

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

March 03, 2021

Meeting was called to order by MR. KIMES at 5:35 P.M.

Mr. Kimes 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- MS. MORGAN - present

Guest: Denise Speracino, Stephanie King, Off. Nick Haff., Atty Gaziano

No conflict of interest was voiced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Speracino will address the committee regarding the topics of her concern, which were the garage sales and the business signs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – nothing to report.

BUSINESS SIGN: Mr. Kimes asked if anyone had discussion regarding the sign and the solar lighting for the sign. Mr. Kimes will contact Mr. Insko regarding the sign. Mr. McKinnon asked if Mr. Kimes contacted Mr. Viel as was indicated in a prior meeting. Mr. McKinnon stated that it is not the Village's responsibility.

Denise Speracino stated she contacted Mr. Viel and it had been that the businesses contact him directly and it was between him and the businesses. Mr. McKinnon agreed that it is between the businesses and Mr. Viel. The Village's involvement would be that he has the proper liability insurance. At some point when an electric service provides a quote for work, and how is that funded, as well as where to tap into electric service, and involvement of public works staff. Atty. Gaziano stated that an agreement between the Village and Mr. Viel would be needed. Denise Speracino stated that Mr. Viel indicated there may have been an agreement at one time when the initial installation of the sign was done. Mr. McKinnon stated that those things that were done many years ago were not as clearly defined, as they now should be documented.

Officer Haff requested that one of the signs for Anna's Pizza, be given to Mr. Weavel for his contribution to the community.

Denise Speracino stated that the signs stay with RJ Viel.

Mr. Kimes stated that he has not seen any announcement by the governor regarding parades. He mentioned that Rockford will have the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be drive-by parades.

Mr. Kimes stated that a decision needs to be made in the next few weeks. He asked what day the fireworks should be. Ms. Morgan's opinion was to have the fireworks and each person to make their individual choice to attend. Atty. Gaziano asked about the feasibility of parking and distancing rules. Off. Haff stated that it is not feasible in terms of manpower and caution tape to section areas for parking.

Mr. McKinnon stated that he does not think we should move forward without having the state release (green light) to approve of the fireworks. Mr. Kimes would like to have the Village President contact other municipalities for their feedback. Atty. Gaziano stated that municipalities may have ramifications of funding for those who do not follow the guidelines. Mr. Kimes will bring to the board on March 8, 2021. Mr. McKinnon asked what the deadline for a decision is to have the fireworks.

Mr. Kimes moved to discuss the Garage Sales for 2021. There were garage sales in 2020. There were no issues or comments regarding garage sales last year. Mr. Morgan also did not recall any issues with the garage sales 2020. Atty Gaziano stated that unless there is a change of position by the Governor's office, it would be the same as was told to those who chose to have them last year and what the requirements would be. She also stated that the Village did not sponsor the garage sales or endorse them.

Sally Bennett shared the process she encountered last year at the garage sales. Denise Speracino said that it was more organized when the Village sponsored the garage sales. Mr. McKinnon asked what determined the decision to not have sponsor the garage sales? Sally Bennett and Off. Haff confirmed the decision was due to COVID. Atty Gaziano agreed that it was related to the COVID restrictions.

NEW BUSINESS: Atty. Gaziano mentioned the WINGIS membership, and that we are not utilizing as much as we could.

The land recently acquired from Mantle Development Group, which is unplated and unserved, but there are some that are plated and served. Community Development may want to look this information.

Mr. McKinnon asked if the minutes were included in the Board packet of previous meetings for approval.

Mr. McKinnon made the motion to adjourn, Ms. Morgan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

APPROVED: APRIL 28, 2021

Don Kimes,
Community Development Chairman