

Village of Bellaire

PROPERTY & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Bryan Hardy, Chairman

Eldon McPherson

Helen Schuckel

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2021

7:30 AM

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM.

II. Roll Call - Attendance:

Present: Eldon McPherson, Helen Schuckel, and Bryan Hardy,
Absent: None
Staff Present: Bradley Keiser, DPW Supervisor, and Nicole Essad, Clerk
Public Present: Joe Short and Scott Newman-Bale

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by McPherson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes - November 12, 2020: The minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Schuckel, seconded by McPherson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Conflict of Interest: None presented.

VI. Public Comment: Mr. Joe Short stated that he wanted to be sure that everyone received a copy of the letter Short's Brewing Co. submitted regarding the offer to buy property.

VII. Old Business: None presented.

VIII. New Business

- a. Offer to Buy Property:** Chairperson Hardy asked Clerk Essad to give a summary of this item. Clerk Essad stated that the Village received an offer to buy the property (which is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein) from Mr. Short and Short's Brewing Co. She stated that this offer was for \$20,000 and was good until the Village had time to review and make a decision. Mr. Short stated that this offer was an increase in price from when the Village bought the property. He also stated that the plan currently is to use it to expand the outdoor seating for Short's Brewing in light of another potential year of social distancing. Trustee McPherson stated that this property is where the new public bathrooms are to be built, and that he thought that was the current plan. Clerk Essad stated that yes, the current plan is that the new

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bathrooms would be built on this property, but then this offer was made, and the Village needed to consider it. Mr. Short expressed confusion as to why there was a need for public bathrooms, and stated that if the Community Hall was renovated then that was where public bathrooms could be. He also stated that public can use the bathrooms in Short's and other businesses. Clerk Essad stated that the DDA had asked the Village to expand the hours the Community Hall was open to avoid public using the bathrooms at businesses, and was not sure if the DDA and other businesses had changed their minds. She also stated that when the master plan was redone, a survey was sent out to the public with 73% of people responding wanting Accessible public bathrooms downtown.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by Schuckel to recommend to Council that they decide whether to renovate the Community Hall or construct public bathrooms on the Village lot north of Shorts. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Correspondence/Reports: None presented.

X. Member/Public Comment: None presented.

XI. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 AM to the call of the chair.

Minutes compiled by:
Nicole E. Essad, Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____



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January 19, 2021

Village of Bellaire Property and Building Committee
202 N. Bridge St.
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Bellaire, MI 49615

Re: 125 N Bridge St

Short's Brewing Company is interested in purchasing the Village owned lot north of the Short's Pub known as 125 N Bridge St parcel id 05-41-010-105-00. As Short's tries to navigate all possible outcomes of what seems like another year of COVID-19 will be in 2021 we feel the addition of this land would allow us to expand outdoor seating with a covered patio and quite possibly allow for outdoor seating throughout most of the year. The land itself doesn't seem to have a great purpose or functionality for much anything else. It looks like it was purchased for \$15,000 in 2006 by the Village. We would like to offer the Village \$20,000 for the land which is just over a 30% increase from the last purchase price. In addition, the property would go back on the tax role and inject capital into the Village which could be used for some of the common goals initiatives. Please let us know if there is a preferred method or format we should use to formalize our intention, we look forward to hearing from the committee soon.

Sincerely,

Joe Short
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