

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
JUNE 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Akenson, Artner, Brunner, Keleher, Stofferahn; Aide: Short;
Commissioners: Prudhon; Assistant Treasurer: Christopherson; Attorney:
Chad Lemmons;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Brunner moved approval of the agenda as submitted. Akenson seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2020 MINUTES (Additions/Deletions): Artner moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020. Brunner seconded. Ayes all.

STABLE PROPERTY – BID UPDATE – UPDATED DECLARATION OF EASEMENT – FEASIBILITY REPORT PROCESS: **Bid Update:** The Town Clerk reported that the EDA/Town Board approved the request for the property to go out for bid. The posting is in the *White Bear Press* for June 10th, and the following week. The bid is open for 60 days, closing August 12th, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Town Offices. It was noted that the Town has engineer surveys available in the form of a purchase agreement if an applicant is interested and reaches out to staff.

Updated Declaration of Easement: The Town Attorney reported that the Declaration of Use Easement has been completed and takes about 1 day to file. This information will be included in the purchase agreement staff gives to applicants. The Use Easement restricts the use of the land to 8 single family homes.

Artner made the motion to recommend to the EDA that the Town Board Chair and Town Clerk execute the Use Easement. Brunner seconded. Ayes all.

Feasibility Report Process: The Town Engineers have been working on engineering for this plot of land for the past few years. All that is left is for a formal report including surveys and all previous work in a feasibility report. It was noted that the cost of the feasibility report will be reported at the EDA meeting.

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Artner motioned to recommend to the EDA to recommend authorization for an updated feasibility report on the Stable Property. Brunner seconded. Ayes all.

5253 EAGLE STREET RENTAL PROPERTY – UPDATE: The Town Clerk reported that the EDA owns this property that has been rented out in the past to White Bear Lake Fire Department staff. It is currently vacant as the City no longer needs other housing for their Fire Department staff. The Town wants to keep the land due to future plans regarding drainage and utility easements. There was some discussion of other rental options, but it was noted that whether the Town is collecting the \$600 rent per month or not, the Town is losing money on this property in the cost of upkeep and maintenance. There was some discussion of demolishing it or perhaps the Fire Department would like to use it for training staff and set fire to it. It was noted that vacating the rental agreement laid out in the packet is mutual between the Town and the City. Number 8 will be completed by staff prior to the 10-day notice.

Akenson motioned to recommend tear down the house and offer it for fire training. Artner seconded. Ayes all.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: Consultant Short updated the Board on 3 things: the Historical society received a \$4,300 grant for continued research and writing for the Town Hall exhibit; the Historical Town Hall is in the process of being updated with the contractor building partitions where the wall used to be and taking out all old tile with the goal of getting back to the original hardwood floors.

There was some discussion of Water Gremlin, from the relocated coining operation to the state injunction to the district court for the company to evaluate a number of past employees' homes in search of lead, and proved abatement of any found lead.

There was some brief discussion of the civil unrest, the Town's declared curfew, and surrounding cities' vandalism during this time.

Artner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Akenson seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary