

President Walsten called the special meeting to order on June 24, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall. Trustees present were Frandy, Van Den Eng, McNaughton, Lust, McCallum. Trustee Klahn was absent. Others present were Dale Arndt, Keith Arndt, David & Nila Natzke, Willow Ealy, Jerry Sliter. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Walsten stated, although there was no Public Comments on the agenda, she would **allow residents of S. Kerch St** to present their concerns and objections to the Board's previous vote on 6/10/13 to not build a berm in their back yard, abutting up to the new Business Complex. Because this item is not on the agenda, the Board cannot discuss this item at this meeting. Walsten announced the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30 but the residents will have 15 minutes to present their position.

S. Kerch St residents spoke in support of a berm for their back yards to take away noise and block visibility to the new Business Complex. Water runoff is not an issue for them. Some Madison developments were looked at where berms were built after the fact to solve noise problems. Pictures were shown of existing berms in the Madison area. Dale Arndt, a member of the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission, stated PZ has always talked about building a berm and never talked about a swale/ditch, asking when was the swale/ditch only brought up and voted on. He also questioned how Strand Engineer calculated the cost at \$10-15,000 to build the berm and now Strand is asking for \$3-5,000 more to re-design the berm. Dale calculated the need for 1,333 yds of fill for a 3' berm and eight hours of equipment to build the berm would cost \$3200 based on Federal prevailing wage rates. Dale felt if this land was owned by a private developer, a berm would be built. He asked if Board members had looked at the site. In general, the residents asked the Board to spend more time and research on this issue.

The Board consensus was to revisit the berm vs. swale only motion at the July 8th Board meeting for a final and more informed decision, looking at where other infrastructure costs could be shifted, and possibly, bid separately the berm and the trees.

The Board agenda item discussed **removing the tree bid from the Business Complex specs/final project bid.**

The deadline is nearing for final specs to have CDBG review and advertise for bids. Removing the double row of tree plantings from the final project bid would lower the cost because local nurseries could be used and Federal wage requirements would not apply. Estimated cost for 600' of a mixture of spruce, shade trees, and shrubs is \$8400. Labor is expected at \$40-60 per hr to seed, plant trees, etc. Public Works employees may be able to do some of this work, time dependent. Planting needs to be done in the fall and will take 2-4 days to complete with 3-4 employees. Recommendation for planting was to not plant trees on top of the berm as they do not tolerate the heat or drought. Public Works would bid separately for the trees with labor for planting possibly done by Public Works. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to remove the tree bid from the infrastructure bid for the Business Complex with Public Works to bid the trees out separately. Other sources of funding will be investigated for the trees.

Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

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