

Minutes of the Three Oaks Planning Commission
5 June 2018

Prior to the start of the 5 June 2018 meeting a sizable group of citizens had gathered at the Village Hall in response to an e-mail message from Bill Welter to -----Local Business Owners and Community Leaders.

As Chairman Svebakken called the meeting to order, before calling for the Roll, addressed the gathering, asking them to please sign in, and assured them he would provide ample time for their comments.

Agenda:

- 1) Chairman Svebakken called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and asked Secretary Shawver to call the roll:

Present Svebakken, Binswanger, Heemstra, Wisner and Shawver
Absent Caid and Wagner

Ms Rebecca Harvey and Ms Laura Haw from McKenna and Associates, and Village Manager Mike Green were also in attendance

- 2) Motion to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting was made by Wisner, seconded by Binswanger and unanimously approved

- 3) Motion was made to modify the agenda, moving Public Comments to the first item of business, prior to approval, was made by Heemstra, seconded by Binswanger and unanimously approved

- 4) Comments from the Public.

52 individual members of the public signed the roll expressing an interest in speaking to the commission. After Chairman Svebakken invited them to speak, Bill Welter spoke in support of the message he had sent, stating the Journeyman now employed 134 individuals, had paid over \$75,000 to Village taxes and approximately \$40,000 in water and sewer fees in the past year. Bill's comments were then followed by 15 others all of whom spoke in support of the Journeyman.

Collen Newquist, (member DDA, who also asked that her written comments be included in the record, attached)

Ken Weber, Kim Pruitt, Vicki Gudas, Bill Bielby, John Krsul, Robert Kemper, Sharon Christner, Nick LaFlex, Janet Schuttler, Paula Bartholome, Mike Kennedy, Jen Kerr, Maggie Martin, Brett Padgett

- 5) Following Public Comment, Chairman Svebakken called the Planning Commission meeting to order again. Discussion of Cease and Desist letter from the Village, regards the sewer and the Journeyman, the several comments from the Public, with background provided by Village Manager Mike Greene then took place.

Binswanger made a motion, seconded by Shawver and unanimously approved to:

Draft a letter to President Dave Grosse and the Village Council requesting a stay to the cease and desist letter which had been sent to the Journeyman until after their June Village Council meeting, where the Council would have the opportunity to discuss and reconsider the Cease and Desist notification; and asked their Chairman to deliver the message to President Grosse as soon as possible.

- 6) Master Plan Update---Kick-off

Ms Laura Haw, Principal Planner, McKenna and associates, facilitated a discussion of their proposed 8 month schedule which should conclude with the revised Master Plan. The outline starts in June and will end in February 2019 with the Village Council adoption of the Plan. Ms Haw also presented an overview of "Opportunities and Constraints" which should also serve to guide the process.

After review and discussion of the planning process suggested by McKenna the Commission agreed to proceed following the proposed time frame and format.

- 7) Comments from the Public

Chairman Svebakken recognizing there were a few of the public who had sat through the meeting, asked if anyone had further comments to make regarding the evening's proceedings. Two or three members of the public again spoke on behalf of the need to resolve the Village issues regarding the sewer situation in an amicable manner. John Krsul (former member of Pokagon Fund Board and trained attorney mediator) spoke strongly on behalf of working together, as a community, to solve the sewer problem; pointing out the tremendous expense incurred by all if the situation goes to litigation.

- 8) There being no further comments from the public nor Commission members, noting it was a little past 8:00 pm, Chairman Svebakken called for a motion to adjourn. was made by Wisner, seconded by Shawver and passed unanimously.

