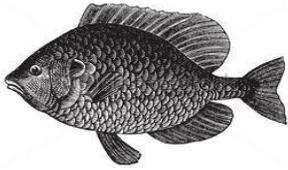


DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION MINUTES

Wednesday – December 30, 2015

3:00 p.m. @Village Office

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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Trustee, Tim Maloney; Trustee, Charlie Weis and Trustee, Darrell Sears. Also Present: Dave Rasmussen – MSA and Clerk-Treasurer, Patrice Bjorklund. Absent: Trustee, Kelsey Gustafson; Trustee, Greg Widiker and Trustee, Sarah Casady.

- III. **FUNDING POSSIBILITIES & DEMOLITION OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL** – Dave Rasmussen discussed grant funding opportunities for demolition of the old Webster High School. The most promising is the CDBG-PF which is a 50% grant, meaning that the funding will pay for 50% of the cost of the project and the other 50% is paid by the grant applicant. The applications are due in May of 2016 and award of the funding will be in August of 2016. The project would then be slated for 2017. He also mentioned WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation) has funding available that will pay for up to 25% of the cost of the project. The maximum grant is \$250,000 and Dave stated that it is a very competitive grant. He stated that there was a competition in early fall of 2015 and there may be another one in early fall of 2016. This grant meets 3 national objectives which the village meets 2. They are low to moderate income (which the Village of Webster is 51%) and blight removal (which removal of the building would meet that objective.) Trustee, Weis asked if the village can still declare the building as blighted while Wayne King still owns the building. He didn't want him to suffer problems because of this in the future. Dave stated that this will not affect him as long as the village does a resolution declaring it as blighted property. He also noted that CDBG does set aside funds for blighted property. Trustee, Maloney also asked if the appraised value of the old high school could be used towards the match for the project. Dave stated it could not. Trustee, Maloney noted that St. Croix Regional Medical Center has offered a \$200,000 match to go toward the 50% match of the project. He also stated that Burnett County will contribute funding as well. Village President, Roberts asked what the cost for grant writing would be through MSA. Dave stated he would have to ask \$8,000 for that work. Trustee, Maloney asked what is the latest date to apply for funding through CDBG. Dave stated May 22, 2016 is the absolute latest the village could apply for the CDBG-PF grant. The committee asked Dave to come to the March 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting to discuss going forward with the CDBG-PF grant. At that time, the board may or may not commit depending on Mr. Rasmussen's recommendation. If the board does go forward with the grant application for the CDBG-PF, they will be looking for letters of support from Burnett County, State Representatives and local businesses.

- IV. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the Development and Annexation Meeting at 3:45 p.m. was made by Trustee, Maloney; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Bjorklund

Clerk-Treasurer

December 30, 2015

***These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.