

September 20, 2016 (Village Board Meeting)

**ALLOUEZ VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
6:30 P.M., ALLOUEZ VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Rafter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Harris, Genrich, Atwood, Rafter, Dart, Green, Dennis
Also Present: Fuller, Berndt, DEO Vogel

MODIFY / ADOPT AGENDA

Green / Harris moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. In-person absentee voting in the Clerk's Office for the General Election (November 8th) will begin on Monday, September 26, 2016 and continue through Friday, November 4, 2016

Rafter

- Last night, on behalf of the Village of Allouez, he accepted a sculpture that was created for the Allouez Village Band from an artist of Door County in remembrance of all past, present and future band members. It has been placed outside the Community Center on Webster Avenue.

Genrich

- Oktoberfest at the Lorelei Inn is this Friday and Saturday

Green

- Halloween at Heritage Hill is October 15 & 22 and Farm to Fork: A Seasonal Heritage Dinner on October 27

Fuller

- Allouez / Bellin Health Farmers Market runs thru October 6th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Rafter

- Wished Fuller a Happy Birthday

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Bill Sweasy, 1600 S Irwin Avenue

- Questioned Allouez's use of opinion polls instead of surveys.
 - o Brown County Tax Refund – he recommended putting the stadium refund in a fund and then applying a credit toward one item on every resident's monthly water bill until the funds are exhausted.
 - o Naming the Allouez bridge - he recommended if we must name the bridge over the railroad trestle that it simply be named the Webster Avenue Railroad Bridge.

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Judy Poh, 2375 Riverside Drive

- Input was requested for a name to put on the bridge. Out of 14,000 residents in Allouez, input was received from approximately 15 – 20. If anyone is offended by whatever name is selected, they should be asked whether they voted for or suggested something.

Jim Orourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Requested that all meetings of the Board, except under extreme circumstances, be held in public.
- If the Village decides not to sell the Pump House, they will need to repair it before winter sets in. The roof is collapsing and the façade is in complete and total disrepair.

NAMING OF THE WEBSTER AVENUE BRIDGE (from 9/6/16)

Atwood / Dart moved to name the Webster Avenue Bridge “The Webster Avenue Bridge”.

Discussion:

- An opinion poll was used because we don’t know everyone who has lived in Allouez and what they have done for the community. It was a great opportunity for the people who live in Allouez to give feedback and to honor its own who have lived here and/or provided public service
- We received names of great historical figures and people who have served the Village, but feedback has been to keep it Webster Avenue Bridge.

Jim Orourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Gave history behind the naming of Webster School and Street and feels the official name should be on the bridge, Daniel Webster Bridge

Upon the vote, the motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT VII

Berndt

- Amends the annual recycling agreement we have with Brown County to include the 2017 Recycling Consolidation Grant

Genrich / Atwood moved to approve the annual amendment for the 2017 grant. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

a. Riverside Drive Pedestrian Crossing Engineering Services Contract

Green / Genrich to approve the Riverside Drive Pedestrian Crossing Engineering Services Contract subject to a mutual agreement of the terms and conditions of the contract. Motion carried.

b. Draft County/Municipality Agreement for Joint Projects

Berndt

- Explained the agreement closely follows the original county/municipal agreement from 2011 that had been used for many years and in a slightly modified form is still used. The original agreement was based on a 50/50 cost share and has been retained in this agreement. The updated agreement addresses some more recent issues that needed resolution.
- Legal counsels have reviewed the agreement and recommend proceeding with discussions with Brown County to reach an agreement.

No action required at this time.

c. Correspondence to GBMSD regarding 2017 Budget

Berndt

- provided an overview of their observations of the proposed 2017 budget
 - o GBMSD 2017 Priorities
 - o GBMSD 2017 Budget Increase
 - o Cost Savings in the 2017 Budget
 - o Annual Capital Projects
 - o Salary and Benefits Cost

Discussion:

- The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29
- Mr. Sigmund is scheduled to give a presentation to the Board on October 4
- GBMSD user fees increased 26% over the past 5 years
- Could the budget meeting be held in the evening to allow more residents the opportunity to attend rather than during daytime business hours?
- Why aren't there any elected officials on the board?

Clarence Matuszek, 2680 S. Webster Avenue

- Many years ago it was established that there would be a county board member on that committee. May want to investigate what happened?

Green / Harris moved to approve the letter as presented to the GBMSD. Motion carried.

