removal, extension of sewer without annexation, police and fire.

In conclusion, members of the three municipalities agreed to continue discussion of their concerns and to establish committees to address specific issues. The issues that will be addressed are as follows:

1. City of Elkhorn will address the Delavan Lake issues;
2. All three municipalities will share their comprehensive plans;
3. A subcommittee will be established to discuss boundary agreements, incorporation and extraterritorial zoning and platting. The committee will consist of two Aldermen or Supervisors (one incumbent and newly elected) and a Plan Commission Member appointed by the City Councils and Town Board;
4. Future meetings will be held open to the public;
5. Subcommittees will be established to discuss specific concerns like traffic, water supply and lake-related issues;
6. The subcommittees will be established after the Spring General Election.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Dunwiddie/Payson) to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Nancy B. Jacobson
City Clerk