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Town of St. Joseph - St. Croix County, WI
Minutes of Special Meeting of the Town Board –
St. Joseph Town Hall June 9, 2021 9:30AM

Call to Order at 9:30am by Chair Johnson. Statement of Public Notice read. Roll Call: Supervisors Colbeth, Marshall, DeRosier, Meyers, Chair Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer Coyle, Town Attorney Nelson, Town Engineer Mann. **MOTION** (Marshall/DeRosier) to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.** Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings and Events:

June 10 – Town Board Meeting	June 23 – Board of Appeals
June 14 – Open Book 4pm-6pm	June 29 – IT Committee
June 16 – Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee	July 6 – Public Works Committee
June 22 – Board of Review 6pm-8pm June	July 7 – Plan Commission

Public Comment. Chair Johnson opened public comment and let the audience know that speaker's time would be limited to 2 minutes each and that after 10 minutes, the Board would need to move on to the agendaed item and would return to additional public comment at the end of the meeting.

Susanne Van Mele – spoke in opposition to proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Anne Bergman – 1434 Triangle Drive – spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Peggy Audley – 1221 County Rd I – spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Sue Curtis - 1101 37th Street - spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution. Requested that this item be removed from the agenda tomorrow, increased transparency and 2 months' notice on controversial issues. Requested agenda minutes to be available sooner.

Cindy Leonard - 663 Perch Lake Road - spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Business discussion and possible action on:

- a. Discussion and possible decision with resident regarding easement for Church Street Road Project

Two solutions for stormwater runoff issues were presented by Town Engineer Mann; the first would be a rock ravine and the second is an underground pipe with an outlet. Both options are proposed to go through Steven Studer's property at the west end of Church Street, City of Stillwater property, and Town of St. Joseph property. The Town requires an easement to move forward with the project to address the water issues on Church Street due to the road improvements related to the Bridge Project. The City of Stillwater has already signed an easement. It would be more cost effective to install a pipe; both options would require approximately a 20ft easement. This is the Town's first stormwater system and the system would require maintenance.

Approved 6/10/21

Steven Studer was present and agreed that the second solution of a pipe was a better option. He questioned the amount of tree cover that would need to be removed and easement size and location. Engineer Mann affirmed that the ground above the pipe would be reestablished native plantings or turf after the pipe was installed. Large trees could not be replanted directly above the pipe. Manhole covers would be installed and are grated so water can go through.

Supervisor Marshall spoke to a preference of a weir at the outlet. Discussion about relocating the pipe to a different site; all property adjacent is privately owned and would not follow water flow lines. Discussion about funding this project through the Town's major road dollars available this year to address these flooding issues further up Church Street. Supervisor DeRosier and Former Supervisor Mike Long spoke to the lack of interest by the State Department of Transportation to address the water issues caused by the new alignment; a requested culvert was declined.

Chair Johnson explained that an easement was necessary so the storm sewer could be installed and maintained. Discussion about mitigation of impacts of the easement; construction is not expected until next year. Studer indicated he is willing to work with the Town. The easement needs to be signed before a Conditional Use Permit application can be submitted to the County. Discussion about removal and replacement of tree cover over easement and the possibility to replanting trees adjacent to the easement on the Studer property. Approximately 10-12 feet of tree removal is expected; removal is comparable in both options. Mr. Studer is open to replacement of tree cover outside project area; Engineers can go out and identify exact project location with staking and mark the trees that will be impacted.

Attorney Nelson reported that a legal description of the project area is necessary to proceed with the easement.

MOTION (Johnson/Marshall) to:

1. Move forward with 2nd drawing from Stantec with the outlet on the Stillwater property instead of the Studer property including 2 man hole covers;
2. Request Stantec to stake mark the easement through the Studer property and two cover locations;
3. After property is staked, Stantec will discuss with Mr. Studer about what will have to be removed and what can be replaced and in what locations;
4. Studer will then look at the easement to be presented and respond to the Board about the agreement so it can be signed.

Discussion about re-agendaing this item for the August Board meeting so the County Conditional Use Permit can be submitted and approved in time for bidding to get the project done next year. **Motion carried.**

Town Engineer Lee Mann and Supervisor Colbeth left the meeting. Chair Johnson reintroduced Public Comment.

Resident Brett Bader – 719 132nd Ave - spoke to 2nd Amendment resolution. Appreciated that both sides can speak about issue. Does not believe that the resolution will affect laws.

Carol Skinner – 382 County Rd E - spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Dave Nestrud - 1079 Mound Dr – spoke to 2nd Amendment resolution. Appreciated consideration of issue; does not change laws; affirms existing laws.

Pam Fricke – 797 Aushegun Trail – spoke in opposition to 2nd Amendment Sanctuary resolution.

Steven Studer – 1358 Egard St - questioned topic being discussed by others in Public Comment; expects Town to be addressing Town business.

Approved 6/10/21

Chair Johnson provided procedural information about the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary for discussion on 6/10 agenda. Town Board would need to vote to add it to another agenda.

It was noted that Public Comment is only for items not on the agenda.

Items for next Plan Commission or Town Board Agendas – none.

MOTION (DeRosier/Marshall) to adjourn. Motion carried.