

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Poirier.

Members present on roll call: Corby Stark, Aimee Newbauer, Jamey Flaherty, Kellie Flaherty, Jim Duncan and Kathy Poirier

No Public comments.

Discussion on the Village becoming a commercial building delegate authority (Ben Campbell). Mr. Ben Campbell discussed a possible ordinance change to allow the Village to be an approved delegate of authority on small commercial projects within the Village. At this time, no action was taken and Ben Campbell will send more information for the February Board meeting.

Discussion regarding compliance of zoning regulations at 501 West Main Street. The new owners of 501 West Main Street have advertisements on social media for monthly apartment rentals and have tenants in the facility. In reviewing the Village code, apartments are not zoned for appropriate use. Ben Campbell will issue a certified letter to the owners at 501 West Main Street and give them 30 days from the date the letter was issued to come back into compliance.

Discussion with the DNR and Balsam Lake Public Works regarding safe drinking water within the Village. Ciara Lotzer from the Wisconsin DNR was in attendance at the meeting. Questions by residents were asked, many relating to the water quality standards being published by EPA in 2004 and why the DNR are now working on this matter. At this time the DNR can only mandate advisory levels but there is not an enforceable level for municipalities to comply too in Wisconsin. Ciara noted that more research is being done with the Wisconsin Department of Health to evaluate the health risks of manganese and to set the enforcement levels that municipalities must comply with for the Wisconsin DNR to take action. Residents also noted that manganese is an abundant nutrient that many of our bodies need to function. It can be found in water, the air and in food. Ciara Lotzer noted that why a percentage of the population in the Village may need manganese in their diets, people over the age of 50 sensitive to liver problems or have underlying health conditions should contact their local health care provider to discuss their risks of long term exposure to manganese. Ciara also stated that families caring for infants should also contact their health care providers. There was a discussion on the Village of Balsam Lakes water line flushing program that is done twice a year. As manganese settles onto the bottom of the pipes the DNR has mandated that flushing take place twice a year annually. Erlene Johnson expressed her concerns as manganese has been apparent in her home for years. The board stated that when the engineers come out to survey the project they will look into the line to see if any changes could be made.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Duncan. Seconded by Kellie Flaherty. Carried. 5:41 p.m.

Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer
Amy VanDeBrake, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Unapproved minutes