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**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER**

# STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday – May 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Webster Village Office  
7505 Main Street West, Webster, WI

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Street Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson; Trustee, Aaron Sears and Trustee, Ed Dedman (via telephone) Others Present: Public Works Director, Jay Heyer and Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Kuhnly. Absent: None.
  - III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** –Motion made by President, Roberts to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 4-0.**
  - IV. **MAIN STREET WEST EXTENSION** – President, Roberts said over the past several years there has been discussions on extending Main Street West. Trustee, Dedman will abstain on discussion. With the school buying Bushey’s property, they are now wanting to put a parking lot on part of the land. Roberts had the idea of just running the street to the ditch, for now, and put barricades up at the end. He is looking for opinions on first getting Mark Krause out to stake it and then get an estimate from Hopkins on costs to plow it in and put gravel down. Roberts also shared that Brian Sears thinks a culvert will need to be put in. Heyer agreed and thinks MSA should get involved; especially since the water main will probably go right down the middle of the road. And, at some time, loop it and extend it into Smith Pines. The sewer mains and manholes were also discussed. Roberts said paving could be done possibly in 4-5 years. Mark will also need to be involved in right of ways and easements. Discussed the sewer pipe sticking out from the driveway, by the utility pole, and may need to move it. Gustafson asked the approximate length of extension; Heyer stated 800 - 1000 feet. Motion made by Trustee, Sears to ask Wagner Surveying to stake it and right of ways and obtain estimate from Hopkins to make gravel road. Gustafson asked if will need to make a ditch/drainage. Heyer said maybe a swale. **Motion carried 3-0. Trustee, Dedman abstained.**
  - V. **CLOSING WALLEY STREET** – President Roberts provided background; the school bought the Peterson property to the east of the elementary school and originally wanted to make that a daycare. Roberts had talked to the previous school superintendent about the possibility of the village giving Walley Street to the school and then it would all be connected (school property.) None of that went anywhere at that time. But the buses load and unload on Walley Street. Recently, (new) Superintendent, Fimreite approached Roberts with a request to put gates on the street but wants the village to keep Walley Street and maintain it. At this point, the school doesn’t have any immediate plans for the old Peterson property. Gustafson doesn’t see how the village would continue to collect gas tax on it and maintain it; and then put gates up so no one else could use it. Additionally, taxpayers paying for use of the street and maintenance. Heyer stated there is a water main and a fire hydrant on that street. What if gated and the fire department can’t get to? Heyer said there is also a fairly new storm sewer system along north side of elementary school (Birch St E) and Walley to Birch to east ditch. There is also area drainage over there. An engineering company will need to get involved. Gustafson confirmed they would not take the street out. Roberts said no, they would just close it so no one could drive down it when loading/unloading buses. Roberts

thought the village could abandon the street and get easement for water and sewer, but school wants the village to maintain it. Sears thought the village could plow it, but the school would need to maintain/repair it. Roberts thinks the school should develop a plan before any action taken by the village. Sears brought up that Siren closes the street while the buses load/unload by putting cones up and then reopens after. Roberts said there hasn't been any problems, but he thinks the theory was the school wants kids crossing, during the day, to get the old Peterson property. But, currently, they don't have a solid plan. At one time, they talked about putting in a garden. Roberts' said his thought on closing the street is a no unless they want to completely take over the street. Gustafson and Sears agreed. Dedman said the village can't give the school a firm answer until the school develops a concrete plan, not just the street but the property too. Committee agreed. Gustafson said he is not interested in the school gating the street, yet the village be responsible for maintaining it. The committee is more interested in giving the street to the school. This is considering the taxpayer's perspective. Even if gave street to the school, the village would need easement to get to water and sewer.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion was made by President, Roberts to adjourn the Street Committee Meeting at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Kuhnly*

Clerk/Treasurer

May 25, 2022

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