

Village of Roberts
Special Village Board Meeting
April 22, 2024

The Special Village Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun.
The meeting was properly noticed in the Village of Roberts.

Members Present: Peter Tharp, Jeff Vogt, Shawn Dakovich, Katy Kapaun, Mary Shemon, Brian Tremblay, Tim Johnson.

Absent: none

Guest: Jerry Strohmusch, Angi Goodwin, Shane McFadden, Gabby Lubich

Board of Review:

The Board of Review was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Kapaun.

Roll Call: Tharp – yes, Vogt – yes, Dakovich – yes, Kapaun – yes, Shemon – yes, Tremblay – yes, Johnson -yes.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Review until a future date in November after the full reassessment is done by Johnson, seconded by Shemon. Roll Call: Tharp – yes, Vogt – yes, Dakovich – yes, Kapaun – yes, Shemon – yes, Tremblay – yes, Johnson -yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval for Sidetrack Saloon hosting a Memorial Service on Saturday, April 27, 2024, for Dan Hable on Vine St.

Looking to host a car show on Vine Street. Motion to approve by Dakovich, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval on amending Section 70-22 B-3 General Business District to amend the residential quarters requirements.

Ordinance will permit residential quarters on the ground level. There were some changes recommended during the public hearing with the Plan Commission to add wording that the residential quarters do not face the commercial district. Agreed to remove the word “the” so that it reads “In the downtown area, residential quarters.....” and added a “s” to Quarters. “Quarters may be upper level or ground level.” Move to approve with the two changes by Dakovich, seconded by Shemon. Discussion continued regarding how to prevent the quarters from facing Mainstreet? The reason for the second-floor ordinance was to maintain the ground level for the commercial area. All Main Street could be residential according to this. Tremblay said that the Plan Board did discuss but opted with the wording that they have. Motion carried with Tharp opposing.

Discussion/approval to amend Section 70-120 - B-1 Neighborhood Business District of the Zoning Code of the Village of Roberts to amend the green space requirement to read: (5) d. Green space shall cover, at a minimum, 30 percent of the total lot area with no pond credit. To amend Section 70-123 – B-4 Professional Office District of the Zoning Code for the Village of Roberts to amend the green space requirement to read: (5) d. Green Space shall cover, at a minimum, 30 percent of the total lot area with no pond credit. To amend Section 70-127 – M-2 Light Industrial District of the Zoning Code for the Village of Roberts to amend the green space requirement to read: (10) Green Space. Green space shall cover, at a minimum, 30 percent of the total lot area with pond credit. To amend Section 70-128 – M-3 General Industrial District of the Zoning Code for the Village of Roberts to amend the green space requirement to read: (10) Green space. Green space shall cover, at a minimum, 30 percent of the total lot area with pond credit.

Motion to approve the amendments proposed to the ordinance as listed by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Move to amend to add the ordinance numbers to read as follows: Motion to approve the amendments to Section 70-120, 70-123, 70-127 and 70-128 regarding green space by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of the Officer in Training Program for the Roberts Police Department.

Chief Strohmusch discussed the letter that was sent to the WPPA regarding the Officer in Training Program. Strohmusch asked about reimbursement as he would like to stay consistent with the policy. We would still get the base pay back from the DOJ, but they would be allowed a higher rate for the meal rate. Mileage should be consistent with the going rate also. Union members have agreed to this agreement but need to have Attorney Mahler review it still. Tremblay asked if this was recently drafted by Amery, and this was in 2023. This is currently going on in New Richmond, Hudson, and St. Croix County. We sponsor their training and hopefully get a good officer in the end.

This agreement is from New Richmond. This is also with Attorney Mahler for review. This agreement goes into the collective bargaining agreement, so we need both agreements. Tharp asked about the pre-evaluation steps for all other police employees and yes these would still be done.

Tremblay asked if the titles could be consistent because they reference each other, and Strohmusch will make the changes needed to reference the officer letter in training agreement.

Tharp asked if this should go through legal first and then be brought back for approval because it references part of the contract. Motion to postpone until the May meeting by Dakovich, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval on purchasing a side by side from Bobcat with a cab package with heat.

