

Village of Roberts
Plan Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2022

The Village of Roberts Plan Commission meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Moeri.

Proper notification was placed in the designated locations.

Present: Steve Melby, Katy Kapaun, Willard Moeri, Helen Kusilek

Absent: Jerry Weiss, Cheryl Johnson

Guest: Peter Tharp, Ron Stewart, Dale Stewart, Dan Funk, Mark Carlson, Tim Johnson, Angi Goodwin,

Public Hearing to review Ordinance #2022-02VB to amend Sec. 70-42 (b) Accessory use and structure setback requirements

Call public hearing to order by Moeri at 6:30 p.m.

Call for public comments - none

Adjourn public hearing:

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. by Kapaun, seconded by Melby. Motion carried.

Discuss/possible action on Ordinance #2022-02VB to amend Sec 70-42(b) Accessory use and structure setback requirements.

Motion to approve Ordinance #2022-02VB to amend Sec. 70-42(b) Accessory use and structure setback requirements by Melby seconded by Kapaun. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes from April 7, 2022

Motion to approve by Kapaun, seconded by Kusilek. Motion carried.

Update on Building permits issued for the Village of Roberts.

Report is in packet. Melby asked to put the number issued/remaining on the report. Goodwin reminded the group that this is for residential only. Track industrial/commercial separately.

Building Inspectors Report

Kapaun said that it looks like All-Croix added information on the site to make the process easier.

Discussion with Melissa Wolf from Midco to discuss bringing services to the Village.

Information was handed out to the group. Midco is a broadband provider. New to the area, brand new to St. Croix County. Have services in Alma, Pepin, Nelson and Ellsworth. They are a company with a five-state foot print. Started out in the theater business and as technology has evolved, they have evolved with it, went to radio then tv and now internet. Employ 1,800 employees. They do not serve in St. Paul or Minneapolis because they are a rural provider. Over 10,000 owned fiber network miles. Announced they would invest \$500,000,000 in fiber network. Transferring network to fiber instead of coax cable to the home. Will be delivering 10GB across the network. Involved in community's by sponsoring events but also the Midco Foundation gives back to the community. Looking to hire local field technicians to service this area and they are currently hiring in the Hudson area. They do have plans for possible expansions to the "outs" area between New Richmond and Roberts. Went thru the tentative construction maps. Fiber to the premise for homes and businesses. They are a participating provider for affordable services. Midco feels that communication is key for the project. They will put together a website where residents

can register for updates, etc. They will communicate throughout the processes and how to sign up for services. Bringing broadband and video and phone services. Melby asked how many of the houses are needed to make it worth your while. This would be 30 to 40%. They are building regardless and will get the customers. Tim Johnson asked if the lines can be run but tapped at a different time and they can be. No long-term contracts only month to month. This is an initial build for Midco and after this they will look to expand the network in the future.

Discussion on Mobile Home Park setbacks and lot sizes.

This is the same memo as last time but there are still questions regarding what is allowed. There are some items in the ordinance that need to be clarified. Moeri said that this ordinance is old but Goodwin said these lots are small and the sizes have not changed. Moeri said we also have the issues with the carports because they are too big. Moeri has talked to someone regarding this. Goodwin doesn't see changing the setbacks because they are already small but rather just clarify some grey areas of the ordinance. Goodwin asked if she should come back with some ordinance changes after working with the Mobile Home company. Moeri asked Stewart if he had any questions and he did not. This will go back on the agenda for the next month.

Update/recommendation on creating TID #4 as a mixed-use district

Goodwin discussed that we at one time at TID #4 was in the works but that was put on hold and now we are revisiting this. TID #4 will be including the land on the corner of Hwy 65 and 70th Avenue (Kwik Trip and surrounding land) and also the land that is from Hwy 65 to 130th St which will include the new housing area, and the industrial/commercial area to 70th Avenue. Goodwin said that there will be 70th Avenue repairs that will be part of the Village cost, outer watermain loop under 65 intersection and also the potential irrigation project of twin lakes and pumping this to the residential area (not paid for by T-Buck). If bigger pump and pipe could be closer to \$1,000,000 cost. Moeri asked how do you know when to pull this out of a TID? How do you measure it? This is something the Sean Lentz from Ehlers will have to help us with.

Items for future agenda.

Discussed another annexation request for the Village. This will more than likely be on the agenda for next month.

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. by Kapaun, second by Kusilek. Motion carried.

Megan Dull

Village Clerk