VILLAGE OF SUSSEX SUSSEX, WISCONSIN

Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board Meeting of January 16, 2024

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Riedel at 6:06 pm.

Members present: Kasey Fluet, Stacy Riedel, Ron Wells, and Benjamin Jarvis

Members excused: None

Also present: Petitioner Allen E. Schmidt, Petitioner's Attorney Jessa Nicholson Goetz (via phone – arrived in person at 6:40pm), Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy-Anderson, Administrator Jeremy Smith, Village Attorney Eric Larson, Clerk Jennifer Moore, Captain Lisa Panas, Court Reporter, and members of the Public.

<u>2. Call Case/Petition #2024-01</u> Request of Allen E. Schmidt for an exemption to the Sex Offender Residency Restrictions that would allow him to reside at N66W25562 Beaver Creek Lane, Sussex. The Sex Offender Residency Board will conduct a public hearing, during which the applicant may present witnesses, evidence and testimony, and all interested persons present wishing to testify will be heard.

Chairperson Riedel introduced the hearing to all present.

Attorney Larson was informed that at least one Board member was contacted by a resident via phone and email prior to the hearing. Attorney Larson confirmed the board members did not discuss information pertaining to the hearing and confirmed the members can remain impartial. Attorney Larson asked Chairperson Riedel whether she received such a phone call, she responded that she had and she limited her comments to the individual by telling him he must appear at the hearing, she was unable to discuss the matter. She advised that she is able to be fair and impartial in the matter. Board members Wells and Jarvis, similarly, both reported that they received phone calls, they said and heard nothing substantive and advised that comments would only be heard at the public hearing, and both indicated they are able to be fair and impartial. Board member Fluet reported that she did not receive a phone call and is able to be fair and impartial.

Attorney Larson then described the procedures of the hearing.

Petitioner's case was presented. All witnesses were sworn in by the Village Clerk before speaking.

Jenny Speck read a statement for the petitioner and presented a written timeline of events. The timeline was entered into the record as Exhibit 1. Jenny Speck also read a statement from the Petitioner's daughter. The written statement was entered into the record as Exhibit 2.

Brian Dati asked the board to approve the petitioner's request.

Patti Schneider asked the board to approve the petitioner's request.

Susan Kapke asked the board to approve the petitioner's request.

Cynthia Edwards asked the board to approve the petitioner's request.

Susan Schmidt asked the board to approve the petitioner's request.

Attorney Nicholson Goetz presented a statement. The Petitioner began his statement which was completed by his attorney.

The Petitioner's presentation was concluded at 7:20pm.

Motion by Riedel, seconded by Jarvis for a ten minute recess.

Motion carried 4-0

The hearing reconvened at 7:42pm.

The Village case was presented. Waukesha County Sheriff's Captain Lisa Panas was sworn in by the Village Clerk and presented the timeline of events in relation to the Village. Captain Panas presented a map with the Petitioner's parcel mark along with parks, recreational trails, and the child safety zone. This map was entered into the record as Exhibit 3.

At this time members of the public were invited to speak. Each person was sworn in by the Village Clerk before speaking.

Lisa Stockhausen asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Lindsay Vialobarzski asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. John Arps asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Kristin Higgins asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Stephanie Zylka Zientek asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Ranparsaed Ramakrashnan asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Ajaoi Parsana asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Maria Park asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Vicky Colosimo asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Ryan Krueger asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Andra Burton asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Tim O'Brien asked the board to deny the petitioner's request. Brandon Best asked the board to deny the petitioner's request.

Clerk Moore read letters into the record that were received via email. These letters are entered into the record as Exhibit 4.

Petitioner's counsel provided a closing statement.

Motion by Riedel, seconded by Fluet to close the hearing at 9:25pm. Motion carried 4-0

Chairperson Riedel announced the Sex Offender Residency Board may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning the hearing regarding the appeal of Allen E. Schmidt for an exemption to the Residence restrictions that would allow him/her to reside at N66W25562 Beaver Creek Lane, Sussex.

Motion by Fluet, seconded by Jarvis to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(a) to deliberate concerning the hearing regarding the appeal of Allen E. Schmidt for an exemption to the Residence restrictions that would allow him/her to reside at N66W25562 Beaver Creek Lane, Sussex.

On Roll Call all voted aye; Motion Carried

Motion by Riedel, seconded by Jarvis to re-enter open session at 9:53pm.

On Roll Call all voted aye; Motion Carried.

Motion by Wells, seconded by Jarvis to adjourn the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting to January 30, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Sussex Civic Center. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Moore Village Clerk