OPEN GOVERNMENT

Rafter

- Received 38 emails from Mr. Jim Orourke since our last meeting and addressed a few of them (dated 9/7/16, 9/8/16, 9/15/16, 9/20/16).
- The Board previously approved having our lawyer look into if there is legal recourse from the Village by someone calling our staff liars.

Jim Orourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Feels threatened

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- Believes things are going on behind closed doors
- Concerned that defacto zoning is being done on Riverside Drive and St Joseph Street

Clarence Matuszek, 2680 S Webster Avenue

- There have been a number of closed sessions, which appear to be legal, but suggested giving an interim report at the conclusion of a closed session even if it's we didn't do anything, which is better than saying nothing at all.
- Disturbed by allegations made of alleged improprieties by this Board.
- Suggested if Orourke has such strong feelings, that he run for the Board.

Judy Poh, 2375 Riverside Drive

- Voiced concern with the communication between the two gentlemen.

Discussion:

- Concerned with the number of emails received (over 1000) from one resident, the time spent responding to the emails and some of the remarks made in the emails.

Jim Orourke, 2339 Oakwood

- To put an end to this is to ask the Attorney General to take a look at the way the Village of Allouez sells its real estate, the way it awards contracts, the way the Village of Allouez, the State Department of Transportation and the State Historic Preservation Office prepare Section 106 studies for federally funded state highway properties.

WHETHER OR NOT TO LIST THE PUMP HOUSE ON GREENE AVENUE

Discussion:

- 8 years ago, the Village Board decided to sell the property, but it was never listed.
- 2008 the Village Board recommended that we notify adjacent property owners within 300 ft of that structure and we don't know if that ever took place.
- In 2015 the Plan Commission recommended it be put up for sale, keep it zoned as Government and go through the PDD process when a buyer comes forth. Since then the property has been added to the National Registry of Historic Places.
- Do we want to sell it? If so, do we list the property or not? How much do we ask for it?
- Since agenda came out, the village received an offer to purchase the property.
- We spent \$3400 to have it be designated on the registry. Do we want to require maintenance of the historic designation by the future property owner? How limiting or beneficial is the historic designation?
- Do we rezone or go through the PDD process?

Rafter / Green moved to send back to staff for recommendations of asking price, impact on historic property, do we want to require maintenance of the historic designation, do we want to rezone or do a PDD, do we want to list it with a realtor or do it in house and notify property owners within 300 ft. of the sale.

Jim Orourke, 2339 Oakwood Avenue

- Has shown the property to 5 people over that last 2 years and has 5 interested parties.
- Suggested the village pay to have an appraisal done and list it with a realtor

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- For Historic Preservation, a Certificate of Appropriateness for any renovations to the outside would need to be approved by the Historic Committee.

Upon the vote, the motion carried to send back to staff. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON MAYFLOWER GREENHOUSE PROJECT

Rafter

- We received word from the Mayflower Co. that they are not going forward with their project and are releasing themselves of any interest in the Riverside Drive property.

COUNTY TAX COLLECTION AGREEMENT

Rafter

- 2017 tax collection agreement was received and then amended by the County. Changes from current agreement include:
 - o Charge for the county to collect 1st installment (currently - \$0 / original 2017 agreement - \$1.00 per property tax bill / amended agreement - \$.85 per property tax bill)
 - o Collections deposited (currently - weekly /original 2017 agreement – bi-weekly / amended agreement - weekly)
 - o Provide tax rates to the County (original 2017 agreement – by November 30th / amended agreement – by December 8th)
 - o Opt-Out Option was included in amended agreement (no charge per property tax bill – municipality is responsible for 1st installment collection)
- Signed agreement due to County by October 31, 2016
- Concerns received from surrounding municipalities

Discussion:

- Cost shifting (from county to municipal)
- Add to next agenda for action

REPORT ON ROOM TAX COMMISSION – ADDRESSING SHORT-TERM HOUSING

Harris

- Room Tax Commission has been addressing short term lodging in residential properties (i.e. Airbnb) not paying any sort of room tax as hotels are required to do.
- Room Tax Commission has asked each municipality to send them a letter by September 30th stating what they are doing to address the issue. Harris worked with Lange to respond saying we are reviewing our ordinance and plan to add a definition for short term housing to our ordinance.
- Bring proposed changes to the Board for review with the intent of giving the people that enforce our rules the tools to enforce them.

ADJOURNMENT

Harris / Genrich moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.

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Minutes submitted by Debbie Baenen, Clerk-Treasurer