

**MINUTES
TOWN OF SALEM
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2010 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Linda Valentine called this Special of the Town of Salem Board of Supervisors to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following present: Linda Valentine, Dennis Faber, Joe Meier, Diann Tesar, Pat O’Connell, Cindi Ernest, Attorney Scholze, and Pat Casey

GUESTS: Jim Valentine, Chris Skrzynecka, Kim Breunig, Dan Campion, Bea Campion, Tom O’Brien, Anne – Berry O’Brien, Michael Underwood, Joe Hughes, John Roberts, Jerry Leslie, Michael Ullstrup and Steve Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Valentine.

OPEN MEETING COMPLIANCE CHECK

The agenda was posted by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010 at the Town Hall Municipal Building, Salem Post Office, Camp Lake Post Office, Wilmot Post Office, and the Trevor Post Office. It was also posted on the Town’s website.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Valentine read the expenses for the WI Towns Assoc and called for a policy regarding expenses.

Chris Skrzynecka questioned the Town Attorney regarding the legality of the meeting.

John Roberts stated he felt an ordinance is aimed at one person.

Joe Hughes state this meeting is out of place on a holiday.

Jerry Leslie stated the board has driven him out with their fighting.

1.) MOTION BY Supervisor Meier, second by Supervisor Faber establish a policy or resolution with regard to where supervisors are allowed to engage citizens in Town of Salem public building during regular open hours.

Supervisor Faber requested this meeting to establish a policy or resolution with regard to where supervisors are allowed to engage citizens in Town of Salem public buildings during regular open hours. He stated all buildings have rules. The town has no rules regarding who can “set up shop” in the town hall. He’s not against surveys, but we need rules. In his discussion with the WI Towns Association he was told that it is unusual not to have any rules.

Discussion followed relative to board members having regular hours and a possible office.

MOTION BY Supervisor Meier, second by Supervisor Faber to amend the motion to read: to establish a policy or resolution with regard to where supervisors, individuals and groups are allowed to engage citizens in Town of Salem public buildings during regular open hours.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor O'Connell stated he is not against engaging the public, but most municipalities in our area have an office and we don't have this. One may need to be established. None of the other municipalities have a table set up in the foyer. He expressed concerns about campaigning and we need to stay away from those thoughts and we need an open area.

Supervisor Faber concurred with Supervisor O'Connell and are not accusing, but want to get away from the appearance of campaigning.

Discussion of electioneering and where it is legal or proper was discussed.

Chris Skrzynecka called for point of procedure and stated that the town needs to hold a series of meetings.

Further discussion followed relative to policies, board member accessibility during tax time, and campaigning during tax time.

Mike Underhill told the board that at the last election he was up for election. He felt that it was bad form that his opponent used the town hall foyer.

MOTION BY Supervisor Meier, second by Supervisor Faber to amend the motion to include all hours.

Further discussion followed regarding a policy, campaigning, signs on town property, soliciting signatures and penalties.

MOTION BY Supervisor Meier, second by Supervisor Faber to amend the motion to read: to establish a policy or resolution with regard to where supervisors, individuals and groups are allowed to engage citizens in Town of Salem public buildings during all hours.

SUPERVISORS Faber, O'Connell, Meier and Tesar – AYE

CHAIRMAN Valentine – NAY

MOTION CARRIED

Administrator Casey will draft a policy.

Kim Bruenig stated that this meeting could have been over a long time ago and you are wasting our time. Just vote yes or no and move on.

Discussion followed relative to citizen comments.

2.) MOTION BY Supervisor Faber to establish a policy to allow any supervisor to add items to any agenda, by filling out an agenda request form and filing it with the clerk or someone designated in her absence.

Discussion followed. In response to citizens, Supervisor Faber pointed out that he had requested these items be put on the December 21, 2010 agenda, but was denied the ability to do so by the Chairman.

MOTION BY Supervisor Faber to establish a policy or resolution that may allow any supervisor to add items to any agenda.

SUPERVISORS Faber, O'Connell, Meier and Tesar – AYE

CHAIRMAN Valentine – NAY

MOTION CARRIED

3.) Supervisor Faber wants to establish a policy or resolution for calling any supervisor being able to call special closed session meeting. If a supervisor becomes aware of something and involves someone else or possible litigation, that supervisor should be able to call for a closed session.

Discussion followed with Attorney Scholze stating that it is good and appropriate to have a policy because all supervisors have a responsibility.

Supervisor Faber requested including the updating of Chapter 2 of the town's ordinances.

Discussion followed relative to special meetings and when appropriate.
Administrator Casey will work with Attorney Scholze and draft policies.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Tesar, second by Supervisor O'Connell to adjourn this Special Board meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOTE – AYE

MOTION CARRIED

This Special Board meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Ernest, Clerk