

**Minutes**  
**Public Property and Health Committee**  
**Markesan City Hall**  
**January 5, 2021**

**Call to order at 6:17 p.m.**

**Roll call by sign-in**

**Citizen Comments: None**

**Public Works Report:**

Joe Strelow updated the committee on current projects he has been working on. Several days were spent trimming the trees at Soldier's and Sailor's Park. Joe has been working on getting quotes for the purchase of a new boiler for City Hall. There is a possible concern that asbestos may be present in part of the system. Martin will be contacted to find out if an asbestos test was done on the system in the past.

**New Business:**

**Discussion and Action on Childcare Center Lease and Monthly Rent:** Allie Henke from Young Stars Childcare was present. Allie expects to hear if her grant will be funded by mid-January. She plans to go ahead with starting the daycare center whether or not she gets the grant. Her plans are to start renting the space by February 1, 2021. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to have Dan send the lease to Young Stars Childcare for review and to send it to Council for review. Motion Carried.

**Discussion and Action on Ice Skating Rink at Kiwanis Park:** Because of the swampy area, the ground is not frozen deeply enough to make ice for the skating rink. When it does freeze, Joe will look at options for making ice. He was asked to keep track of his time and the costs involved. Next year, the City may want to look into finding volunteers or hiring someone else to make the ice. No Motion.

**Discussion and Action on Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program-Rural Development:** It was suggested by Ald. Kazda that the City look into applying for a grant to help with funding the new boiler. Joe Strelow talked with someone from USDA Rural Development about applying to the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program-Rural Development. Joe was told that the City could not use the grant for the boiler replacement, but the City might be able to get a low-interest loan. No Motion.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion and Action on 650 N. Margaret Street Property Update:** An emailed update from Connie Wilsnack regarding the latest actions taken regarding her property was reviewed. Completed work in December included several repairs on the garage roof (building 1). More repairs to the roof, including new metal roofing and trim, will be completed in January. No Motion.

**Discussion and Action on Kiwanis MOU Agreement:** The changes requested by the Kiwanis were made to the MOU agreement. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to send the MOU to the Kiwanis for review and to the council for review. Motion Carried.

**Discussion and Action on Soldier's and Sailor's Park Electrical Box Repair:** The Lions were asked to provide a written statement that they will pay half of the cost to repair the box. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to move forward with the repair of the box. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Kazda adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm