

**MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors: Prudhon, Ruzek, McCune; Town Clerk: Christopherson;
Attorney: Lemmons;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Ruzek moved to approve the agenda as submitted with the supplemental information for agenda item 8A, and adding agenda item 9A) Town Mission Statement for the website. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS: Ruzek moved to approve payment of bills. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020 (Additions/Deletions): Ruzek moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: McCune moved to approve the consent agenda as follows: 5A) 2020 Fire Service Contract Addendum – approve 2020 addendum. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

2105 STILLWATER STREET – CONSIDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING TO ABATE NUISANCE: Building Inspector Mike Johnson was present to report on this agenda item. 2105 Stillwater Street has been a nuisance item for years. The Board heard from neighbors at the public hearing in November. Since then, he was given a 30-day notice; however, it has been more than 30 days.

There was discussion among the Board of how best to proceed. At the December Executive Board meeting it was discussed that another public hearing would demonstrate good faith and due diligence to work with the owner/caretaker of the property. At the public hearing in November, Lopez was given a list of 15 items. Johnson reported that none have been completed and there has been minor work done.

The Board could call a public hearing and then has the authority to cancel or delay action upon completions of the items but there have been no improvements thus far. It was noted that the Town Attorney will have a letter drafted for the Board to look at the January Executive meeting. There was some discussion over a court order, since Lopez

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has legal representation that reached out about inquiry of tonight's meeting. Any potential application of a court order would take about 60 days to affirm. The status would be for the Town Board to present its case, looking for the court to affirm the Board's decision to either sell the property as is or fix it within our time frame.

It was noted that Johnson talked to Lopez before the December Executive meeting, and the vacant building fee has been paid but no paper work completed; however, the work on the house remains uncompleted as well.

Ruzek moved to skip the second public hearing, apply for the court order, and await the results since a hearing will be scheduled at a later date with the court order. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

4TH QUARTER CONSTRUCTION REPORT: Building Inspector Mike Johnson was present to report on the 4th quarter construction permits that the Town issued. December's permits were compared to 2019 year to date and 2018 year to date numbers. The charts on page 23 and 24 were presented and discussed. The number of permits issued year by year has stayed consistent over the last 4 years. There was some discussion over the 2 permits issued in December and how the Town evaluates the valuation. It was noted that it is based on the square footage of a project, about \$90 per square foot. The Town hasn't re-evaluated for about 5 years or more. There may be additional discussion on this agenda item this year as the Town is re-evaluating the fees and charges.

ORDINANCE NO. 54 – 2. APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 54 (FEES & CHARGES) AMENDMENT – 3. ADOPT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FEES: The Town Clerk reported that this hasn't been done since 1999, so he had the administrator give an analysis of the issued permit fees over the years and propose changes in the permits for Town Board consideration.

There was discussion of the chart on page 27 with the big jump in pricing for homes of \$500,001-\$1,000,000. It was noted that staff should report on the other municipalities' pricing of permits.

Ruzek moved to approve the Ordinance No. 54 (Fees & Charges) Amendment with reconsideration of pricing/building range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

Ruzek moved to adopt the resolution establishing certain fees & charges in the Town of White Bear. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor Ruzek reported that the Town would like to display the Mission, Vision, and Values on the website, but would like some input on where. There were 2 options presented: right on the front page where the residents can click on an icon and can view them, or under the Town Board tab they will be presented

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in a tab of their own. It was discussed and the consensus was that it should be option 2: in the Town Board section, so it can be grouped together neatly.

OPEN TIME: No one was present for open time.

RECEIPT OF AGENDA MATERIALS / SUPPLEMENTS: Ruzek motioned to receive all Agenda Materials & Supplements for tonight's meeting. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

McCune moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Ruzek seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Christopherson
Recording Secretary

Approved as Official Meeting Minutes

Town Board Chair

Date