

Members in attendance: Steve Thayer, Jordan Driscoll, Joshua Grimes, Dennis Duro, Norman Burke, Matt Heck, Joan Waters

Members absent: N/A

Guests: Gene Jolin (Mayor), Mary Bourbina (City Administrator), John Stemple (Building Inspector), Lee Machinery Movers Representative, Bob and Janelle Scharich (4648 Venoy), Zimmerman Auto and Marine (355 Adams)

S Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- **Approval of Agenda** – J Driscoll made a motion to accept agenda as written. M Heck second.
- **Guest Speaker, Lee Machinery Movers** – A representative from Lee Machinery Movers, based in Pontiac, MI, inquired on zoning, signage, and building information pertaining property located along N Adams and Kochville, directly North of 900 N Adams. They are looking to expand their business into mid-Michigan and had begun talks with EGLE. Lee Machinery Movers was directed to work directly with John Stemple to get answers to their specific questions.
- **Public Comment, Bob and Janelle Scharich (4648 Venoy)** – Daughter and Son-in-law purchased property at 4770 Venoy Rd, directly South of the former driving range, and inquired if the cost to install a catch basin could either be waived or assisted with. Bob and Janelle were directed to work directly with city officials to discuss options.
- **Public Comment, Zimmerman Auto and Marine (355 Adams)** – Some work on vehicles sitting on property as they had to make updates to building. J Stemple provided business owner with violations of code on 9/13/21, asking for a remediation plan to be submitted 9/27/21. As of today, additional equipment and vehicles were on property in violation of code. Plan had yet to be submitted.
- **Public Comment, Mayor Gene Jolin** – City must abide by rules and regulations and will do what they can to help anyone in the City of Zilwaukee.
- **John Stemple Updates** – Knows EGLE process having worked in it and has worked with state legislatures to try to get it to change. Only once has working with EGLE gone efficiently. He has offered to help State of Michigan with their workload to which they did not accept. It is difficult for city to fund or assist sewer cost for the benefit of one address. Potentially, a special assessment could be done where the city offsets the cost upfront and the property owner pays off over time.
- **City Administrator Updates:** City of Zilwaukee is looking into electric charging stations for electric vehicles at different public locations within city (Riverfront Park) and is reaching out to Consumers Energy. Planning Commission should consider looking into solar panel codes of other communities to see if City of Zilwaukee should adopt an ordinance as solar panels are becoming more affordable.
- **Commission Comments – J Waters:** Biggest concern is EGLE, maybe city can provide standard EGLE requirements when individuals inquire. **D Duro:** EGLE is an issue. RMC (5775 Bridgeview) has begun their addition. **M Heck:** Understands frustrations with EGLE, is a nearby neighbor to family, city should be able to do something to assist. **J Driscoll:** Nothing additional. **S Thayer:** Has been through process of working with EGLE and nothing can be done to change their process.
- **Meeting Adjourned** – J Driscoll made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM ET. D Duro second. Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM ET.