

MINUTES

Full Board-Regular Meeting

April 11, 2019

President Dahlke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting compliance with the open meeting law.

Members Present: Dahlke, Bowers, Arndt, Allen, Bauman and Earl

Member Absent: Wetak

Others present: Atty. Julia Potter, Bob DeMars, Kaitlin Nye, Jeremy Peach, Jason Baumgartner, Susan Endres, Derick Bacon, Dave Mowers, Gary Kowalke, Dennis Parsons, Michelle Smith, Brian Smith

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Bowers, second by Arndt to adopt the Agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Moved by Allen, second by Earl to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Arndt, second by Bauman to approve the monthly financial reports. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Zoning Update

Correspondence regarding homeless shelter (forwarded as received to Village Board members).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dave Mowers spoke against Plan Commission's recommendation to amend Chapter 17 not allow homeless shelters in the R-1 District (but to allow them as conditional uses in the R-2, R-3, SRO-I, and SRO-II Districts). Mary Bowers spoke in favor of allowing homeless shelters in the R-1 District. Michelle Smith stated she would personally make a donation to the Baraboo Area Homeless Shelter Organization but that allowing it in the Village would have a disproportionate cost to Village residents. Jason Baumgartner inquired why the bigger churches in the City of Baraboo couldn't take on a homeless shelter considering they are a lot larger in size than the Church of God. Brian Smith suggested that since homelessness is a county wide problem why they couldn't use the Sauk County Jail as a homeless shelter since it already has beds available and security. Gary Kowalke spoke on behalf of the Plan Commission's recommendation. Bowers applauded the Baraboo Area Homeless Shelter Board and stated that he has never seen a stronger, more passionate and intelligent Board. Bowers shared some personal stories and spoke on perception versus reality. Allen clarified Plan Commission's recommendation was not to outlaw homeless shelters in the entire community and to allow it in 4 other districts which he believed was a good alternative and the appropriate location from a planning perspective. Earl stated he understands the problem of homelessness, but from what he's researched and heard from his constituents that R-1 Districts shouldn't be used for homeless shelters. Bauman stated it's unfortunate and unfair that having a different opinion on this matter has been characterized through social media and other things as being uncaring. Bauman's recommendation was to maybe change their approach and manner in the future and there might be more receptive places that would accommodate these things. Based on the Plan Commission's recommendation and the engineering on this, he doesn't think R-1 is an appropriate District. Arndt stated he was torn but he thinks the organization could've communicated better with surrounding residents to prevent the spread of misinformation. Arndt stated that he agrees with the Plan Commission that R-1 isn't a good fit for this type of use. Dahlke explained they are compassionate but a majority of the residents are against it and the constituents are who the Board represents. Dahlke understands that this has been an emotional issue, but stated that at certain

points it felt to him like it was mob rule. After considerable discussion moved by Allen, second by Arndt approval of Resolution 19-08 Proposing Amendments to Chapter 17 regarding homeless shelters. Roll Call- Ayes (5): David Dahlke, Jim Allen, David Bauman, Steve Earl, Michael Arndt; Nays (1): Jim Bowers. Motion carried.

- B. Moved by Arndt, second by Bauman approval of the 2018 General Audit including the Sewer/Water Utility and the TIF fund. Motion carried.
- C. Moved by Arndt, second by Earl approval of the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Use of 2018/2019 Stewardship Grant Funds between with the City of Baraboo. Motion carried.
- D. Moved by Allen, second by Arndt approval of Ordinance 19-06: Amending Chapters 17 and 23 regarding Highway 12 Bypass and Effective Date of Amendments. Motion carried.
- E. Moved by Arndt, second by Bauman approval of Ordinance 19-07: Amending Chapter 17 Regarding Self-Storage Facilities. Motion carried.
- F. Moved by Earl, second by Allen approval of operator's license for Barbara J. Giese. Motion carried.
- G. Moved by Arndt, second by Bauman approval of Resolution 19-09: Proclamation for Michael Wetak. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. After considerable discussion moved by Arndt, second by Bauman to take no action on the updates to the Employee Policies and Procedures Manual until Atty. Steve Zach can make it to an upcoming Board meeting to explain and clarify some questions the Board has. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEDC/CHAMBER: Bowers reported at both meetings they spent a lot of time talking about the homeless shelter. Bowers reported he would not be able to attend the Chamber meeting next week.

AMBULANCE: Dahlke reported the city is not renovating the old city hall building but they are moving forward with putting the Ambulance in the new city building.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Dahlke stated the homeless shelter was one of the toughest decisions they've had to vote on and he applauds the work the Plan Commission did. Dahlke reported he is meeting with Gary Kowalke and Bob DeMars tomorrow to take a look at a location for the new entrance sign for the Village. Dahlke reported him and Jim Allen are attending the SCDC award banquet next Wednesday.

TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:

There was additional discussion regarding the shelter.

DeMars commented on the updates to the Employee Policy and Procedures regarding retirement.

Atty. Julia Potter reported there was a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for Brian Pierce. The Zoning Board of appeals granted all of the requested variances except for one stormwater related variance, and another variance request that was withdrawn during the hearing.

APPROVE MONTHLY EXPENDITURES: Moved by Arndt, second by Bauman to approve the monthly expenditures. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Moved by Arndt, second by Allen to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlin Nye, Clerk/Treasurer