

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Call to Order: President Vanden Berg called the Regular Board Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Vanden Berg led members in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Trustees

PRESENT: John Elrick, Trustee
Bill Peerenboom, Trustee
Brian Van Lankveldt, Trustee
David Peterson, Trustee
Larry Van Lankvelt, Trustee
Michael Vanden Berg, President

EXCUSED: Skip Smith, Trustee

Roll call of Officers and Department Heads

PRESENT: James Fenlon, Village Administrator
Chris Murawski, Village Engineer

Public Appearance for Items Not on the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2020

Moved by Trustee Peerenboom, seconded by Trustee Peterson to Approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2020

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Action/Discussion—Carol Lynn Drive Parking

Administrator Fenlon thanked the residents for coming and went over the handouts available showing the 14 residents on the petition and also advised that he received 8 additional comments from Carol Lynn Drive residents with 5 against the extra street parking and 3 agreeing would pay the additional \$107.82. He also explained the process and a conservative estimate would be approximately \$150,000 to add the 5 feet additional width. Administrator Fenlon advised that the Village of Little Chute policy was adopted in 2015 that new street construction for side streets will consist of parking only on one side of the street. President Vanden Berg then opened the floor to residents. Julie Routhieaux, 901 Carol Lynn Drive advised that her and her husband are the ones who started the petition. Julie stated that with the events at Heesaker Park it makes parking on one side of the street difficult and does not leave room for a bike lane which could cause problems with kids. Ron Routhieaux stated that this is a 50-year project and he doesn't want to look at a no parking sign for the rest of his life and wants the street left as is. Julie Routhieaux stated that they talked to the post office and they do not have plans to move the mailboxes. Ron Routhieaux asked why it went from \$95.10 five years ago to \$107.82 today. Administrator Fenlon advised that the residents surrounding this area had meetings in 2014 and did not like the sliding scale so the board had four meetings and adopted this policy in 2015. Administrator Fenlon let the residents know that property values have proven not to have any impact due to parking. Administrator Fenlon stated he understands it is not easy to lose a lane of parking. Engineer Murawski stated studies show it is safer to have one lane of parking instead of two lanes. Ute Paessler, 1000 Carol Lynn Drive expressed concern in narrowing the street and how is her husband supposed to back a 30' trailer in her driveway. Paul Schuh 812 Carol Lynn and his wife feel it will be a problem when there are a lot of family events happening. Mr. Schuh asked also about the post office mailboxes being moved and asked if the Board had already decided on narrowing Carol Lynn Drive. Administrator Fenlon advised that the policy would have to be changed in order to change the construction project and not all the residents on Carol Lynn Drive agree to this. Trustee Van Lankvelt advised he lives on West Main Street and it hasn't been an issue only having parking on one side of the street. Mike Hartz of 700 Carol Lynn Drive talked to the postmaster and during construction was told they will have to collect their mail and was hoping that at least the post office would consider putting mailboxes on the same side as the no parking. Engineer Murawski and Administrator Fenlon stated that was up to the Post Office. Peter

Bekz, 1001 Carol Lynn Drive stated 77% of the residents that responded want two lanes. Trustee Van Lankveldt asked about the \$107.82, Administrator Fenlon explained that the five additional feet would add approximately \$50.00 on to the \$107.82. Julie Routhieaux stated that the website stated \$107.82 and wanted to know why the website isn't correct. Trustee Elrick stated that you are asking us to change the policy, and there would be costs involved in redesigning this street. Trustee Van Lankveldt explained that this would be approximately \$145.00 due to the fact that the Village is not recommending parking on both sides of the street. Administrator Fenlon again went over the numbers fourteen residents on the petition, two emails, one for and one against and three phone calls two against and one for so only 17 out of 32 total residents were heard from. Julie Routhieaux stated the residents vote for the board and she felt Administrator Fenlon already had made up his mind, Administrator Fenlon stated after talking with staff that he would not recommend to the board to go against the current policy. Dick Biese, 528 Carol Lynn Drive did not sign the petition due to not being home and recommended adding a parking lot at Heesaker Park to alleviate cars from parking in their neighborhood. Administrator Fenlon advised that it is a great recommendation and showed where to find information on future parks and there is planned parking for Heesaker. Mr. Biese then agreed with the Village and would like the road to get done. Sara Gaunther, 906 Carol Lynn Drive stated she just moved in the area 3 years ago and wishes the road would remain the same. Engineer Murawski advised the residents of the policy and to take into consideration all aspects of road construction i.e.; sewer, water, snow plowing, costs involved. Ron Routhieaux asked why the \$150.00/foot is not public information compared to the \$107. Administrator Fenlon advised that this was an estimate after talking with the Village Engineer if the policy was changed. Engineer Murawski advised that this is an estimate but would have to take each road as an estimate if the policy changed. Trustee Van Lankveldt explained that it is not public knowledge because they wouldn't know how much it would cost to redesign as far as engineering etc. Tracy Polomis, 1518 Violet, asked how they can get the no parking side to be the same side as the mailboxes and President Vanden Berg asked Engineer Murawski if he asked the post master about moving the mailboxes and was advised that they do not have any plans right now and will see how it works. Trustee Elrick explained when this policy was set in 2015 there were a number of different factors that were set and will suggest sticking with this policy. Trustee Peterson suggested putting more pressure on the Post Office to have mailboxes put on the no parking side. Trustee Peerenboom agrees with Trustee Elrick and reaffirmed to stay with the policy and stated there are municipalities that don't let you park on any streets. Trustee Elrick reminded the residents that this is policy to save money for all residents, not individual neighborhoods. Trustee Van Lankvelt advised that if this policy was changed, the road would have to be redesigned and wouldn't get done. President Vanden Berg said a lot of hours were put into this policy to keep it affordable and set a flat rate and his inclination is to go with the street as designed and reminded residents that there isn't parking on the street now and you make it work. The road construction would start around the first week of May.

Call for Unfinished Business

None

Items for Future Agenda

None

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Van Lankvelt to Adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

Attest: Laurie Decker
Laurie Decker, Village Clerk

By: Michael R. Vanden Berg
Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

