

FINANCE/PROPERTY/RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

January 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., January 14, 2010, by Chairperson, Mike Murray. Committee members present were Mike Murray, Pete Adler, Joe Komisar, and Dan Weiss.

Also present were Larry Kermar, Darlene Brunner, Marcia Bauer, Nancy Richardson, Dave Brassfield, Realtor, and Andy Holmsteadt.

Dan Weiss and Pete Adler reviewed and approved the vouchers at 12:00 p.m...

1. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No public comments on agenda items were presented.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15th, 2009, Finance Property Committee meeting as published. Pete seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. Nancy Richardson – Rehiring a Realtor for the county owned Pepin property

Nancy introduced David Brassfield, a Century 21 Broker Associate from Pepin, who was interested in listing/selling the Pepin property the county has for sale. Mr. Brassfield informed the Committee of his experience with selling real estate in the Pepin area and how he would go about selling the property using the internet and other methods for a quick sale. After more discussion, Joe made the motion to have Mr. Brassfield list the property for sale. If the property has not sold after a year at the price the Committee previously set, the Committee would look at other realtors or methods of selling the property. Mike seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

County-Wide Assessment

Nancy informed the Committee there was legislation introduced to have county wide assessments instead of individual town, village and city assessments. She stated she was leaning toward the thought that this will happen. She felt that if a county-wide assessment does go through, the villages and cities would be taxed more than farmland. Nancy stated she would keep the Committee updated on this issue.

4. Darlene Brunner – Government Center – maintenance and repairs

Darlene introduced the new County Maintenance Technician, Andy Holmsteadt, who started his employment in December of 2009. Andy explained to the Committee that there may be a need in the near future for a new circulating pump for the Government Center's heating and air conditioning system. He explained that a new bearing assembly may be needed and the cost for this precision built item would cost \$1,210.45.

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Andy also stated that there is a need for a new back up generator. The present generator was installed in 1972. There was a recent mechanical failure with the power head and many calls were made to locate the parts and then it took two weeks to receive the parts. Andy outlined three different options regarding the generator:

1. Replace the complete unit – at a cost of \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00
2. Replace the power head and use existing generator
3. Take a chance on replacement parts availability down the road.

The Committee suggested that Andy investigate other brands and costs and bring that information back to the Committees next meeting.

It was noted that the Human Services Board gave the Senior Center permission to bring their garbage to the Government Center for disposal. Neither the Property Committee nor the Maintenance Team knew of this arrangement. It was also noted that ADRC paid for almost two thirds of the cost of the wall directories and also paid money toward the repair of the elevators in the Government Center.

5. Review of vouchers for January, 2010.

Pete made a motion, seconded by Dan, to approve the following: non-check transfer vouchers 129-09 through 137-09, dated 12/16/2009 through 12/31/2009 and 01-10 through 3-10 dated 01/01/10 through 01/15/10 and regular vouchers already paid 2083 through 21, 2009 and 1 through 38 for 2010; vouchers being processed today 39 through 121, 39-41; Payroll check register numbers V8547 through V8799 dated 112/12/2009 through 01/14/2010. The vote was unanimous.

6. Committee members to review vouchers.

Joe Komisar and Mike Murray review vouchers at the February 11, 2010, meeting.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia R. Bauer
Pepin County Clerk