

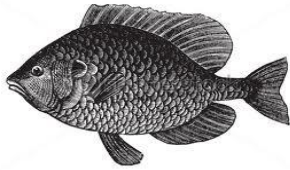
REGULAR MEETING

BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – March 8, 2023

@ 6:00 P.M.

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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Jeff Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

 - II. **ROLL CALL** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; and Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson; Tim Maloney; Bill Summer; Aaron Sears and Charlie Weis. Others Present: Public Works Director, Jay Heyer; Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Doriott-Kuhnly; Chief of Police, Stephanie Wedin; Greg Marsten – Burnett County Sentinel; Nancy Meindel and Mary Smoliak – Oktoberfest Event; Mark Krause – Wagner Surveying; Jeff Fimreite - Superintendent of Webster Schools and Russ Burford- Resident. Absent: None.

 - III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** – Motion made by Trustee, Weis to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 7-0.**

 - IV. **VISITOR RECOGNITION** –President Roberts gave the floor to Mary Smoliak and Nancy Meindel. Nancy said they are at the meeting on behalf of the Webster Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is in support of holding Oktoberfest in Webster. Danbury held this event, for over 20 years, but their Lions Club dissolved, and Danbury can no longer hold it. An event plan outline was presented. Nancy has been in contact with Traci Hopkins with the Fair Board. They plan on using the fair building next to the Beer Gardens. Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, August 19th from 1:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10 for adults and no charge for children if attending with an adult. Nancy talked about the plan for music, entertainment and refreshments. The Chamber will apply for the required license to sell beer. Nancy would like a side door, on the west side of the fair building, facing the Beer Garden. Heyer confirmed they are asking for a door to be installed on the building, Nancy said yes. Maloney would like Nancy to talk to the Lions Club about paying for the installation of the door. Maloney said the Board is in support of the event but asked that they come back, either at or before the July Board meeting, with the name of a contractor and who will pay for the door and installation. Weis said he would talk to Doug Plath at the Lions Club Board of Director’s meeting tomorrow night.

Next, Roberts gave the floor to Mark Krause. Mark said he has been in contact with the DOT about reducing the speed limit on Highway 35/Lakeland Av N from County Rd FF/Hickory St to Industrial Av. Mark suggested talking to Meenon and ask DOT to reduce the speed all the way to the intersection of County Rd A. In addition, he has spoken to the DOT about the need for a traffic study on the busy intersection of County Rd X/Alder St and Highway 35/Lakeland Av. He was told the DOT would do the traffic studies, on both, but the request must come from the Village. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney for the Village to send a letter to the DOT requesting a traffic study on the Highway, at both County Rd X/Alder St and County Rd FF/Hickory St to the bridge/Village limits; seconded by Trustee, Sears. Mark said the traffic studies are done Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so it will not show the increased traffic and speed on weekends. Gustafson said he wasn’t sure if the State would accept it, but Burnett County has traffic counters that they put out for weeks at a time. Mark said this would be helpful; especially with X being a County Rd and the County’s previous Highway Commissioner is now working

for the State as the Maintenance Director. **Motion carried 7-0.** Heyer, Gustafson, Krause and Kuhnly will draft the letter.

Mark also brought up a couple additional traffic related issues. He said the signs on the bollards at Shawn's Service need to be removed. They are in the vision triangle and shouldn't be there. It is a traffic hazard and needs to be addressed. Cars trying to get on the highway from Main St W can not see. Also, he is asking that the residents be given a reminder to remove their garbage cans from the streets.

Roberts gave the floor to Superintendent, Jeff Fimreite. Jeff said he is in attendance to have an open dialogue; answer any questions the board may have and build partnerships with the community. He mentioned the challenges facing the school such as mental health, staffing, and financial issues. He talked about his recent article in The Bridge where he addressed these issues. He also stated the school district is something to be proud of. There are some incredible things going on and spoke specifically about Tiger Tech, the counseling department, feeding the kids and giving everyone internet during COVID, writing grants for internet, partnerships with the Village, great staff and a great community. He did say there is some misinformation out there and he wants to be transparent. This is his 1st town hall meeting of all the town halls he will be attending in the County. Maloney stated he would like the school to assist sharing (costs) for the pickleball courts. Mr. Fimreite said the district gets very little state funding, but he is in talks with them.

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Trustee, Sears to approve the February 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Maloney. **Motion carried 7-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the February 20, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Weis. **Motion carried 7-0.** Motion was made by Trustee, Gustafson to approve the February 27, 2023 Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 7-0.**

VI. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS: February 7, 2023 – March 6, 2023** vouchers in the amount of: **\$251,745.27** as follows:
a. General Fund - \$231,189.89
b. Water Fund - \$6,074.92
c. Sewer Fund - \$5,591.30
d. Library Fund - \$8,889.16

Approval of receipts were also presented for: **February 7, 2023 – March 6, 2023** in the amount of **\$11,056.85.** Maloney asked about the voucher for Benson Law Office – Chief Wedin answered. Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman; seconded by Trustee, Summer to approve vouchers in the amount of: **\$251,745.27** and receipts in the amount of **\$11,056.85.** **Motion carried 7-0.**

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

VIII. **PERSONNEL – Chairman, Ed Dedman:** Nothing New to Report.

X. **PUBLIC UTILITY – Chairman, Aaron Sears:** Nothing New to Report.

IX. **FINANCE – Chairman, Bill Summer:** Nothing New to Report. Chairman, Summer spoke on Governor Evers' press release regarding his Budget Proposal. There is a possibility that the Village could get a grant

to assist with the Main Street extension. He would like Dick Hartmann, with the County, to get on that for the Village. Dick is also working on a \$2.5 million infrastructure grant, for the Village, to hook up Main St to Smith Pines.

