

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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**OCONOMOWOC LAKE VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
of Monday, January 20, 2014. Unofficial until approved by the Village Board.
Approved as written (X) or with corrections () on 02/17/2014.**

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held before the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake, commencing at 7:05 PM, Monday, January 20, 2014, at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc. Legal requirements for notification as required by law were met. Roll was taken with the following in attendance:

Mr. Birbaum/President – present
Messrs., Bickler, Fellows, Fischer, Shult, Waltersdorf/Trustees – present
Mr. Owens/Trustee – absent
Ms. Schlieve/ Clerk-Treasurer – present
Mr. Wiemer/Police Chief-Administrator – present
Mr. Macy/Attorney –present

ATTENDANCE

Nick Bickler, Brooke Bickler

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE THE DEFINITION OF “DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY”, CONTAINED IN SECTION 17.10 OF THE VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE ZONING CODE TO SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDE VACATION RENTALS AND TOURIST ROOMING HOUSES FROM THE DEFINITION AND TO ENSURE THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE ARE USED SOLELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND NOT FOR ANY FOR-PROFIT LODGING PURPOSES

Mr. Birbaum read the Public Hearing notice. Mr. Wiemer read a communication received from property owners Sheila and James Hoben and Gail Hoben Walthen and Bill Walthen. The communication is as follows.

“We the owners of 3931 N. Sawyer Rd., a single family home, are concerned that the Village’s proposed draft revision of it’s zoning definition of “Dwelling, Single Family” not prohibit the continued use of our family home.

Since being built, over 100 years ago, our home has been held by family members. Over the years many, many family have used the home and consider Oconomowoc Lake a ‘family’ place. Currently, the house is closed over the winter for a month or more. When we are not on the lake, we have regularly allowed our extended family, nearly all of whom have at one time lived on the lake in what is now our house or in another on the lake. Most of the ‘family’ live in Milwaukee and nearby WI.

We are certain there are other lake homes that have families that go back generations and share their home in similar ways.

To protect us and similar families from any exclusion from the Village we ask the Village add two additional provisions to the definition of ‘Vacation Rentals’. Please add as a ‘circumstance’: (I) it is not publicly advertised as ‘for rent’ and (II) it is not treated as a ‘rental property’ under the United States

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income tax code – Section Rentals and Royalties. The other proposed circumstances can then be renumbered (III)-(VI).

Thank you for your care to not affect our continued love and enjoyment of Oconomowoc Lake. Please let us know the outcome of the Village decision, including, if any, the specific revision to the single family ordinance.”

Mr. Birbaum noted that the revision to the ordinance is not intended to prevent families from using their properties.

There were no other comments at the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Bickler/Shult) to close the public hearing, at 7:10 p.m., *Carried Unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by:
Cindy J. Schlieve, Clerk-Treasurer