

REGULAR MEETING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday – October 9, 2024 @ Immediately following
the 5:45 pm Public Hearing.
Webster Community Center
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VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Village President, Ed Dedman called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** – President, Ed Dedman; Trustees, Kelsey Gustafson; Tim Maloney; Jeff Roberts; Aaron Sears and Charlie Weis (Trustee, Matt Stuart arrived at 5:48 p.m.); Others present: Public Works Director, Dean Phernetton; Clerk-Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Kuhnly. Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Greg Marsten – Burnett County Sentinel; Village Building Inspector, Dan Kegley and Resident, Russ Burford.
- III. **PUBLIC NOTICE OF AGENDA, DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL** –Motion made by Trustee, Maloney to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee, Stuart. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- IV. **VISITOR RECOGNITION** –Russ Burford said the village newsletter stated visitors are allowed 15 minute to speak. Maloney responded that the agenda says 3 minutes. The newsletter will get corrected going forward. Russ asked if any news on ordinances 82-15, 298-54 and 298-83 that he has raised objections on the passing of these changes. He said he did receive a letter from the village attorney. President, Dedman said the letter from the village attorney stated the board's position. Russ stated that Meenon wasn't notified of changes to 298-54 and 298-83. Dedman stated he would need to look at the letter from the attorney, but attorney has advised the village it falls under past action and still stands as a valid movement. Russ questioned if this was after the letter Russ sent. Dedman will double check and get back to Russ if different. Roberts asked if Meenon notifies the Village of Webster with zoning changes – they do not.

Mark Elliott was not in attendance.

Dan Kegley with REM was in town and working on permits and inspections with the contractors on the new ADRC building. Maloney confirmed that they are able to move forward. Dan state his appreciation to the Village
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moton made by Trustee, Weis seconded by Trustee, Stuart to approve the following minutes: September 11, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting, September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2024 Personnel Meeting, September 25, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting and October 1, 2024 Special Board Meeting. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- VI. **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS & RECEIPTS:** September 10, 2024–October 7, 2024 vouchers and receipts were presented. Motion was made by Trustee, Stuart to approve vouchers in the amount of \$73,456.15 and receipts in the amount of \$9,803.45; seconded by Trustee, Roberts. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- VII. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
- VIII. **JUDICIAL** – Chairman, Ed Dedman: Chief Wedin reported 24 calls for the month. She also reported Victoria Grape was dismissed from recruit school as she missed the run qualification by 20 seconds (Chief said Victoria had an injured ankle). She will go in front of the appeal board on December 3rd. In the

meantime, she will be working as FTO (Field Training Officer) for the village. After the appeal, she will finish recruit school on the weekends. Police schedule was previously provided.

Dedman provided background on the Vibrant Spaces Grant. The chamber wants to freshen up their logo and the school wants to freshen up the corner and signage at Hwy 35/Alder St. The Chamber, the School and the Lions Club would like to tie these updates to the record rod-caught sturgeon that came out of Yellow Lake. The idea is to turn the corner into a community park and welcome center and name it Sturgeon Park. Dedman reached out to another community in Wisconsin that has a sturgeon statue and the person that made the statue has another one. The Chamber will purchase this from the individual. Dedman is working with Dick Hartmann and WEDC on the grant application process. The grant application must be on behalf of a municipality, so the Village would be the ones applying, hence the purpose of the resolution. Motion made by Trustee, Weis to approve Resolution #2024-02: Pursue Vibrant Spaces Grant; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 7-0.**

The 3rd quarter Land Use Permits were included in the members packets for informational purposes. Trustee, Maloney pointed out that the land use permit for Smith Pines was the last available lot in Smith Pines- all the lots are built upon.

X. **PERSONNEL – Chairman, Jeff Roberts:** Nothing New to Report.

IX. **PUBLIC UTILITY – Chairman, Aaron Sears:** Sears reported that quotes were received, from Nelson Electric, for a new pump for lift station #1 in the amount of \$17,854. On lift station #4, sleeves and bushings would be \$900. Discussion took place on comparing this quote and product with the more expensive one received earlier. Dedman reminded the board of the remaining ARPA funds that were allocated for these purchases. Motion made by Trustee, Roberts; seconded by Trustee, Stuart to approve purchasing the pump, sleeves and bushings from Nelson Electric. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Sears and Phernetton provided an update on the treatment of the sewer ponds. Alum have been added to the treatment ponds with the goal of reaching phosphorus levels to 1 part per million. It is gone from 7 to 3.8. Phernetton thinks the ponds may have been stirred up, resulting in higher levels. Phernetton said they were instructed to add more Alum in the Spring, and they have time to reach 1 part per million. The current permit is valid for 4 more years. Another phosphorus test will be done in the spring. Sears said increasing sewer rates will need to be added to a future meeting agenda to offset the additional expenses to treat the sewer ponds.

