

Village of Balsam Lake Special Board Meeting

Thursday May 30th, 2024

Meeting called to order by President James Duncan Jr.

Members present on roll call: Jamey Flaherty, Kellie Flaherty, Gary Johnson, Jena Paquette, Len Manning, Corby Stark.

Others present: Nick Elert.

No Public comments.

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-01 Chapter 148 Mobile Food Units/ Outdoor Food Stands. Nick Elert was in attendance. Mr. Elert extended his gratitude to the Village Board for working through writing an ordinance for mobile food vendors. One suggestion Mr. Elert had to the ordinance was to consider restricting how many feet a mobile food unit/ outdoor food stands can be from brick-and-mortar establishments in the downtown commercial area. A second suggestion Mr. Elert had offered was to limit the number of days a mobile food unit/ outdoor food stand could sell within the Village. Mr. Elert noted since having mobile food units downtown, brick-and-mortar establishments who offer food have seen a negative impact on net revenues. The brick-and-mortar food establishments pay taxes and help support the local economics of Balsam Lake where mobile food vendors do not. Corby Stark thanked Mr. Elert for coming to the meeting and for sharing his concerns with the Board. Corby Stark empathized with the brick-and-mortar food establishments, and also stated that many residents on Balsam Lake pay higher taxes to live on the lake. There are public lake accesses and people come from the surrounding area to enjoy time on the lake but those individuals do not have to pay taxes, they simply enjoy the lake and then travel home. Both the tax payers and the transient merchants help support the local economy. It was noted this ordinance provides a baseline to move forward with the Board being open to reviewing its viability within a one-year time frame. It was recommended a change the downtown mobile food unit/ outdoor food stand fee to \$500.00 for 6 months of vending. **Motion by Len Manning to approve Ordinance 2024-01 and to send ordinance to Village attorney for final approval, pending preliminary changes. Second by Corby Stark. On Roll Call: James Duncan Jr., yes; Corby Stark, yes; Gary Johnson, yes; Jena Paquette, yes; Len Manning, yes; Jamey Flaherty, yes; Kellie Flaherty, yes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-02, Chapter 286-9.1 Golf Carts. **Motion by Corby Stark to approve Ordinance 2024-02 and to send ordinance to Village attorney and Police Chief for final approval, pending preliminary changes. Second by Kellie Flaherty. On Roll Call: James Duncan Jr., yes; Corby Stark, yes; Gary Johnson, yes; Jena Paquette, yes; Len Manning, yes; Jamey Flaherty, yes; Kellie Flaherty, yes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2024-03, Vacant Building Ordinance. Discussion regarding enforcement took place. **Motion by Len Manning to approve Ordinance 2024-03 and to send to Village attorney for final approval, pending preliminary changes. Second by Corby Stark. On Roll Call: James Duncan Jr., yes; Corby Stark, yes; Gary Johnson, yes; Jena Paquette, yes; Len Manning, yes; Jamey Flaherty, yes; Kellie Flaherty, yes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance Amendment 2024-04, 112-4 Electrical Work. **Motion by Len Manning to approve Ordinance Amendment 2024-04 and send to Village attorney for final approval. Second by Corby Stark. On Roll Call: James Duncan Jr., yes; Corby Stark, yes; Gary Johnson, yes; Jena Paquette, yes; Len Manning, yes; Jamey Flaherty, yes; Kellie Flaherty, yes. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance Amendment 2024-05, Street lights. Item was tabled.

Motion by Corby Stark to adjourn. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried. 7:57 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Clerk Treasurer