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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

PLAN COMMISSION AND SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Webster Village Office

7461 Main Street West, Webster, WI

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President and Plan Commission Chair, Bill Summer called the Plan Commission Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** –Plan Commission Chair and Village President, Bill Summer; Plan Commission Member and Village Trustee, Charlie Weis, Plan Commission Member and Village Public Works Director, Dean Phernetton; Village Citizen Plan Commission Members, Gaylen Brown (arrived 5:02 p.m); Gaylen Sears and Greg Widiker. Others present: Village Clerk-Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly; Village Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson; Tim Maloney and Matt Stuart and Village Resident Russ Burford. Absent: Plan Commission Member, Mark Krause.
- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS** – Motion made by Weis to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Member, Sears. **Motion carried 5-0. (Brown had not appeared yet.)**
- IV. **LEASE OF LAND TO BURNETT COUNTY** – President, Summer explained the location of the piece of land which is the preferred site for the ADRC building and their commercial kitchen. The proposed lease is between the Village and Burnett County. Weis questioned the word ‘rent’ vs ‘lease’ in the document. It was determined the verbiage is fine. Widiker asked about the test wells, he remembers from when on the Village Board, on the property. Summer explained the DNR has abandoned them, and the plan is to cut and cap them. Widiker confirmed the DNR has no further reason for concern and (term is) \$1.00 for a 99-year lease. Motion to accept the lease and make recommendation for approval to the Village Board; seconded by Phernetton. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- V. **ADJOURNMENT**– Motion made by Widiker to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting at 5:07 p.m.; seconded by Phernetton. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- VI. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Bill Summer called the Special Village Board meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
- VII. **ROLL CALL**– Village President, Bill Summer; Village Trustees, Ed Dedman; Kelsey Gustafson; Tim Maloney; Matt Stuart and Charlie Weis. Others present: Village Clerk-Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly; Village Resident Russ Burford and Plan Commission Member/Village Resident, Gaelyn Sears. Absent: Trustee, Aaron Sears.
- VIII. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA** - Motion made Trustee, Dedman to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Maloney. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Russ Burford spoke of the open letter he sent to the Trustees and in it he asked questions about revoking the sign permits on Lakeland Av, as his opinion is they were illegally granted. He also stated that now he sees a temporary hold on sign permits is on agenda and he is still

questioning why the sign permits have not been revoked. Summer said that may not be off the table, but things have gone too far and need to regroup. Maloney interjected that this matter is now in the lawyer's hands and if it will be in litigation, he prefers no comment on any of it. Russ commented on attorney/client privileges, and some are not that he has asked. He also commented that the village has not given a permit for the sign at Lakeland and Oak. Maloney again stated it is with the lawyer and (if in) litigation and the board will not comment on it. Russ continued and Maloney informed him that the board does not need to give public comments, and the public does not set the board agenda but gave him another minute and half. Russ spoke of the sign at Lakeland and Oak and no permit and additional signs. Summer said his time was over. Stuart commented on past actions that the board took (regarding the sign(s)), board wants to focus on betterment of the community and the present situation is disappointing.

- X. **LEASE OF LAND TO BURNETT COUNTY** – Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the Lease of Land to Burnett County for the ADRC Building; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. Maloney read state statutes and Village Ordinances stated that the Board is following these. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- XI. **TEMPORARY HOLD ON SIGN PERMITS**– Weis clarified that the temporary hold would be for all signs. Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to issue a temporary hold on all sign permits; seconded by Trustee, Stuart. Dedman brought up what if business ownership changes and needs to update signage? Discussion ensued. Stuart asked about banners for events. Banners do not need permits (in Commercial Districts). Motion amended by Dedman to issue a temporary hold on all new sign permits, within the Village of Webster, with the ability to appeal for special consideration for unique situations, that would go before the Plan Commission and Judicial Committee (clerk note after the meeting: this would go before the Plan Commission and then Village Board- not Judicial Committee); seconded by Trustee, Stuart. **Motion carried 5 -1 (Maloney opposed)** Dedman asked how this change will be communicated. Summer said the normal posting locations and the newspaper.
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion was made by President, Summer to adjourn at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Maloney. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Doriott-Kuhnly

Debra Doriott-Kuhnly, Clerk-Treasurer

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