XI. **FINANCE – Chairman, Matt Stuart:** Motion made by Trustee, Weis; seconded by Trustee, Stuart to approve splitting the cost with the Chamber (\$500 each) for a full-page colored ad in the 2025 Burnett County Visitor Guide. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Discussion took place on the matching fund donation to the Gandy Dancer Pickleball Association. Stuart asked Dedman if the Chamber is willing to contribute. Dedman said he spoke to the Chamber and their meeting is next Tuesday. Stuart said he received positive feedback from the Lions Club – Weis, on behalf of the Lions Club, said their meeting is tomorrow and asked the amount requested. Dedman said a total amount of \$5000 and Stuart said split 3 ways (Village, Chamber and Lions). Mark Elliot told Dedman funds are needed by end of the year. Maloney, as Chair of Public Properties, said there is not a lot of interest in tennis anymore and pickleball continues to grow. He thinks the repairs and changes to the courts, as pickleball courts, and the cost is a good deal. Sears confirmed the courts are open to all the public. Maloney suggests the Village and GDPA revisit 'rules' on accessibility. Motion made by Trustee, Stuart to table decision until the November meeting; seconded by Trustee, Sears. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- I. PUBLIC PROPERTY – Chairman, Tim Maloney: Nothing New to Report.
- XII. STREETS – Chairman, Kelsey Gustafson: Nothing New to Report. Informational– The culvert patches on Oak St are completed and the county will be patching Birch and Cedar very soon.
- XIII. DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION – Chairman, Charlie Weis: Weis reported that a registered letter was sent to Alex Tallman with Olena Investments, owner of the Mobile Home Park, telling him a 6-month operational license will be given with the park’s condition as is right now. Kuhnly said an email was also sent. Mr. Tallman told Weis that he will be selling as he doesn’t think he can make money with the environment that the village is being unflexible with not changing the ordinances. By the end of the 6 months, he will need to submit a written plan with the timeframe of improvements to the mobile home park or he will lose the license.
- XIV. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Trustee, Dedman: Dedman reported the Buff and Brag car show was a great success with a total of 65 cars. The Chamber plans to repeat the event next year. The Chamber is busy with plans for Sturgeon Park. They are planning a spring social event. The next event is Santa Day at the Library.
- XV. WEBSTER RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING UPDATE – Trustee, Tim Maloney: Maloney reported the 2025 budget has been adopted and only raised the budget by \$1250 – less than 1% increase. He praised the association for how well it is run. The ladder truck was sold. Weis said the new calendars are in.
- XVI. BURNETT COUNTY TOURISM COALITION - Trustee, Dedman: Dedman reported he has stepped down from BCTC due to appointment as Village President.

Maloney said he will not be able to attend the Town’s Association meeting on October 24th at 7pm @ the Government Center. Weis volunteered to attend.

- XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE MEETINGS:
- Dedman is looking for replacements on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Chair, Jeff Roberts and Alternate, Sherill Summer positions
 - October 16, 2024 *Budget Workshop Meeting
 - November 13, 2024 *Regular Board Meeting
 - Public Hearing to Adopt 2025 Budget *TBD
 - Plan Commission Meeting *TBD
 - October 15, 2024 *Personnel Committee Meeting 6:00 P.M.
 - October 31, 2024 *Trunk or Treat at Fairgrounds 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.
 - Roberts congratulated the Friends of the Library/Larsen Family Library on their event.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion was made by Trustee, Sears; seconded by Trustee, Stuart to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
 Debra Doriott-Kuhnly
 Clerk-Treasurer
 October 9, 2024

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

Village President, Ed Dedman

Trustee, Kelsey Gustafson

Trustee, Tim Maloney

Trustee, Jeff Roberts

Trustee, Aaron Sears

Trustee, Matt Stuart

Trustee, Charlie Weis

Attest:
Clerk-Treasurer