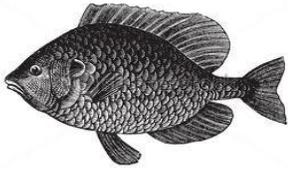


# KEVIN O'GARA PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday – May 13, 2015

5:45 p.m. @Village Office

7505 Main Street West, Webster, WI



**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
- II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; and Trustee's, Tim Maloney; Greg Widiker; Darrell Sears; Kelsey Gustafson; and Charlie Weis. Also Present: Kevin O'Gara; Connie O'Gara; Mike Hagness, MSA; Dave Rasmussen, MSA; Tom Harstad; Virginia Harstad; Ginna Laure; Harm Weber; Ron Pagenkopf; Mary Paenkopf; Sherrill Summer; Chief, Michael Spafford; and Clerk-Treasurer, Patrice Bjorklund.
- III. **CONDITIONAL USE VARIANCE DISCUSSION** – Kevin O'Gara is making a request to run his business called Bear's Arms Repair out of his rented home in the village. He stated that he has lived in Burnett County for 30 years and lived in the Webster/Siren Area for 10 years. He stated that he does not stock firearms for sale. He does transfers of firearms because he holds a firearms license. He does not retain those firearms on his property. He is disabled and this is not his business to earn his income. He pays Wisconsin Sales & Use Tax. He has been doing this since 2005. When firearms enter and exit his building, they are cased and unloaded. He has taken weapons training and he holds a concealed carry license. His wife works at the Webster Elementary School. He stated he would not do anything to endanger his wife, the neighbors, the community and especially the people at the school. He would like to note that Wis. Stat. §66.0409 discusses regulation of firearms and he is legally allowed to do this work out of his home. Trustee, Weis asked if all guns are unloaded when entering and exiting his residence. He stated that they are. Chief, Spafford would like him to present a monthly report of who is requesting work from him and the transactions that take place. Mr. O'Gara stated he would gladly provide that. Chief, Spafford stated that this is a conditional use permit and would be reviewed in a year.

Trustee, Maloney has concerns of a gun business next to the school. Mr. O'Gara stated that none of the neighbors had an issue with him having the business there. The school was not notified of this. Clerk-Treasurer, Bjorklund noted that the notice was posted in the village and the legal newspaper. Mr. O'Gara stated that he is a gunsmith, and he is basically just repairing guns. He stated it is a very rare occasion that he would sell a gun. If he does, it is in and out to the customer. Village President, Roberts stated that the board is not changing zoning to the property but are placing conditions to the activities he does out of his residence. Motion to approve the conditional use permit was made by Trustee, Gustafson; seconded by Trustee, Sears on the condition that Mr. O'Gara reports transactions to Chief, Spafford and the business is reviewed yearly. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. was made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Patrice Bjorklund*

Clerk-Treasurer

May 14, 2015

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