

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

January 27, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order by MR. KIMES at 5:34 P.M.

He read the discloser stating that according to Gov. Pritzker's Executive Order that permits remote meetings with the requirement that at least one member of the public body is present in the Village Hall at 108 W. Main Street. The meeting was held remotely via GoToMeeting, and MR. KIMES was present in the Village Hall.

ROLL CALL: MR.KIMES, MR. MCKINNON- present, MS. MORGAN - absent

Guest: Atty. Gaziano, Sally Bennett, Stephanie King, Denise Spericino, Off. Nick Haff.

2. No conflict of interest was voiced.
3. No public comment was submitted.

MR. KIMES commented on the progress for raising the funds for the Flags Over Winnebago, Stephanie King stated they met and surpassed their goal of \$1,200.

4. The Code Enforcement Officer reported no activity in his monthly report.
5. Solar and Electric Ordinance: Recent activity inquiring for permitting on commercial rooftop solar array at Crossroads Community Church. MR. KIMES asked if this could be included in the UDO.

Atty. Gaziano stated that the current draft for Solar Ordinance is for residential and has been distributed to the Board Members as well as to Paul Happach, the Electrical Inspector, and the Village Building Official. Atty. Gaziano followed up with Paul Happach and his only concern would be having something added to the draft Solar Ordinance which would include a provision to require someone to be licensed and present at the site when installation is taking place. The problem is that he has seen over time that they send some people that install it and do not realize all the rules and regulations required. The language for this is anticipated for the upcoming Board Meeting.

Atty. Gaziano is working on a Commercial Solar Ordinance now that there is interest in Commercial applications. The Solar Ordinance would be a revision to the Zoning Ordinance. As far as under the UDO, it can be covered in there.

MR. MCKINNON stated that there are not currently fees established for Commercial Solar application, the inspectors will need to provide information as what will be required for inspections.

MR. MORGAN – joined the meeting. (did not get time)

Atty. Gaziano, will forward this information to the Building Official, the Electrical Inspector and Code Enforcement officer, and will copy to the committee members.

6. Elida and Main Business Sign: RE: Concerns for the lighting and liability of the sign. MR. KIMES stated that as far as lighting, the sign it is not the Village responsibility. MR. MCKINNON also agreed that it is not the Village's responsibility. Possibly an intergovernmental agreement is needed.

Denise Spericino commented that the WACC is not interested in ownership of the sign or want the liability of the sign. The Chamber has no responsibility in regard to the sign, but rather passes along information. The Scoop asked about lighting the sign. MR. KIMES commented on the cost of the requested updates is not the taxpayer's responsibility.

Ms. Spericino reiterated that the Chamber does not want the responsibility and liability of the sign. She then moved to comment on the sign on Hwy. 20 placed by The Scoop. And, stated that the Village paid for the installation of the sign. Atty. Gaziano, does not recall there being any payment for the sign by the Village. Sally Bennett also did not see anything that was specific to the sign and stated that she would need to confirm that with Public Works.

7. Fourth of July: Last year was cancelled. MR. KIMES stated there is money in the budget for the Fireworks this year. To accommodate the fireworks, he suggested the idea of remaining in the vehicles during the Fireworks.

MR. MCKINNON is hopeful to have them, but at present we do not have the "green light" for gatherings from the State.

Off. Haff stated the contract date for Fireworks is April 1st, not March 1st as in the past.

MR. KIMES stated that the parade would be difficult to accommodate a large crowd if social distancing is in place.

Stephanie King asked about the planning for the events, and guidance from the Board. She also asked what is expected of the committee in order to make this happen in terms of fundraising and what dollar amount is needed to make that happen.

MR. KIMES stated the balance of \$3,401.33 in the 4th of July account.

MR. MCKINNON commented that a dollar amount to be raised needs to be addressed, whether it is allowed or not, as well as what is available from the Village.

Sally Bennett commented on the 4th of July budget, which was set with a \$5,000 donation in addition to what has been received to date.

Sally Bennett asked if there would be a plan B, if not able to have on the 4th of July, such as to plan it for possibly Labor Day. MR. MCKINNON said, that was an option last year, and should be factored into the plan. Mr. Haff stated that the cost of having it on a different holiday, could be similar to having it on a date other than the 4th such as the 3rd, or the 5th of July.

MS. MORGAN agreed that the committee should fund raise and get commitments to have the Fireworks with social distancing. If we have the Fireworks without gathering on the field, but rather at the vehicles. MS. MORGAN would like to see proceed with the intent to have the fireworks on the Fourth.

MR. MCKINNON stated that even watching from the vehicles will require discussions with the school for viewing the fireworks on the field.

Concerns for traffic and policing the crowd were expressed by Officer Haff.

MR. MCKINNON stated that realistically having a Fireworks display from cars only would be limited.

Stephanie King stated that a good amount of fundraising is by receiving donations from the crowd present at the events.

MR. MCKINNON agreed that in the absence of that, the fundraising effort would be harder.

Denise Spericino questioned the amount of \$40,000 in the budget. Sally Bennett clarified the budget amount of \$20,500, which is \$20,000 for the fireworks, and \$500 for other expenses.

MR. KIMES stated that a decision will need to be made by the end of March. Off. Haff was asked to present a plan for parking of cars to view the Fireworks safely from vehicles.

Atty. Gaziano addressed Stephanie King and Denise Spericino and asked if a goal of \$5,000 or more is doable now, when we are not sure of having the Fireworks. Stephanie King stated she is not comfortable now asking for donations, and Denise Spericino agreed with her. Atty. Gaziano asked if starting fundraising on April 1st, would it be possible?

MR. KIMES recommended focusing on the Fireworks, then the parade. MS. MORGAN agreed, she does not see the parade happening this year, but rather focus on the fireworks now, a decision closer to the deadline on whether to have the parade. MR. MCKINNON also agreed.

MR. KIMES stated that he will bring to the Board the discussion whether to proceed with the Fireworks on April 1st. MR. MCKINNON and MS. MORGAN both agreed.

Motion to adjourn was made by MS. MORGAN, and MR. MCKINNON seconded the motion. Motion carried on a roll call vote those present.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm.

APPROVED: APRIL 28, 2021

Don Kimes
Chairman, Community Development