

Library action not on Common Council agenda Monday

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Monday's West Bend Common Council agenda was cleared of any reference to the ongoing controversy over the Library Board appointments, mainly to give all eight aldermen a chance to fight over the same ground on May 18.

On April 21, the council voted 5-3 not to approve the mayor's recommendation to reappoint four members to the West Bend Library Board.

Monday, Assistant City Attorney Warren Kraft notified the Daily News that Alderman Nick Dobberstein withdrew an agenda item he requested "to rescind the Common Council's defeat of the Mayor's appointments to the Library Board."

An accompanying agenda item, "Approval of Mayoral appointments to the Library Board," also be removed, Kraft said.

The issue was withdrawn from Monday's agenda because Alderman Richard Lindbeck would not be at that meeting, Kraft said.

Lindbeck is attending to a family-related issue elsewhere in the state.

"It was a courtesy to Lindbeck," Kraft told the Daily News.

Lindbeck was one of the five aldermen who voted to block the reappointments of the four Library Board members.

Dobberstein said he decided to withdraw his rescind request because Lindbeck would be absent Monday. "I thought it important to hear

from his representation of the third (aldermanic) district," Dobberstein said.

The delay ends a parliamentary opportunity to ask for a reconsideration of the 5-3 vote (that can only be done at the same meeting as the original vote or the next immediate meeting, which would have been Monday), the assistant city attorney said.

There was no formal request to reconsider the vote on Monday's agenda, Kraft said.

But it does not eliminate all allowable parliamentary procedures, according to Robert's Rules of Order, in which the Common Council could have the opportunity to reverse its decision, Kraft explained.

Robert's Rules of Order is used to regulate procedures for most organizational meetings.

It is still possible to ask for a vote to rescind the original 5-3 vote, essentially wiping it off the books, Kraft said.

A request to reconsider is not the same as a request to rescind a vote, he explained.

The latter was the procedure Dobberstein was asking for and which was removed from the agenda Monday.

While a reconsideration can only be asked for by a member of the voting majority, a call for a rescission can be requested by any member of the council at any time, Kraft said. So it can be brought forward on the May 18 agenda.

Dobberstein was on the losing end of the 5-3 vote, and also is one of the four Library Board members not allowed to be reappointed.

If the council votes to

rescind its earlier vote, then another vote to approve the slate of four appointees to the Library Board would have to be held, the assistant city attorney said.

Upon hearing of the rescind request, town of West Bend resident Ginny Maziarka, writing for her organization, West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries, whose efforts since February to restrict access to library books with sexually explicit passages led to the April 21 vote, on Saturday, send an e-mail to city officials, media outlets and other interested parties.

Her e-mail read:

"As we are sure you must be aware, the request to rescind (sic) the Common Council's

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decision concerning the Library Board appointments must be made by a council person who was in the majority vote. Since Alderman Dobberstein voted to reappoint himself, he was not in the majority.

"Should this item remain on the agenda, we will challenge this request. Furthermore, we will move forward with the ethics investigation formerly filed by completing notarization (per the request of the City Attorney) and adding this action to the previous questionable activities of Alderman Dobberstein.

"We are confident you have a

pulse on the community's feelings about this vote and will fully support the taxpayers and citizens of West Bend by moving on with new appointments and removing this request from the agenda."

Currently, the four Library Board members who were not reappointed, retired librarian Tom Fitz, retired teacher Mary Reilly-Kliss, attorney James Poulos and Dobberstein, remain on the Library Board until the mayor submits a slate of replacements that is approved by the council.

The board is scheduled to meet tonight at 7 p.m.

Students: Learn recycling

Gundrum approached Rossman's principal, Pam Pyzyk, and suggested it as a new green effort at the school. Gundrum then posted a "Drink Pouch Brigade" sign in the cafeteria and asked kids to place their empty packages in a collection bin instead of tossing them out.

"The custodian, when it gets full, places them in plastic bags for me and stores them," Gundrum said. "This was our first little effort like this at recycling."

Gundrum said the school will do another pouch cleaning before the end of the school year, likely at the end of May. The project will return in the fall, and Gundrum said she'd like to do it once a month next school year.

"One thing that was interesting, when she brought it to my attention," Pyzyk said, "was as I walk through the cafeteria at lunchtime visiting with the kids, I became aware of how many hundreds of juice pouches there are. When you look at a table of kids, most of them have a juice pouch. It's interesting to just see how much waste there is."

The Hartford Jt. 1 School District, which includes Central

mates about 100 drink pouches are collected each day, Gundrum said.

On Thursday, the drink pouches were emptied of remaining juice, removed of straws, passed onto adults who slit them open, rinsed out, placed on a drying rack and towel dried.

They were then collected, ready to ship to the East Coast.

