

**MINUTES  
PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Renee Eckerly at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Neil Herzberg, and Shawn Reinke. Also present was Justin Paffrath.

**Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Property Negotiations Team Meeting. Seconded by Mergen and unanimously carried.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Mergen to elect Reinke as Chair, Herzberg as Vice Chair, and Eckerly as Secretary. Seconded by Reinke and unanimously carried.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Motion was made by Reinke to set a minimum of two meetings a year; one in February to elect officers and one in December to approve any minutes for that year. All other meetings will be set as needed. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

**122 WASHBURNE AVE. – FORMER CORNER DRUG BUILDING**

Paffrath discussed the age of the structure and wanted to know if the City is interested in purchasing the building. Paffrath is here to negotiate selling the building to the City. The Board explained the history of what the City has done to try to get the building removed; including the demolition grant. Eats & Treats would also need to come down also. Paffrath was told Eats & Treats wants \$125,000.00 and the City was told they want \$65,000.00. The straight up negotiation price for 122 Washburne Ave. is \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00. Paffrath offered the marketing/realtor for 4% or 2% if a lead was brought forward and purchased. The property would be a property tax loss. The Board discussed bidding to include local realtors. Mergen explained the shared walls and basement wall.

**Motion was made by Reinke that a written offer be brought before a full Council on October 14, 2019. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

There was further discussion on relocating Eats & Treats and K-Payne. The Board further discussed advertising for bids for realtors as the local realtors would be upset if the City went with an out of town realtor (from Willmar).

(Herzberg left at 10:00 a.m.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.