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TOWN LEADERS APPROVE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN ON PROCHNOW LANDFILL

Use of eminent domain & new shared service options will help secure Town's future

On a vote of 5-0, the Town Board on July 1st approved the use of eminent domain to begin the process of taking ownership of the Prochnow landfill/Sports Complex property. The vote is being hailed as a way to help secure the Town's border and also help jump-start stalled plans for a new sports complex at the 95-acre site southwest of Five Corners.

The decision to use eminent domain came after more than two years of discussions with City officials on a boundary agreement. Town leaders have pursued the agreement to establish a permanent boundary that would protect the short and long term interests of Town residents.

"From the very beginning, and throughout the course of our negotiations with the City, we have stated that any boundary agreement needed to include a *permanent* boundary within the Five Corners area," said Town Chairman David Valentine. "Unfortunately, the most recent counter proposal from the City did not provide that guarantee, and reveals that the City is still not interested in being a fair partner with the Town."

Town leaders say the move to use eminent domain on the Prochnow site will help provide that permanent border in a key part of the Town. Once completed, the process will give the Town full and complete ownership of the property, helping secure the boundary of the Five Corners Master Plan area.

"In addition to helping secure Town borders, we believe Town ownership of this property will allow us to move forward on a Sports Complex that will not only provide much needed recreational facilities for the entire community, but will also attract new customers to Town businesses, serve as a catalyst for Five Corners development, and enhance our tax base for the benefit of all property owners," said Valentine.

The planned sports complex would include soccer, football, softball, and baseball fields, an archery course, as well as a playground and multi-purpose trails.

The Town Board has also given staff the go-ahead to investigate new and better ways to provide certain shared services. The City and Town have a multi-service agreement that covers, among other things, the senior center, the library, and recreation programming. With that agreement expiring at the end of the year,

Town staff may look to other neighboring communities for a shared service agreement. Town leaders say the City's shared services proposal puts Town taxpayers at risk, because Town leaders would have no say over the budget for those services. Other shared service agreements providing Fire/EMS and pool do not expire until 2014 and 2015, and will remain in place.

The Town welcomes continued boundary agreement negotiations with the City provided that it includes, at a minimum, a permanent boundary for the Five Corners area, legally binding limits on City extraterritorial authority, and shared service terms that protect all Cedarburg residents.

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