

BUILDING FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
SITE WALK

Attendance: Chair Shirley Mosczynski, Vice chair Linda Brown, Ray Clontz, Fred Fontaine, Bob Werme, Matt Wojcik Town Administrator, Adam Furno

Shirley Mosczynski called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

This is a site walk visit to the vacant buildings in the town. The first building they visited was the old fire station at 5 Cottage Street, and Adam Furno met them at the building. The wood building was built around 1884 and the cement block addition was sometime in the 50's. The Building Maintenance, Fire, and Highway use these buildings for storage. Adam took the back steps down about 2 weeks ago for safety so that no one would walk up them because they were rotted. There is discussion about keeping the newer cement block addition for storage, but the wood building should come down and maybe reconstruct a portion if the town is able to do it because the town does need the storage space. They looked inside the building and outside to look at the tower that needs to be taken down as well.

(17:25 TS) Old Grammar School Building – 11 Gleason Court

Mr. Furno stated the outside of this building is solid but may need some repointing, the inside would need to be gutted and have new electric done. There was work done around 2006 to the roof and guano was removed. Mr. Furno stated that over the years he has shown the building to different interested parties, but nothing has ever come of it. The Committee would like to get maps with the acreage of all the buildings. Mr. Furno said he found the report and the asbestos has been removed and the boiler is gone, the oil tank is gone, what is left is the lead paint. Currently they use this building for fire training. The building is dry there are no known leaks or flooding. The benefit of this building is that it will have town water and sewer.

(40:15 TS) The Old Buckeye Pipeline, 104 Main Street

Bob Sullivan joined the site visit and Adam Furno stated that he believes there is 50 acres with this property, the water/sewer department uses one building for storage, but the brick building is in rough shape and would need a new roof, it has a lot of water damage and mold. The metal building is not being used for anything currently, it used to hold the switch gear to all the pumps and could probably be used as storage. There is a pipeline easement that goes through the property. Bob Sullivan's opinion is that the brick building is not worth saving and there is plenty of space for the town to put solar batteries in to store that energy, the town bought this property to protect the town's water supply.

(56:45 TS) Center School/Old VFW - 21 Main Street

There is asbestos siding, and the oil tanks are still here. Shirley stated that she believes the brown house on this property is on the Capital list for tear down, but it is not a priority. The tear down without accounting for the asbestos was about \$50k, the septic tank would have to be removed too. The old VFW building has been vacant for quite a few years now and is used

for some storage for supplies for the town's Beautification Committee and any others that need the use it. They went inside the old VFW building; the basement is damp because of the field stone foundation. Adams opinion on this building is the foundation will need some work like sealing it and the outside of the building and it will need a new roof.

(1:18:05 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Linda Brown, 2nd by Ray Clontz. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin