

**TOWN OF CEDARBURG
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 26, 2010**

Present:

David Valentine, Chairman	James Culotta, Administrator
David Flowers., Supervisor, Dist. 1	Joe Rintelman, Supervisor, Dist. 4
David Salvaggio, Supervisor, Dist. 2	Brad Hoeft, Town Attorney
Eric Ryer, Mgmt. Asst. for Parks & Planning	Stan Riffle, Town Attorney

Excused:

Gary Wickert, Supervisor Dist. 3

Also Present:

Kaye Vance, City Attorney; Christy Mertes, City Administrator/Treasurer; Constance McHugh, City Clerk; Constance McHugh; City of Cedarburg Mayor Gregory Myers; City of Cedarburg Council Members Chris Reimer, Art Filter, Paul Radtke, Michael Maher, Kip Kinzel and Bob Loomis; Mediator Patrick Snyder.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

1. MEDIATION WITH CITY OF CEDARBURG

Mediator Snyder addressed both parties stating that mediation is the utmost form of communication and a resolution to problems and it does work if you will it to work. He stated he was going to let them all know what he felt mediation is about and then he would like the Council and the Town to tell him what kind of issues they expect to discuss. He stated although the Town and City have their differences they can work together as one. With that in mind, both sides need to learn how to communicate with each other. When they communicate, they can compromise. The media should not be the way for each to communicate with each other.

Mediator Snyder stated it's important for everyone to understand and ask questions as they go along in this mediation. He asked the City and the Town to take a few minutes and tell him what are some of the appropriate things to be discussed between the two municipalities. Town Chairman Valentine thought having two council members from each municipality discuss the issues and work through it would work well. He stated it's too difficult to have the entire boards find a mutual availability. Mayor Myers stated that process was done 2 years ago and he agreed with the process however, it did not work. It was not productive.

Councilman Radkte stated the goal is to get back to people saying they are from Cedarburg, not the City of Cedarburg or the Town of Cedarburg, making it one community closer together not further apart. Mediator Snyder stated he read that the Town wanted a border agreement, in order to get that border agreement he stated the Town would need to be willing to give something to the City. Councilman Radkte stated that the whole idea of a

border agreement is just a further avenue of separating the two communities. He stated the issues are the shared services that have been shared for decades; the recreation department, pool, fire department and the library. He stated the Town needs to admit that they want the agreements or that they want their own community. Mediator Snyder stated so if he understands correctly shared services and the revenue from the shared services is important to the City. Councilman Radkte said that would be part of it. Chairman Valentine said good fences make nice neighbors. Councilman Radkte disagreed with the fence scenario. Supervisor Salvaggio addressed everyone by stating we are one community, and the community is thriving. The community is our churches, social groups, our schools, that is not the city, it's the community. And that is thriving. This discussion is about dollars, government, what each tax rate is. He doesn't want it said that the community is trash and people are fighting. It's not true and the City is misrepresenting it. Councilman Radkte said that it is not about money to the City, it's about being one community together. Supervisor Salvaggio stated it was not about money to the Town either. Councilman Radkte stated well both municipalities state their programs are self funded, if that is the case, why are there separate programs. Supervisor Salvaggio said the way the Town's program is run, it is running at a fraction of the cost, they are not running to subsidize other things in government. They are on a user paid basis, with sponsorships and it has been very successful. Mediator Snyder stated the Town and the City need each other.

After much discussion, Councilman Radtke stated back in March 2009 the two groups were trying to work out an agreement when the City felt it appeared the them that the Town didn't want an agreement, they wanted to form their own government, incorporate and set up their own boundaries. Chairman Valentine stated that was not the truth. He addressed the Council stating they were apparently mislead because the very first time he and Town Attorney Riffle met with Mayor Myer and Attorney Vance, they talked about what was non-negotiable and he stated the only thing the Town said was non-negotiable was a permanent boundary agreement and that was the one item the City took right out on the agreement. Mediator Snyder asked if the Town would be willing to respond now to the City on all the current issues. Chairman Valentine stated yes they would be willing to respond now to all remaining issues to the City. The Town will let the City know what they are still willing to do and in what fashion. It was requested that the Town make a proposal and submit it to the City by end of June. The City will then review the new proposal and respond within a month to that proposal. The two parties will then meet again with the mediator in an open session.

2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Priddy
Town Clerk