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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 4:15 p.m.

Webster Village Office

7461 Main Street West, Webster, WI

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** –In Chair, Matt Stuart’s absence, President, Bill Summer called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.
 - II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Bill Summer; Trustees, Ed Dedman and Kelsey Gustafson. Others present: Clerk/Treasurer, Debra Doriott Kuhnly and Mark Elliott. Chair/Trustee, Stuart arrived at 4:34 p.m.
 - III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA** – Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 3-0.** (Stuart arrived at 4:34 p.m.)
 - IV. **GANDY DANCER PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION MATCHING FUND DONATION** – The floor was given to Mark Elliott with the Gandy Dancer Pickleball Association (GDPA). Mark said they intend to come to a full board meeting but wanted to start with the committee providing background information and get the committee support. They have an opportunity of a matching \$10,000 grant that The Family Foundation is willing to give. They are looking at resurfacing the courts and installing permanent net posts vs having to put up each time anyone plays. This would create 2 permanent pickleball courts and in essence no longer a tennis court. They received 3 bids and will cost \$22,000. Mark said pickleball is dominating and hardly anyone plays tennis anymore. Mark said the GDPA would provide \$5,000 and is asking the Village for a \$5,000 donation for the match. GDPA would pay the remaining \$2,000. He said there is a lot of people from out in Voyager and Webb Lake coming to play in Webster, Siren just too far for them, that bring people into the community and village businesses, even if don’t live right in Webster, so it’s a good investment in an asset that the Village has. The courts would be a draw in that the nets are already set up and there would not need to set up. Summer confirmed looking at \$5,000 from the Village. Dedman asked if they spoke to the Lions – they have not. Gustafson asked Mark about Siren’s new pickleball courts. Mark said they initially talked to Webster but that would have been starting from scratch at the location in Webster and it wasn’t feasible. So, they talked with Siren about their tennis courts that were not used. He explained they received a grant from Bernick’s Foundation and raised \$33,000 to reduce the cost for the Village of Siren. Stuart said he likes the idea but spoke of current budget issues; especially with the current ordinance/sign situation and legal fees, etc. Gustafson asked the timeframe- Mark said by the end of the year. Discussion took place on the material for resurfacing, cracks and other courts in the area. Mark said over the last 2 years, they have spent 170 volunteer hours at the school, working with the gym classes, so they are very invested in the community. Dedman suggested the committee talk to the Chamber and Lions Club about going in with the Village for their portion of the donation. Dedman asked if it is a guaranteed match – Mark said yes. Gustafson asked if they need the money by the end of the year or just a commitment for the money. Mark does not know the answer but will find out. Motion made by Trustee, Dedman to pursue partnerships with the Chamber and The Lions to provide a total of \$5,000 to GDPA for the matching grant; seconded by Trustee, Gustafson. **Motion carried 4-0.** Dedman will talk to the Chamber and Stuart will talk to the Lions.
 - V. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion was made by Trustee, Dedman to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 4:55 p.m., seconded by Trustee, Stuart. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Doriott-Kuhnly

Clerk/Treasurer

September 25, 2024

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