

**MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013**

The Public Hearing of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Pat Foss.

Also present: Council Members Kim Rasmussen, Roger Henstorf, Alden Yliniemi, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Char West, Utilities Superintendent Wayne Rost, Jeff and Monica Schindeldecker, Jensine Kurtti, Joannie Liimatta-Anderson, Glenda Komulainen.

Absent: Council Member Mike Rogers.

Mayor Foss read the purpose of the meeting; to consider a petition to vacate a utility easement lying in the East 20 feet of Lots 1 and 10 of Block 1 of Rittenhouse Addition, Menahga, Minnesota, except the North 20 feet and the South 20 feet thereof.

Jensine Kurtti read a letter she had written; she had attended several seminars about "best practice"; questioned what the public interest was as she did not feel there was any.

Mayor Foss responded that the vacation of the utility easement was in the public's interest as it would allow senior housing to be built, which was stated in the City's Comprehensive Plan and one of the goals of the BR&E. He pointed out that the utilities were already located on the north and south end of the lots.

Ms. Kurtti expressed concern for the future when installing a loop for water.

Glenda Komulainen questioned whether the property would be given to the landowners.

She was informed that the easement was already owned by the property owners.

Joan Liimatta-Anderson commented that a variance had previously been mentioned and why that was not being considered.

It was noted that a variance would also allow building to occur on the utility easement.

**Motion by Henstorf, second by Yliniemi, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:17 a.m., motion carried.**



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Charleen West, Administrator



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Patrick Foss, Mayor