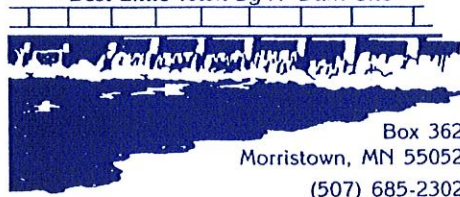


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MORRISTOWN ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Thursday, July 16, 2020

Members Present: Jim Lonergan, Steve Felix, Tyler Velzke

Members Absent: Skylar Gregor, Clay Rehtmeyer

Also Present: Loren Dahle, Tim Flaten, Terry Schweich, City Clerk/Treasurer Sheri Gregor

1. **Call to Order:** The Morristown Zoning Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairman Jim Lonergan, on Thursday, July 16, 2020, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, at 402 Division Street S..

2. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:**

None

3. **Additions/Corrections of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Steve Felix, seconded by Tyler Velzke, and was carried unanimously to approve the June 18, 2020 zoning board meeting minutes, as printed.

4. **Report Council Action Taken at Last Meeting:**

The city council did not take the recommendation of the zoning board to permit Skylar Gregor to hold both positions as a zoning board voting committee member and the zoning administrator. The city council instructed the posting of a zoning board member with applications taken until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

The motion was amended for the Dollar General location to be B-1 Highway Commercial District instead of B-2 Central Business District. The Joint Resolution between the Morristown Township and the City of Morristown was approved for the Annexation of the 2.50 acres. The annexation needs to be approved by the state before we can give Ratcliff Development the zoning permit.

Home Occupations Ordinance §152.205 #14 to be deleted. The city council asks Mark Rahrack to draw up an amendment to allow commercial vehicles and semi-tractors/trucks to park in residential districts, hard surface driveway, with noise restrictions. The council will review the document, then vote on whether to pursue or drop it. If pursued, a public hearing will be held.

Faribo Insurance Agency to attend next meeting to speak on city employees covered by liability insurance while driving their own vehicles performing city related business.

309 Thruen Street ditch restoration agreement made.

Parcel 20.27.1.50.005 – There is interest in purchasing this parcel, located south of Sidney Street W.

The question raised by Weichert Realtors, Kia Nawrocki, wanting to know if city water and septic could be engineered to be installed and at what price? If the city felt that to be unfeasible would they allow the installation of a well and septic?

5. **Requests to be Heard:**

Loren Dahle spoke about the city parcel on 3rd Street S.E.. The green space is for cleaning the drainage ditch and a DNR easement. Two alleys are access for the two farms. The water main also runs along there for 4th Street S.E. The street would run kitty corner as the farmland is plotted for future housing development.

6. Old/Unfinished Business:

- A. Dollar General – Address – Michelle Trager from Rice County GIS (Geographic Information System) recommends the Dollar General address to be 24621 Holland Avenue. Motion by Steve Felix, seconded by Tyler Velzke, and was carried unanimously to approve the 24621 Holland Avenue address for the Dollar General store.
- B. Chapter 91: Ordinance §91.04 Animals Farm Animals (Chickens) – The current ordinance states the keeping of farm animals shall be prohibited in all zoning areas. With renewed interest in having chickens within the city limits, the zoning board reviewed Waterville and Elysian chicken ordinance restrictions. Motion by Tyler Velzke, seconded by Steve Felix, and was carried unanimously to request the approval from the city council to allow chickens with the city limits once there is a final draft ordinance written.
- C. 51 Charlotte Street – Deck – Motion by Tyler Velzke, seconded by Steve Felix, and was carried unanimously to recommend the city council enforce the fine schedule to 51 Charlotte Street for building a deck without a permit and also motion to send a zoning ordinance packet to the manager and owner of the Riverside Mobile Home Park.
- D. Set Work Session Date – For Reviewing Ordinances and Alleys to Vacate – The board and council will pick a time and date to hold a joint work session to review specific ordinances.

7. New Business:

- A. Matt Duhme – 206 Tower Circle – The board approved a one-month deck/fence permit extension to Matt Duhme for \$25.00.
- B. Zoning Board Open Position Posted – Motion by Steve Felix, seconded by Tyler Velzke, and was carried unanimously to recommend to the city council to appoint Faye Golombeski to the zoning board, effective Thursday, August 20, 2020. The zoning board would like to continue posting for interested applicants to become possible committee members.

8. Zoning Administrator's Report:

Permits Issued by City Clerk:

Steve Nordmeier – 25 Main Street E. – Porch Windows, Siding

Permits Issued by Zoning Administrator:

Ralph & Kristen Barney – 52 Charlotte Street – Deck and Ramp

Grant & Cindy Stopski – 104 1st Street S.E. – Demo Deck

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- 9. **Adjournment:** - Motion by Steve Felix, seconded by Tyler Velzke, and was carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m..

- 10. **Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.


Sheri Gregor, City Clerk