

Village of Goodfield
Combined Special Board & Planning Commission Meeting
May 8, 2023 @ 7:00p.m.

Combined Special Board Meeting & Planning Commission Meeting was called to order by Planning Chairman Mike Carr at 7:10p.m. Board members present: Terry Nohl, Roger Mullins & Hank Melton. Planning Commission members present: Mike Carr – Chairman, Roger Mullins, Josh Kuntz, Duane Freidinger, Bruce Martin, Shannon Roth and John Dietrich. Also present was Village Attorney Mike Gifford, Village Engineer Duane Yockey, Clerk – Sheri Martin and Steve Haring and Tara Walters with MSA. Absent: Village President Jim Edwards and Trustees Matt Ginder, Todd Perry and Nate Sauder.

Because there was not a quorum of the Village Board, no action was taken. Planning Commission proceeded with the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Comprehensive Plan bid from MSA.

Tara Walters with MSA gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan they proposed. Tara explained MSA had put a bid on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and then the RFP was published and MSA submitted a second Scope of Services which includes:

- Community engagement

- Planning Commission is the steering committee – review draft chapters/content

- Attend 3 in person meetings

- Facilitate Public Meeting & Notice

- On-line community survey

- Attend 1 Public Meeting/Open House

- Draft Plan Open House – opportunity for the community to review components of the plan

- Design of Lean Comprehensive Plan – goals and objectives

- Final Deliverables

Timeframe for the Comprehensive Plan is approximately 12 months. The Comprehensive Plan includes housing, transportation, future land use, water, sewer, etc.

Engineer Yockey asked, “How often do you update the plan and what does that involve?” Tara answered every 5-10 years to update and the final deliverables will include an implementation table which will include all the strategies used to implement our goals and plans. At 5 years the Village will look at implementation table and review what you have accomplished on the table and update the data then revalidate the goals and objectives..

Duane also asked about zoning ordinance review. How in depth is that review? MSA will do a general review. If there is something that will conflict with the code that will be updated.

Attorney Gifford asked what is the Comprehensive Plan going to get the Village. Tara explained not only is the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan going to give you growth management for the planning boundary that goes beyond to the 1 ½ mile boundary. Comprehensive Plan is the best tool for grant funding or feasibility or in depth study. Developers look for comp plan and what the town’s goals are. What authority would it give on the mile and a half boundary? It just gives you an option to be heard.

Josh Kuntz asked if Woodford or Tazewell County has a Comprehensive Plan. No one knew the answer. Josh also asked what is the smallest town you have done a Comprehensive Plan for. MSA said they have done Comprehensive Plans for many town and all sizes. Josh also asked why a Comprehensive Plan now, it's been on the agenda for a long time what has changed? The Village has ARPA money now that will help to fund the Comprehensive Plan, growth of the Village, pressure from Village residents and we are looking to redo zoning and land use chapters in the Code.

Engineer Yockey asked If the Village wanted to replace old transite mains could MSA help write those grants? MSA said yes they could. Grants could be available for water, sewer, water drainage, Fema, housing, park. Other grants are USDA grants which have a median household income or IEPA loan principle forgiveness.

Attorney Gifford asked if MSA could possibly help with grants if the Village would develop their own Police Department. Also to assess the temperature of the community on whether or not they want a Police Department. Tara said it could be included in the Comprehensive Plan to look at plans and feasibility. Grants may be available through the Department of Justice to hire police officers. Questions to the community could be part of the survey.

Josh Kuntz asked if the Comprehensive Plan has a financial review. MSA does not do a financial review.

Duane Freidinger asked if a police grant would be a one time grant or would cover a longer period of time. Tara said it depends on the grant.

There being no further business, motion was made by Kuntz, seconded by Mullins to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Carr
Planning Commission Chairman