

**Village of Wrightstown  
Public Hearing Minutes  
July 13, 2015**

**Kennel Conditional Use Permit Request  
Peter & Jamie Albers, 801 Washington St., Wrightstown, WI**

A Public Hearing of the Planning Commission was held on **July 13, 2015** at the Village Hall, 352 High St, and called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Terry Schaeuble.

Roll Call: Present – Terry Schaeuble, Bob Fandrey, Gary Kaster, Dean Erickson

Absent: Karen Curry, Pat Kiel, Ryan Macario

Also Present: Brown County Planning Aaron Schuette; Village Administrator Steve Johnson, Village Clerk/Treasurer Jean Brandt, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shelia Bowers, Public Works Director Travis Coenen (6:42pm), Planning Consultant Elizabeth Runge, Mary Albers, Peter Albers, Jamie Albers, Rebecca Lough, Lucinda Lough, Rodney Lough, Jeff Rettler, Lloyd Fabry, Kathy Fabry.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear from all persons and/or their agents on the following:

- **Request for Conditional Use Permit** from Peter and Jamie Albers, 801 Washington St, Wrightstown, WI, with the intent of building a new approximately 30' x 50' building to house a dog kennel for breeding purposes up to eight (8) Great Danes (currently three (3) dogs). Existing buildings are being torn down; new kennel building constructed on the south end of prior house location. (New house to be built for family where existing barn/house located.)

An underground waste digester (septic tank for dogs) will be installed 48 inches deep and 14 inches wide. Automatically converts dog waste to liquid that can be absorbed into the ground –fast, clean, and sanitary, insect and odor free. Inside kennel: in-floor heating system, fans for summer, food prep area complete with sink and animal proof food containers, each dog 8 foot by 8 foot cage equipped with heavy duty aluminum dog cot and high food dishes to be kept off floor, 8 foot by 8 foot nursery room with heat lamps.

Request a change from the Kennel Ordinance licenses fees for the number of dogs actually lodged within the kennel –“offspring of the housed animals are exempted from birth to eight (8) weeks in determining the total number allowed” to be “birth to sixteen (16) weeks”. No puppy will stay at the kennel.

A six (6)-foot privacy fence will be installed along Washington Street behind the existing tree/shrubbery line with a six (6)-foot chain link fence installed on the back/ravine side. Request if necessary after determination, approval for the privacy fence to fall five (5) feet within the right of way. Dogs would have day time play in the fenced-in area and kenneled indoors for night time.

E Runge read the Conditional Use Permit Request.

T Schaeuble asked for comments or questions from the Planning Commission or those in attendance.

Village resident Lloyd Fabry, 727 Washington St., voiced his concerns about the dogs' barking. Peter Albers answered that the dogs will be indoors at night, but he can't guarantee there won't be barking. The privacy fence should help with noise.

Village resident Jeff Rettler, 820 Washington St., also voiced his noise concerns, inquired about restrictions on the number of dogs allowed, and if all dogs would be Great Danes. Peter Albers answered that they could have up to 12 dogs per village ordinance; all dogs will be Great Danes and owned by him, and each dog will be licensed with the village.

Village resident Lucinda Lough, 800 Washington St (across the street) also voiced noise concerns, but added that they haven't been too noisy so far. L Lough asked if the same noise ordinance will apply that the village has so that complaints can be handled accordingly, and whether the kennel conditional use permit stays with the Albers' or with the property. E Runge answered the same village noise ordinance will apply to this kennel, and the conditional use permit stays with the property unless otherwise noted.

Terry Schaeuble asked three more times for questions or comments from the Planning Commission and those in attendance, but nothing further was given.

Motion by D Erickson, second by G Kaster to close the Public Hearing for the Kennel Conditional Use Permit Request for Peter & Jamie Albers. **Motion carried.** (Adjourned at 6:52 pm)

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Patti Leiternann    Deputy Clerk/Treasurer