"We're going to use the little money we make to further environmental education at the school," Gundrum said. "Whether it be planting flowers around the school, or we have a wild cat habitat. We'd like to plan more trips there."

Students were amazed at how many drink pouches there were. It prompted at least one off-handed remark.

"I'll be seeing Capri Suns in my nightmares," said fourth-grader Hannah Weibel. "I've dried so many!"

The district Web site has introduced a link at its Web site to promote more green initiatives at the school, Pyzyk said. The district in March joined Lt. Gov. Barbara Lawton's Energy Star School Challenge, an effort to reduce energy consumption by 10 percent. The funds of

Loving daughter of Lisa Windorff (Jim Wedereit) and Tim (Nancy) Windorff. Loving sister of Jessica, TJ (Emily), Crystal (Bob) Bucholz, Bud (Jessica), Deanna, Nathan and Bobbi Jo. Dear granddaughter of Sally (the late Richard) Derrwaldt and James (Elizabeth) Windorff. Further survived by

p.m. at Cedar Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Road, Slinger. Instate at the church Tuesday at 4 p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family are appreciated.

Mueller Funeral Home of Cedarburg is serving the family. www.muellerfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas C. Dickmann, 82

Nicholas C. Dickmann, 82, of Lomira, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2009, at Kathy Hospice.

Nicholas was born on July 29, 1926, in Grafton, to Nicholas and Catherine (nee Scheer) Dickmann. He married Grace (nee Leiter) on Sept. 19, 1953.

Nicholas is survived by his wife, Grace; children Nick M. (Mona) of West Bend, Rory (Mary) of Horicon, Terry of West Bend, Dawn (Michael) Cox of West Bend, Scott of West Bend and Lacy of Kewaskum. He is further survived by 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lorraine

Paulin, Martha Schanen, Mildred (Dan) Brown; brother-in-law Albert (Jean) Leiter; other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Lucille Zukais and Ardel Van Landen.

A memorial service will be on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Cox officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 5, from 5:30 pm until time of service.

The Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend is assisting the family. www.phillipfuneralhome.com.

Robert M. Freeman, 83

Robert M. Freeman, 83, of West Bend, passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at Cedar Lake Health and Rehabilitation Center in West Bend.

Robert was born on Dec. 12, 1925, in Wauwatosa to the late Joseph and Gladys (nee McMillan) Freeman. He graduated from Riverside High School and went on to serve his country honorably in the U.S. Army in France. Upon his discharge from the Army, he earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1950. On Aug. 29, 1953, Robert was united in marriage to Ethel Jorgensen in Milwaukee. They moved to West Bend and Robert earned his master's degree in English in 1957. Robert was an exchange teacher



He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two children, Julie Schultz of Cedarburg and Craig Freeman of Beaver Dam; two grandchildren, Lauren and Tyler Schultz; sister, Sandy (Bill) Bates of Portland, Ore.; brother-in-law, Bernard Kohler of Menomonee Falls; other relatives and dear friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; son, Scott Freeman; son-in-law, Bob Schultz; brother, Philip Freeman; and two sisters, Beatrice Brenneman and Linda Kohler.

A memorial service in remembrance of Robert will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend. Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend. The funeral service will be on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend. Burial will be in the Cedarburg Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 1600 North Broadway, West Bend, WI 53090. www.phillipfuneralhome.com.

Johann and Otilia (nee Dege) Wellhoefer. He maintained the family farm with Gusti Graf until her death in August 2000. Fritz enjoyed farming, animals, birds, watching the Brewers and watching the Green Bay Packers.

Fritz is survived by his nephews, Victor Wellhoefer of Neenah, Bruce (Cindy) Wellhoefer of Oshkosh; and niece Karen (Joe) Hauwiller of

Russell 'Russ' E. Wenzel

Russell E. Wenzel, 67, of West Bend, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2009, at home.

Russ was born and raised in Milwaukee. He was a graduate of Custer High School, class of 1959. After high school, he entered the U.S. Navy and graduated from submarine school in New London, Conn. He married Theresa (nee Dulak) in Wausau and the couple lived in Milwaukee. After marriage, Russ was a drywall finisher along with owning Black & Gold Sales. He also owned a snowmobile racing team in which he and Jimmy "the Greek" were on the team. In 1968, he completed the Wisconsin State Highway Patrol Academy in the 17th class. The family moved to West Bend in 1972. They lost their son, Shepherd, on Feb. 8, 1972. Russ then owned WD Enterprises, which was a logging company. He cut the timber on projects on Highway 33 and Highway B in West Bend, the shopping center and the area between Highway 175, Highway 60 and Slinger Road in Slinger. He then went back to drywall and owned Lakeside Drywall. Russ and Theresa lost their son, Dean, in 1996. Russ is an avid hunter and fisherman. He started the

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