

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, February 26, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman Frank Behning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website on February 21, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, Will Bergmann, Mike Dorsey and Sharon Kelly. Also present were town clerk Janet Krueger, town treasurer Maxine Spiess, zoning administrator Jim Alt, public works employee Steve Jacobs and legal counsel Adam Jarchow. Others in attendance were Steven Kotilinek, Vicki Tonnar and Jake Schuur. Kelly/Dorsey **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried**. Bergmann/Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the January 15, 2020, town board meeting; **motion carried**.

No public comment was had.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Ms. Spiess presented the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending January 31, 2020, amounted to \$1,386,471.51, cash balance on January 31, 2020, was \$1,519,264.73. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 20-020 through 20-054 amounting to \$1,044,108.53; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2020 year to date budget summaries were reviewed. The building permit/building inspection log was reviewed. Mr. Alt gave the zoning administration report. Supervisor Dorsey has been looking into ice breaker equipment and would like the town board to consider on a future agenda.

New Business: Mr. Alt presented an application for a special exception for a retail business in a nonconforming structure in the commercial district. Dorsey/Appel **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-03 granting a special exception to Jake Schuur to operate a retail business in a nonconforming structure in the commercial district; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-03

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION  
TO JAKE SCHUUR TO OPERATE A RETAIL STORE  
IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS Jake Schuur filed an application with the Town of St. Croix Falls Zoning Office to operate a retail store at 1982 US Highway 8, located in the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 35, T34N, R18W, and identified as Tax Parcel No. 044-00978-0000, and

WHEREAS Chapter III, Section C, 3. Commercial District, c. (3) changes of use in non-conforming structures or property requires a Special Exception; and

WHEREAS the Plan Commission did conduct a public hearing on the matter and did recommend approval on February 12, 2020, for the special exception with conditions to operate a retail store in the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 35.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby concur with the Town Plan Commission to grant a special exception to Jake Schuur to operate a retail store at 1982 US Highway 8, located in the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 35 and identified as tax parcel #044-00978-0000 subject to the following conditions:

1. The special exception shall terminate upon the sale or transfer of ownership of either the parcel of land or the business itself.
  2. Any formal complaint lodged against the use in the first year of operation will lead to an automatic review of the Special Exception by the Plan Commission and/or Town Board at the next possible meeting.
  3. The Business will obey all laws and maintain all proper licenses and permits.
  4. The appropriate number of parking spaces required for the business will be created no later than May 15, 2020.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception is conditioned on the applicants obtaining the necessary and required permits, if any, from Polk County and various agencies of the State of Wisconsin; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception must be exercised by application for the necessary permits within twelve (12) months of the date of this Resolution.

Mr. Alt presented a driveway variance request to install a driveway less than 200 feet from an existing driveway. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-04 granting a driveway less than 200 feet from existing driveway on 220<sup>th</sup> Street; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-04

A RESOLUTION FOR GRANTING A DRIVEWAY ON 220TH STREET

WHEREAS Cheven Commercial Properties, property owner, filed a driveway application with the Town of St. Croix Falls Zoning Office for property at 1315 220<sup>th</sup> Street located in SE ¼, SE ¼ of Section 29, T34N, R18W, and identified as Tax Parcel No. 044-00818-0000; and

WHEREAS Driveway Ordinance 97-01, Section 7, D Distance Between Driveways And Intersecting Highways states there shall be a minimum of two-hundred (200) feet between access driveways on the same side of the road; and

WHEREAS the Driveway Ordinance 97-01, Section 5 states that deviations from the specifications required by the Driveway Ordinance may be approved by the Town Board in extenuating circumstances, and

WHEREAS the Town's Plan Commission reviewed the application on February 12, 2020, and did recommend to the Town Board approval of the driveway permit request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, approves a driveway permit for real property at 1315 220<sup>th</sup> Street located in SE ¼, SE ¼ of Section 29, T34N, R18W, and identified as Tax Parcel No. 044-00818-0000 with the following conditions:

- The driveway shall be allowed less than 200 feet north of the existing driveway entering parcel #044-00818-0000 on 220<sup>th</sup> Street (1315 220<sup>th</sup> Street); and
- This driveway shall not be for customer use .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue the driveway permit.

The clerk presented the 2019 Financial Statement. Appel/Bergmann **moved** to receive and approve the 2019 Financial Statement for the Town; **motion carried**. The 2020 lawn maintenance proposal was reviewed. Appel/Dorsey **moved** to approve lawn maintenance consisting of cutting, trimming and blowing off at sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per occurrence; pre-emergence application at one hundred five dollars (\$105.00); and one application of post emergence to be applied late May or early June in the amount of one hundred five dollars (\$105.00); **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Chairman Behning received a quote to upgrade the shop lights to LED in the amount of two thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars (\$2,785.00). The town would be responsible for the disposal of ballast and light bulbs. Appel/Dorsey **moved** to approve upgrading the shop lights to LED in the amount of two thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars (\$2,785.00); **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

No closing public comment was had.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Bergmann/Appel **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, town clerk.