

VILLAGE OF HADAR

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Minutes of: Public Hearing

Date: January 12, 2017

Submitted by: Ami Stubben-Goetsch **Title:** Clerk

Place: Hadar Community Hall

Time: 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Richard Lutz, Sidney Sudbeck, Val Riedel, Robert Wehrer, and Gene Schwede. Others Present: Jeanette Nelson, Carol Lutz, Stefanie Brummels, Janet Switzer, Lynne Gansebom, Arlen Gall, Brian Schlote, Teresa Liermann, Gary Schuett, Bob Seegebarth, Rob Huntley, Tom Donahue, Craig Gehm, Mike Mayfield, Kurt Sock, Matt Johnson, Pam Ottis, Duane Ottis, Suzanne Riedel, Tom Raabe, Curt Raabe, Rose Wagner

Lutz called meeting to order. Roll call taken: Lutz, Sudbeck, Wehrer, Schwede, and Riedel in attendance. Lutz informed public as to current copy and public accessibility of Open Meetings Act.

Discussion took place regarding the generous donation from Mr. Heckman towards a new fire hall for the Village of Hadar. Schuett stated the site has been marked where the building would sit at the park location. Concerns were voiced that this may not be the best location due to issues with snow and children present at the park. It was voiced they would like to see it closer to the highway. Zoning was questioned about the park location. Lutz stated zoning is not an issue and the land can be used for a new fire hall. Lutz discussed the expenses the village incurs to maintain the current fire hall. It is anticipated that a new building may be more efficient however the village still anticipates approximately \$7,000 per year with utilities, insurance, propane, maintenance, etc. Discussion took place regarding raising property taxes to support this \$7,000. It was asked how much the village population has increased over the past 15 years. Lutz stated 30 years ago there were in the upper 200's and the current population is 320. The number of rescue and fire calls were discussed with a report of 16 fire calls and 22 rescue calls in the last year. Schuett answered questions about adding on to the existing fire hall. There would be snow load capabilities. There are poles in the way that can't be moved. The well in that location would need to be sealed and a new well built. There are old copper power lines that do not meet code. Discussion took place how it is more difficult to add sprinklers to older structure. Also discussed where the village tractor and truck would be stored if the current spot was not available. There has been a community consensus not to add on to the community building due to the park and parking situation. Lutz asked the community if they were in favor of new construction at the park or build onto the current fire hall. It was unanimous that most were in favor of adding on to the current fire hall if it is feasible. Discussion took place regarding equipment getting larger and larger. The fire department buys used trucks and is turning away larger trucks as they will not fit in the current bays. Currently there is a safety risk with getting the trucks in and out of the bays. The mirrors are rubbing when being pulled in. Comments were made that citizens would rather see money spent on equipment to put out the fires than adding an additional building to the community. Discussion took place on what would happen to the current fire hall. Questions were asked about what if the fire hall estimates were over the \$500,000 donation that was received as the village is not in a financial place to fund a structure. Schuett will talk to contractor and obtain estimates on adding on to the old fire hall and estimates for new construction at the park. A public hearing will be held when the contractor can be present to answer questions from the community. Until then, updates will be given at the regular village meetings.

A motion by Riedel to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm, second by Sudbeck.

/s/ Richard Lutz
Chairman

/s/ Ami Stubben-Goetsch
Village Clerk