

**TOWN OF SALEM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 5:30 P.M.  
SALEM TOWN HALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Chairman Linda Valentine opened this Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.** with the following present: Joe Meier, Dennis Faber, Josephine Weidman, Pat O'Connell, Attorney Scholze, Cindi Ernest, Mike Murdock, Mike Slover, Crysti Neuman, Anna Kenjar, Diann Tesar, Chris Lamb, and Deneen Smith.

**ROLL CALL**

**OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE CHECK**

- 1) Chairman Valentine requested that the board review the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of 04/14/09 and let Clerk Ernest know of corrections. These are to be approved at the next electors meeting by the electors.
  
- 2) Procedural activities (unique, routine, external, internal) and communications within the Town of Salem with specific emphasis on the relationship between the Board and the following:
  - a) Town Administrator - Supervisor O'Connell questioned Chairman Valentine as to what her expectations were relative to these items on the agenda. Discussion of Administrators reporting to the board followed. A monthly status report will be presented to the board by Administrator Casey.
  - b) Chairman Valentine also requested that she would like an organizational chart. Further discussion followed relative to an organizational chart, reporting, and administrator's job description.
  - c) Town Clerk – Clerk's position is statutory and reports to the administrator.
  - d) P & Z and Planning Commissions and Committee Structure – Administrator Casey suggested that the board may want to do a committee review. Discussions of the role of liaisons on the commissions followed.
  - e) Bidding activities and posting – Administrator Casey told the board that there was no problem with putting this information on the website. Discussion on bids, quotes, policies relative to quotes, WiFi, a chairman's statement page, and letterhead followed.

3) Chairman Valentine wants to investigate an Ethics Committee. Discussion of who would be subject to the ethics followed. It was stressed that the town has to be careful because of the union contracts in place. Administrator Casey made the recommendation that it applies to the governing body. Attorney Scholze told the board that something that is legal, may not always be ethical. Further discussion followed.

MOTION BY Supervisor O'Connell, second by Supervisor Faber to use WI State Statutes 19.41 to 19.59 for ethics.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

4) Chairman Valentine requested that the board consider and possibly take action on all or part of the individual initiatives/directives distributed to the electors at the 04/14/09 Annual Electors Meeting, by Chairman Valentine.

Supervisor O'Connell requested to go on record that this list of initiatives/directives was done on town equipment.

Chairman Valentine stated that she was the Town Chair on April 14<sup>th</sup> when these were done.

Supervisor O'Connell requested to be on the record when speaking to Chairman Valentine. He stated that he felt that her list of 40 – something initiatives/directives were insulting to current board members by trying to “stuff this down their throats”. He thought Chairman Valentine could have brought any number of these items to the board as a whole and said, “This is what I want to look at.” He stated that he feels her list presented at the annual meeting doesn't show a willingness to work with the board and that she used poor judgment.

Chairman Valentine responded that the ideas on the list were those of residents and not just her own and that this was just Supervisor O'Connell's opinion.

Supervisor O'Connell stated, “It says, I Linda Valentine want this. It doesn't give me a lot of confidence in working with you and it is a horrible way to start.”

Supervisor Meier responded, “It's my opinion too.”

Supervisor Weidman stated that she felt that Chairman Valentine's actions at the annual meeting were “grandstanding”.

Further discussion followed.

Administrator Casey told the board that staff will look at these things and possibly have small meetings on these kinds of issues.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

5) MOTION BY Supervisor Faber, second by Supervisor Weidman to move into closed session in accordance with Section 19.85(1)(e) of the WI State Statutes, the Town Board will move into closed session for the purpose of discussing and deliberating negotiation strategies relating to a collective bargaining agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SUPERVISORS Faber, Weidman, O'Connell, Meier, and Chairman Valentine – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

6) MOTION BY Supervisor O'Connell, second by Supervisor Faber to move into open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SUPERVISORS Faber, Weidman, O'Connell, Meier, and Chairman Valentine – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Supervisor O'Connell, second by Supervisor Faber to adjourn this Special Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

This Special meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Cindi Ernest, Clerk*