The Public Works Board moved forward with the recommendation to purchase the side-by-side without the blade so it would be \$5,000 less. Kapaun discussed the truck instead of the side-by-side and this is what they asked for and if this does not end up working for them it is on them. The side-by-side will be more useful. This has been on the Public Works agenda for almost a year. Shemon found a truck before the last meeting and brought it up. Full size new trucks were part of this discussion, and the board went forward with this decision. Johnson asked how many miles they would be putting on the side-by-side – but in hours on the side-by-sides. Discussed the potential future needs for this and the expenses. Five years at \$25,000 without the blade. Kapaun recapped that if this is not approved it goes back to the board to start looking for the truck. Lubich thinks that the side-by-side is useless because it does not solve the issue of what they were wanting the other truck for. Is this going to be stored at the WWTP? How do you get it into town or the different area of the Village with our current ordinance? Tharp asked if this is the best use for what they need. Police will also use this for GND. Talked at budget time that the \$5,000 at trade in can go towards this purchase. This is an easier way to get the work done in the Village during Good Neighbor Days instead of their truck. Vogt sat through the meeting for a time or two and the intent was to replace the pickup with another pickup. If we are replacing it with a pickup move forward with that. Vogt would like to get them a pickup. Move to deny the side by side and look at

purchasing the pickup truck instead by Tharp, seconded by Shemon. Motion carried with Dakovich, Tremblay opposing.

Discussion/approval of purchasing a new Toro 74020 60” mower from Tri-State Bobcat.

Trading in a Skag for this mower. It is a good price. Johnson talked to Holmes about this, and he would like to see these things replaced when the warranties are done. Instead of having the guy's maintenance them while under warranty, the company maintenance them. Dakovich said that the one being traded is a 2006. Not sure what the implications would be to replace this. Is it feasible to lease one? No, the closest is to trade with warranty. Move to approve by Dakovich, seconded by Vogt. Discussion continued with Tharp asking if this mower is needed. Motion carried with Tharp opposing.

Discussion/approval of the driveway replacements for Durango Dr, Wolf creek Cir, Pleasant St and Spring Street and how to manage this project.

Goodwin said that the list keeps growing and the contractor is now worried about the size of this project. Don't like that we asked if they were interested and now, we don't do this. IF we change, we would probably like to do it for both. Cost in Rolling Meadows is based on lump sum bases. Dakovich, asked about the patch area that would still be paid for by the Village. IF we modify them to do this through the village, Albrightson should have the first option since they are here.

Ask them all to look at the loan program and if there are some strong no's then add them to our project. One resident asked if they could have concrete for the patch instead and

Discussion/action regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant roof issues/repairs in the mechanical building.

Kapaun had a conference call with Deanne and Weston, Clearas and Wapasha have until the 25th to complete their inspections and make a proposal and the soonest we can act I is on the 29th to proceed with repairs. The action would be to authorize the documents with Parkos on the 29th. Motion to authorize the signing of the building permit and agreement to initiate the agreement with Parkos unless we receive a reasonable response from Weston / Clearas on the 29th by Kapaun, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for the Annexation for ECI for property located at 742 130th Street, Roberts.

Open public hearing.

Public hearing was opened at 6:02 pm by President Kapaun.

Call for public comments. There was a question about managing annexation.

Adjourn public hearing.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Tremblay, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion/approval of the Annexation for ECI at 742 130th Street, Roberts, WI.

Kapaun discussed the pending legal action regarding this project. Goodwin discussed the phone conversation with Attorney Mahler. Must be connected to sewer/water. Should do some ordinance

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updates to get these inline. There is nothing stopping us from proceeding with the annexation but also agree with some ordinance changes. McFadden added that the intent when purchasing the property was to bring it together and bring it into the Village. They would hook up to sewer and water if it was available now. Timing is important as they need the space to keep growing. Goodwin said that we have funding for water and tower projects which would include going by the ECI property which is in the next two or three years. There are things in the planning to get sewer/water there. Motion to approve the annexation for ECI by Dakovich, seconded by Tremblay. Conversation continued regarding our ordinances says it does not all septic systems in the Village. Dakovich said that at this time these are not available. Tharp wanted to let McFadden know that he should have had the option to appeal the recommendation by the Plan Commission and he is challenging the refusal to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried with Tharp opposing. The official annexation ordinance will be on the next Village Board Meeting agenda.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Dakovich, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Megan Dull
Village Clerk