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Re: BOULEVARD PARKING - Letter dated August 18, 2020

- Staff Report prepared by John Yungblut dated August 17, 2020

Thank you for your letter regarding your decision on parking on the boulevard in front of my property at 12 Jessie Street.

There are a few issues I would like to bring to your attention regarding this matter you may not be aware of:

- have been parking on the gravel boulevard since they opened their store. They have no signed agreement.
- has been parking on the gravel and cement boulevard as long as he has owned his property. He has no written agreement to do so.
- old property has boulevard parking on a gravel finish. The new owners continue to do so.
- parking on a paved boulevard.
- property utilizes parking on the gravel boulevard.
- boulevard is paved and he utilizes it for parking.
- **The property beside the post office** has been paved right to his driveway. He parks in this spot.
- truck yard has a gravel boulevard which people park on.
- **Ripley Legion** boulevard is parked on for all events which do involve alcohol. This space is too small for the size of a vehicle and does present a risk of problem. However, as a small town, we work together for the benefit of this excellent organization and it's success.

I had a gentleman's agreement with Jim Scott, the previous Road Superintendent to prepare the boulevard at my own expense to be utilized for parking. I dug the space out and filled it with B and A gravel. I have parked here without any problem or damage to the traffic passing by or the installed curbs and sidewalk by the municipality for 28 years.

Upon speaking with different engineers, their practice in planning municipal road work is to restore the finish on the boulevards according to what had been there upon the start of the job. Gravel is restored to gravel, pavement is restored to pavement and grass is restored to grass.

I submit that redoing this boulevard for a second time is an unnecessary tax burden. There is no question that this will be at least twice the expense. Although this part of the property is a trust of sorts, we are responsible with our taxes for the maintenance and construction. The ownership if not properly referred to as a trust is held for the benefit of the community. Municipal land does not function as a sole ownership as other properties privately owned would. However, community members are responsible for the maintenance in various ways including cutting the grass and snow removal.

I am happy to submit to rules established for the benefit of the community as long as they are universal and not targeting any particular individual. I submit that it looks like favor is being meted out to other taxpayers who use this similar property in the same fashion that I desire to.

I am happy we have a Road Superintendent with the heartbeat of the younger generation. We need this type of vitality in our community. In my job with Kempton Construction, I always had an amicable relationship with John Yungblut. I found him professional and willing to stand on important issues.

History is also important in a long standing community and needs to be considered in all situations to bring fair and reasonable relationship. A gentleman's agreement in years gone by was suitable and honorable agreement.

Please reconsider your position on the boulevard in front of my home and leave it the way it is. I see no reason for you to spend my money in order to demonstrate authority.

I submit that this seems like targeted harassment and I will take the issue further if we cannot come to a neighborly agreement.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bell