



VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday – August 18, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Village Office

7505 Main Street West, Webster, WI

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Jeff Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Trustees, Sarah Casady; Darrell Sears; Greg Widiker; Tim Maloney and Kelsey Gustafson. Others: None. Absent: Trustee, Charlie Weis.
- III. ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR DEMOLITION OF OLD HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION** – Village President, Roberts discussed alternative funding for demolition of the old Webster High School with the committee. He wanted the committee to be made aware of the fact that Rick Estridge, General Manager for Wayne’s Foods Plus is handling the affairs for donation of that building to the Village of Webster. Village President, Roberts had met with Mr. Estridge to discuss the donation timeline with him and the possibility of holding an auction of items in the building. He had met with Mr. Estridge as well as Gary & Rhonda Erickson of Erickson Auction to help coordinate an auction of those items in the near future. He had met with them on August 12, 2016. The auction was coordinated and set for Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the old Webster High School. This would be considered a Pre-Demolition Auction. All monies garnered from the sale of auction items will become the possession of the Village of Webster, since the building and its contents are to be donated from Wayne King to the village, Village President, Roberts stated.

Village President, Roberts also wanted to reiterate the fact that the village did not score high enough for funding through the CDBG-PF program. On that note, there was a meeting held on Friday, August 12th at 10:00 a.m. with Marie Steenlage of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation between himself, Clerk-Treasurer, Patrice Bjorklund and Dave Rasmussen of MSA. The program has \$3,000,000 funding available. The grants will be limited to 25% of eligible project costs up to \$250,000. At least 50% of the funds will be awarded to cities/villages/towns under 50,000 in population per U.S. Census data.

Eligible activities are:

- Building renovation
- Historic preservation
- Demolition
- New construction
- Infrastructure investment

Eligible projects are:

- Development of significant destination attractions
- Rehabilitation and reuse of underutilized or landmark buildings
- Infill development
- Historic preservation
- Infrastructure efforts, including disaster prevention measures, providing substantial benefits to downtown resident’s/property owners
- Mixed-use developments (not exclusively residential)

The goal of the Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Program is to incent downtown community development in the state of Wisconsin. Mary wanted all present at the meeting, to know that this is for downtown development. The old high school would be considered as expansion of that area. Discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the committee to pursue the grant. Motion was made by Trustee, Widiker to pursue the WEDC grant for \$250,000 for demolition of the old Webster High School for expansion of the new St. Croix Regional Medical Center Clinic. Motion was seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 6-0.**

IV. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Sears to adjourn the Development and Annexation Meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Casady. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Roberts

Jeff Roberts, Village President

August 18, 2016

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