- XI. PUBLIC PROPERTY – Chairman, Tim Maloney:** On behalf of the School District, Jeff Roberts is requesting use of the Grandstand, free of charge, for a Mock Crash demonstration. The demonstration will include the School District of Siren. Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve Webster School District using the grandstand for the mock crash, at no cost; seconded by Trustee, Summer. **Motion carried 7-0.**

On behalf of the Webster Education Foundation (WEF), Tim Maloney is requesting use of the Community Center tables and folding chairs, free of charge, for their Taco Bingo on April 15th. Weis asked that all chairs and tables be marked W.C.C.(Webster Community Center). Roberts agreed. Motion made by Trustee, Summer to allow the WEF to use the tables and folding chairs, at no cost, for the Taco Bingo; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Chairman, Maloney stated the façade on the Community Center, above the ramp, is in desperate need of repair. He has an estimate of \$3000 for this work. Motion made by President, Roberts to approve the repair, to not exceed \$3000 without further approval; seconded by Trustee, Dedman. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion made by Trustee, Weis to hold the 2023 Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 1st; seconded by Trustee Summer. Kuhnly will send out donation letters to local business, contact vendors and Paul Zobel, the fireworks “guy”. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Chairman, Maloney then spoke of the pickleball group and explained that they have formed an association called Gandy Dancer Pickleball, Association. They are now a 501C(3) and have Board of Directors. They are in the process of fundraising for new pickleball courts and asking for land to put it on. (this item is next on the agenda.) They would like to continue using the village’s tennis courts until they raise the money for their own courts. They are asking permission to place a sign, at the tennis court, explaining their organization, rules and guidelines, and hours reserved for pickleball. A copy of the signage was included in the meeting packet. The stated hours create set time reserved for pickleball players and allows times for others, in the community, to use the court. Motion made by Trustee, Sears to approve the signage on the tennis/pickleball court; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Next, Maloney expounded on the Gandy Dancer Pickleball Association’s request for land to place future pickleball courts. He explained that the land between Pike Av and the Gandy Trail, where the tennis courts, the park and playground, and part of the Village shop is on, is actually owned by Burnett County, not the Village. President, Roberts and Maloney met with Burnett County Administrator, Nate Ehalt, about the County turning the land over to the Village. Nate is looking for an official request, such as meeting minutes, from the Village to present to the appropriate county committee. Maloney stated that the Village Property Public Committee met and approved this request on February 27, 2023. Maloney said originally, they were looking at four parcels but there is a fifth one. The fifth one is North of Main Street, east of the Gandy, where the Village piles the plowed snow, and South of Main Street, almost to the small parking lot on east side of the Gandy. He also pointed out that there is a small parcel, where

the Matt Erickson pavilion is, is school property. Roberts will discuss this with the School. Roberts then summarized that the request, to the County, is for the land to be turned over to the Village so the Village can continue to mow, maintain the park and tennis court, for a future pickleball court, pile the snow and eventually extend Main St. Motion made by Trustee, Gustafson to request Burnett County transfer the five parcels to the Village; seconded by Trustee, Weis. The five parcel numbers are as follows: 07-191-2-39-16-08-4 04-000-011000, 07-191-2-39-16-08-4 04-000-012000, 07-191-2-39-16-08-4 04-000-016000, 07-191-2-39-16-08-4 01-000-031000 and 07-191-2-39-16-08-4 01-000-033000. **Motion carried 7-0.**

XII. STREETS – Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson: Nothing New to Report.

XIII. JUDICIAL – Chairman, Jeff Roberts: Police Department schedules for March and April was provided. Chief, Wedin read the total monthly calls for service – total of calls was 46.

The coffee shop is being sold and the new owner plans to expand the hours and services. Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to approve Fusion Bistro Café Market Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage Retail License and “Class C” Wine License and Operator License for owner Jennifer Hetfeld; seconded by Trustee, Summer. The rates, for the licenses, are prorated until the new annual period begins. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Public Works Director, Heyer reported that Habitat for Humanity is building a (smaller) house on their lots at the corner of Birch E and Pike. All the requirements for building codes, size, etc. will be met. REM Inspecting has also checked on this, and appropriate permits have been given. They may build a second one, on the property, in the future.

XIV. DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Chairman, Charlie Weis: Nothing New to Report. Weis spoke of the Burnett County 10-year Comprehensive Plan Survey that is available. He encouraged everyone to do the survey and spread the word. Weis is on the Burnett County 10-year Comprehensive Plan Committee and has and will continue to attend various meeting. The Village Plan should be reviewed and updated, too.

XV. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Nothing New to Report.

XVI. WEBSTER RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE – Trustee, Tim Maloney: Nothing New to Report. Next meeting will be April 26, 2023 at 7 p.m.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS:

- **March 16, 2023 * Development & Annexation Meeting**
- **April 12, 2023 *Regular Board Meeting**

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman; seconded by Trustee, Summer to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Doriott-Kuhnly

Clerk-Treasurer

March 8, 2023

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

Village President, Jeff Roberts

Trustee, Ed Dedman

Trustee, Kelsey Gustafson

Trustee, Tim Maloney

Trustee, Aaron Sears

Trustee, Bill Summer

Trustee, Charlie Weis

Attest: _____

Clerk-Treasurer