

FULL BOARD – REGULAR - MINUTES

October 8th, 2020

President Dahlke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., noting compliance with the open meeting law.

Members Present: David Dahlke, Jim Allen, Jim Bowers, Jake Beard, Mike Arndt, Elgin Bulin,

Others Present: Owen Mergen, Jeremiah Conley, Matt Morrow, Jeff Thelen, Luke Pelton (Virtual), Justin Sornsin (Virtual), Marci Huffaker, Alex Paulson, Julia Potter (Virtual)

Absent: David Bauman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Moved by Allen, second by Beard, to adopt the agenda as posted.

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Arndt, Bowers, Allen, Bulin, Beard)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

Moved by Allen, second by Bulin, to adopt the September 10th, 2020 Board meeting minutes

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Arndt, Bowers, Allen, Bulin, Beard).
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: Morrow briefed the board on the contents of the zoning update, Mergen provided an update concerning the burned structure at 830 W. Pine Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Marci Huffaker and Alex Paulson presented information about the Baraboo Acts Coalition and its request for \$500 in funding for the 2021 season. They answered questions from the board about what their organization stands for, what the money would be spent on and its status as a non-profit organization. Bulin and Bowers shared stories of discrimination that they have witnessed in Wisconsin and within their own families. Marci recommended that the Board provide any recommendations for content that should be considered in the future of their organization activities. Moved by Bowers, second by Arndt, to approve the pay request with the expectation that Baraboo Acts Coalition provide content that represent all ideas, political or otherwise, in 2021.
 - Aye – 5 (Dahlke, Allen, Arndt, Bowers, Bulin)
 - Nay – 1 (Beard)
 - Motion Carried
- B. Dahlke briefed the Board on the results of the TIF 2 audit and echoed concerns Allen had previously stated about mishandling of required reporting in previous years during the life of TIF 2.

CLOSED SESSION: At 7:33 p.m., it was moved by Arndt, second by Bulin, to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular with respect to personnel in the public works department

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Bowers, Allen, Arndt, Beard, Bulin)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

C. Moved by Allen, second by Bowers, to (1) eliminate the staff position of Custodian following the close of the 2020 parks season (2) create a new, full time, Public Works Laborer position, (3) offer the position to Dylan Goll, (4) offer a pay rate of \$18.50/hour and (5) create a new job description for the position.

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bulin, Beard, Arndt)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

D. Moved by Arndt, second by Allen, to pay the annual dues of \$1,654 to SCDC to 2021 membership.

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bulin, Beard, Arndt)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

A. The Board, combined with Luke Pelton, Justin Sornsin & Jeff Thelen engaged in an extensive discussion about a development proposal within the boundaries of TIF 3. There were two design options presented, each with multiple phases. The Board asked a variety of question about different possible financing options, expectations of the developers, requests for funding and the effect the development could have on taxpayer funds and experience. Julia Potter provided legal advice and a general outline of what the involved parties will be expected to complete in the upcoming months. After extensive discussion, it was moved by Allen, second by Beard, to select the Huntington Place style buildings for Phase 1 of the project and instruct Ehlers to update its financial analysis of the associated request for TIF funds (\$570,000 cash grant and 40% pay-go for phase 1 and \$250,000 cash grant and 50% pay-go for phase 2) and provide advice to the Village regarding the terms of the proposed financing and the sources.

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Allen, Bowers, Bulin, Beard, Arndt)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

A. Clerk Mergen provided an update on the current used of the State of Wisconsin Routes to Recovery Grant program. Estimating that approximately \$16,000 of the funding is still available to use of the initial allotment of \$26,776.00. Current expenses filed for reimbursement include various PPE, touchless light switches, attorney fees directly related to COVID-19 ordinance creation and absentee ballot processing equipment. Board members gave a variety of recommendation of potential uses for the remaining funds.

AMBULANCE: Dahlke informed that Caleb Johnson has been selected to be the new Ambulance Chief and noted that the 2021 expense for Ambulance service for West Baraboo will be \$32.00 per capita.

TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS: Bowers directed questions to DPW Jeremiah Conley regarding the schedule of leaf pick-up within the Village. He noted that the Village publicly announces that there are 1-2 pickup days per week, but the Public Works crew has been picking up more often. This inconsistency can set a

precedent and create confusion within the Village. Conley noted the statements and intends to consider a more consistent schedule in the future.

Allen asked about the previously cancelled Village Governance meeting and recommended that the board agree to a date at that time, in order to ensure everyone will be in attendance. The tentative date agreed to for the meeting is 10/15/20 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVE MONTHLY EXPENDITURES: Moved by Arndt, second by Beard, to approve monthly expenditures.

- Aye – 6 (Dahlke, Allen, Bulin, Beard, Arndt, Bowers)
- Nay – 0
- Motion Carried

ADJOURN: At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Beard, second by Bulin to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Mergen, Clerk/Treasurer