

November 7, 2023 Special Meeting Notes

Attendees: Supervisors Andy Olson, Larry Schmidt, Scott Selken; Clerk Heidi Schmidt; Treasurer Jeanne Aufderheide; 8 Residents

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda:

1. Installation of the ADA Ramp:

- a. Hiring contractor to place ramp on the building.
 - i. Heidi presented the agreement from the MN Historical Society, signed by the SFT board, which prohibits any alterations without written consent by MN historical society.
 - ii. Reviewed older proposals for temporary ramp.
 - iii. Heidi met with the Historical masonry and provided their proposal.
 - iv. Larry presented some comments on estimated costs for putting the ramp on the west side.
 - v. Resident mentioned options to extending on the west side out from the building so the ramp wouldn't interfere with the door on that side.
- b. Several residents asked to slow down the installation before knocking out historic brick.
- c. Jeanne questioned if there was any risk with the Historical society regarding fund revocation if the ramp installation is not approved by them. Larry believed there would not be. Andy suggested sending the information to the Historical Society for verification.

Andy made a motion to close the public comments, Scott seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Andy stated he wanted to check with the Historical Society before proceeding with installation of the ramp.

Larry estimated 24K to install on the West side after talking to Chard about raising the entire parking lot. He estimates only about \$2000 on the East side for a little brick work. (No drawings or formal bids for reference)

Scott expressed his frustration with the lack of agreement by the "10 people that come to meetings" on placement of the ramp. He cited he is "tired of discussing over and over".

Larry made a motion that the ramp go on the east side of the building after checking with compliance with the Historical Society and if no answer is received by them within 30 days it will go on the east side of the building. If they deny the proposal, it will be put on the west side of the building. No second. Motion failed.

Andy made a motion to contact the MN Historical society about installing the ramp on the East side cutting into the porch wall without a time limit. No Second. Motion failed.

Larry thinks the cost for the ramp on the West side would be about \$40,000. Besides fill a retaining wall would have to be built near the egress door for an approximate cost of \$15K (no source). **Larry made a motion to raise the parking lot on the west side by 1.5' and continue with the ramp installer. No second. Motion failed.**

Scott commented about his difficulty dealing with MN Hist society. He indicated that he was against the grant in the first place. He reiterated how bad the ramp would look on the West side and how expensive it would be.

Scott made a motion to call the MN Historical Society for guidance. If no answer can be provided as far as a timeline by the next monthly meeting (2 weeks), then the ramp should be installed on the west side of the building no matter the cost. Larry seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Newsletter review and edits:

Larry did not like some of the verbiage in the newsletter. He stated that there should not be any articles with opinions. None of the supervisors had read the updated version. All reviewed the updated draft at the meeting.

Scott made a motion in favor of approving the newsletter, excluding "Lou's Corner" article. All in favor. Motion carried.

8:15 p.m. Larry made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.