

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 12-1-10

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on December 1, 2010 at the Ethan School multi-purpose room at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks, Dale Meinke and Lisa Hjellum. Personnel present was Sonya Hespe. Others present were Harold & Bev Nearhood, Bob & Rose Oberembt, Marge Engel, Tim Storm, Melanie Brandert, Marilyn Hart, Dennis Puepke, Keith & Jan Feiner, Mariys Paulsen, Isabel Erpenbach, Brad Ciavarella, Jason Anderson & Lisa Jorgensen.

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

#### BUSINESS

Brad Ciavarella from Ciavarella Design gave a presentation of the revised floor plan. Fliers were available for the public to review during the presentation with the information. After the presentation people had a chance to ask questions or express concerns or possible changes.

1. There will be an air to air heat pump in the main building and radiant heat was proposed for the shop.
2. Why there was an office in the lower level for the maintenance department and not in the shop. Both options have been discussed and the most economical way at this time would be to leave it in the lower level.
3. There is an overhang on the front of the building and the wall is not "straight". This also brought a concern about insurance. The current design allows for outdoor space to be used in addition to the indoors. In nice weather a group could meet under the canopy and still be sheltered from the sun. It also is for protection of the building from the elements.
4. The preliminary estimate was approximately \$450,000 and does not include furnishings or landscaping. It also does not include finishing off the entire lower level.
5. The timeline of the project was asked. That will depend on the input from the public and how the town board proceeds.
6. The entrance to the lower level currently would not meet ADA requirements because of the grade of the property. With some work it could be done later when the use of the lower level is determined. The upper level is all ADA accessible now.
7. The windows in the picture are not all the same and were a concern.
8. Some people felt the large meeting room would compete with the Legion getting rentals. The Town's intention is not to take business from other places and therefore made the room equivalent to the room at the fire hall. Others thought the room should be bigger to accommodate more people.

Fitzgerald informed the public that we're not just thinking about the current needs of the city. We need to think of the future and allow for growth so we don't run into space issues in the future.

Jan Feiner thanked the board for having the meeting and explaining the process of what is going on.

Motion Franks, second Hjellum to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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