Planning Commission Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

During public comment Greg Nobles requested that the hole containing water on his 4th Street property be covered up. He feels it is a safety issue. The homeowners wish to fix the problem themselves and do not feel that an engineer is required. Fleiss and Vanderbrink have not wanted to look into the drainage issues without having the underground water assessed by taking soil borings and understanding the underground hydrology David Casper is involved with this particular drainage issue but he cannot locate 10 year old documents related to this area.

A report on the culvert project at Rose and Second Street indicates the Prein &Newhof firm is looking for funding from the Conservation Resource Conference. The Tribe also owns a 0.01 acre of land in the areas. It is being explored whether the tribe would donate the piece of land to the Village or perhaps help with some funding for the culvert. The Tribe needs to give their permission to proceed.

Joni reported that the 2022 budget is being created. Projects that require funding need to be presented to the Infrastructure Committee or the Village Council. They will be prioritized and sources for funding sought.

DPW Report

Chris Holton reported the power was turned off in the Children's Center by the Leelanau Township Foundation. They hold the lease; and, consequently, the Foundation is responsible for the integrity of the building. Some mold has started to grow. Chris McCann and officials from the Center are meeting to work on an agreement on how to ameliorate the situation.

The Village Council has not supplied any new direction for a new RFP on the 4th Street drainage issue. Carl Wizinski asked if soil borings have been done. Chris said that no engineering firm would go ahead without the soil borings and it would be taken up tomorrow. Greg Nobles asked that monies be put aside in the budget for this issue and that a metal cover plate be put over the hole in front 213 4th Street in order to keep a car from going into the hole. Hugh Cook stated that the Village needs to get an engineer in place. He questioned whether a 3/4" cover can go over the hole and what the cost would be. Also, would the Village be putting money into that solution when the engineering study needs to be done? Chris Holton stated that cover could be put in place. There is some liability the way it is now. Any property has liability associated with it and due diligence needs to be carried out.

Other related issues are that the sanitary and water mains on M22 need to be replaced.

During a second Public Comment period: Carl Wizinski asked who is in charge of seeking infrastructure funds. Joni applied for ARCA funding of $54,000.

Tom Weber asked for a handicap parking space in front of the Post Office. They would lose one parking place or somehow have 1/2 space for a handicap space and 1/2 for a motorcycle. He expressed concern about S. Shore being really rutted. It started at the time of the sewer construction and now is being torn up by home construction. He worries about the road being restored to a smooth state. Repair of damage to roads in the Village due to home building is the responsibility of the Contractors and the Village needs to hold the contractors accountable.

Steve gave a report on the street lights. A letter was sent to turn lights on at 4th and Rose Street. The hanging light on 201 going out of town needs attention. It was questioned whether or not we could purchase our own lights and install them. There was no clear response from Consumers on this question. An email to Doug DeYoung asking these questions will be sent.

Respectively,
Kathryn Frerichs