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STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Village of Pepin Municipal Building Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 8:30AM

MINUTES

- 1. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to Order at 8:30 am.
- 2. **Roll Call –** Members present: Randy Kallstrom, Aaron Kallstrom, Vicki Kosok, Mike Michaud, Paul Riesgraf. Also present: Jesse Van Alstine, Steve Westman, Ron Schlosser, Jack Mcdonaugh, and Jennifer Lindahl.
- Appoint Chairperson and Secretary Vicki Kosok made a motion to appoint Mike Michaud as secretary, seconded by Randy Kallstrom. Motion passes. Paul Riesgraf made a motion to appoint Randy Kallstrom as Chair, seconded by Vicki Kosok, motion passes.
- 4. **Approval of 05.06.2021 & 08.30.2021 meeting minutes –** Regarding the minutes from 5/06/21, Vicki Kosok made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Michaud, motion passes. Paul Riesgraf made a motion to accept the minutes from 8/30/21, seconded by Vicki Kosok. Motion passes.
- 5. **Discussion/Action-Safety issues on 2nd and Prairie St.** Mike Michaud pointed out that our ordinance Ch 70.03 delegates authority over traffic signage to the Police chief. Discussion about the close calls at the intersection from failures to stop. Including issues with speeding at that intersection. Some discussion about 4-way vs 3-way option, with the uphill on prairie being allowed to not stop. Increased traffic from tourism in the summer months was discussed. Aaron mentioned that if four way stops signs were put up, they would include a small sign under the red stop would say specifically 4-way. Yellow lines would be painted on the corners for 15 ft to ensure visibility at the intersection. Mike Michaud made a motion to install 4 way stop signs at that intersection, Vicki Kosok seconded, motion passes.
- 6. **Discussion/Action-Winter parking rules for 2024.** Aaron and Jesse outlined the problems they are having with winter parking during snow emergencies. There are repeat violations happening that cause plowing issues especially on the hills. Jesse pointed out that our fine for this violation is only \$25. Discussion of raising the fee amount to \$100 as a deterrent to repeat offenders. Mike Michaud made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that the fee be raised to \$100 for snow emergency parking violations, seconded by Vicki Kosok. Motion passes.

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- 7. Discussion/Action-Adding One Way/Do Not Enter signs for a portion of the alley next to E & S Grocery. Mike Michaud thought a discussion of this would be prudent after this was raised in a public comment at a Village Board meeting. The idea would be to prevent vehicles exiting out onto Second St from the alley. There is no visibility regarding pedestrian traffic at that corner when exiting. The proposal would be to still allow entering and exiting into the alley from Third St. Paul Riesgraf indicated that E&S was Ok with this suggestion. Jesse pointed out that there have been no incidents of pedestrian injuries at this corner but there have been a few incidents where someone leaving the alley turned too sharp and hit parked cars. Adding mirrors to that exit was suggested to alert both pedestrians and vehicles to approaching traffic. Some discussion of mirror maintenance issues. Jennifer Lindahl suggested getting ahead of the problem before something happens. After discussion, Vicki Kosok moved to table this discussion for now, possibly revisit later this summer. Seconded by Mike Michaud, motion passes.
- 8. Discussion- Ron Schlosser's request to open Elm Street North of 5th Street to allow easier access for campers. Ron Schlosser restated his previous request to the Village to open up Elm St. North of Fifth St. to the Village boundary with the Township. He indicated he expected future growth in the camparound to create additional outlet congestion, and this street would create additional access to his campground area. Ron indicated he would be willing to do the work to create a graveled surface. Discussion of the topic included whether we would have to add sewer and water service to the new roadway, and whether that would have to be looped back to Washington St. for another connection to our system. Mike Michaud indicated he was not sure where the public benefit would be for the Village to pay for this work as it would only benefit the Campground. Discussion regarding just vacating the Right Way to Ron was discussed, but it was recognized that the right of way would have to be split between adjoining landowners. The committee realized they did not have enough information about the cost of the proposed project or the process to implement it. Vicki Kosok made a motion to table this matter pending getting more information about project details. Mike Michaud Seconded the motion, motion passes.
- 9. **Schedule next meeting date-** It was decided to not set a firm date for the next meeting pending new information.
- 10. **Adjourn –** Randy Kallstrom moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Paul Riesgraf, motion passes.

Mike Michaud-Secretary