

Special Village Board Meeting
June 21, 2016, 6:30 pm

- 1) **Silence all cell phones**
- 2) **Call to Order and roll call of Officers:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Village President Vickie Boehnlein. Officers present were: President Vickie Boehnlein, Trustees Clem Gottsacker, Dale Pfeifer, Pete Anzia, and Gail Kowalkowski. Trustee Josh Borden and Andy Ohlson were excused. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Village Clerk Julie Lesar and DPW Superintendent Dan Birenbaum.
- 3) **Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:** This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.
- 4) **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence:** All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
- 5) **New Business** – Boehnlein explained that the special Village Board Meeting was called because there are a few decisions regarding the Main Street project that need to be made before June 30. She wanted the full board to have a voice in these decisions.
 - a) **Discuss and possible action regarding proposed curbing design for the intersection of Main and Beech Streets as presented by Gremmer & Associates** - a bump-out curb design is being proposed by Gremmer & Associates on a one-way street to eliminate the need to acquire property from resident. Because this is a one-way street, it allows for the curb and ramp to be constructed in the street area rather than going into the abutting property's right-of-way. This will narrow the opening of the one-way street, thus making it visually clear that it is a one-way street. Boehnlein pointed out that it would make snow plowing more difficult. Birenbaum agreed that it will be more difficult to plow. He sees the potential for damage to this bump-out curbing due to the snow plow blade. The snow blade is wider than the proposed opening of the street. Boehnlein noted that the property owners at this intersection have had an attorney notify Gremmer & Associates regarding right-of-way issues. This proposed design may have been prompted by this notification. There was a discussion of the cost differences. Boehnlein pointed out that either the Village pays for the additional cost of the bump-out or pays the additional costs of attorney's fees to acquire property. Kowalkowski asked if the Village Attorney has been made aware of the property issues. Boehnlein explained that these issues (purchase of property) are being handled by the county and Gremmer & Associates. Anzia asked how much property is required for the bump-out. Birenbaum estimated 5 to 6 feet. The current handicap ramp does not meet DOT requirements. Because this is a state-funded project these requirements need to be met and the ramps require more footage. Kowalkowski voiced concerns of additional costs to the project. Boehnlein replied that if this would be a significant cost increase, the Village would have been made aware of the increase. Gottsacker asked for clarification of this curbing in relation to the Beech Street refinishing that is currently being completed. Birenbaum explained that the current Beech Street project will not replace the curbing to Main Street so that double work is not done. Anzia made a motion to recommend the bump-out curb design on Beech Street and County Road D as presented by Gremmer & Associates. Motion seconded by Boehnlein. Ayes – Boehnlein, Pfeifer, Gottsacker, Anzia, Kowalkowski, Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.
 - b) **Discuss and possible action regarding Main Street lighting** - Boehnlein explained that Gremmer & Associates need to know if the Village will be purchasing and installing the street lights or if WE Energies will complete this. She noted that in the past, the Village prefers to purchase their own lights because it will save money in the long run. The committee must also decide what type of lights to install. Gremmer has provided four options to choose from. The options are:
 - i) **Standard WI DOT Lighting total cost of \$391,067** – basic 30 foot, galvanized metal pole
 - ii) **Standard WI DOT Lighting w/upgrade total cost \$429,969** – basic 30 foot, black metal pole
 - iii) **Decorative Lighting w/arm total cost \$543,075** – black finish, 25 foot, w/ 6 foot arm
 - iv) **Decorative lighting total cost \$605,031** – black finish, 20 foot, no arm

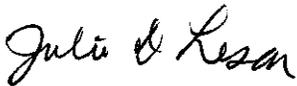
Boehnlein pointed out that this as a cost for a basic type of light pole, which needs to be decided at this time. Each of these styles presented requires a different amount of spacing along the street. Gremmer needs to know this in order to place the required number of street light poles in the final plans. It was pointed out that we currently have utility owned light poles on Main Street. Further discussion regarding the different styles of lights and the illumination they provide. Boehnlein made a motion that the Village of Belgium purchase the lights for Main Street. Motion seconded by Gottsacker. Ayes – Boehnlein, Pfeifer, Gottsacker, Anzia; Noes – none; Abstain – Kowalkowski. Motion carried.

Boehnlein reviewed the four different light options and the costs. Gottsacker made a motion to choose the third

option, decorative lighting with arm, total estimate of \$543,075. No second, motion failed. Boehnlein made a motion to recommend choosing the fourth option, decorative lighting without arm, total estimate of \$605,031. Motion seconded by Gottsacker. Vote was taken; Ayes – none, Noes – Boehnlein, Pfeifer, Gottsacker, Anzia, Kowalkowski, Abstain – none; Motion did not carry. There was additional discussion regarding having more information before making a final decision. It was decided that the full board will meet at the time of the already scheduled Public Works Committee on June 29 to further discuss this matter.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm was made by Gottsacker and seconded by Boehnlein. Ayes – Boehnlein, Pfeifer, Gottsacker, Anzia, Kowalkowski; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie D. Lesar
Village Clerk

Approved Special Village Board Meeting 6-29-2016