

**CITY OF STARBUCK**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Variance to Construct a 25' Lighthouse on City Owned Property,  
With the Navigational Beacon Positioned over 15', In the Starbuck  
Marina Which is in a Flood Plain Area**

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

**Approved 4/8/2024**

The City of Starbuck held a public hearing on March 11, 2024, at 6:33pm at the Starbuck Community Center located at 307 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Starbuck, MN. Present: Mayor Swenson; Councilmembers: Taffe, Baukol and Christensen Present. Gorder-Absent. Quorum is present.

Mayor Swenson explained that this hearing was being held to discuss a variance for the city to construct a 25' lighthouse on city owned property, with the navigational beacon positioned over 15', on the south side of the Starbuck Marina which is in a flood plain area. This lighthouse would replace the old lighthouse on the north side of the marina which was destroyed in a 2022 storm.

Resident Kris Goracke asked the council what changes there would be from the old lighthouse and could a bright light be a problem to area residents. Mayor Swenson said the height and appearance would be similar to the old lighthouse. The lighthouse will have a navigational beacon instead of a bright white light so excessive light should not be a problem.

Resident Ann Beuckens asked why the lighthouse is being moved to the south side of the marina. The council responded that there would be better access to the lighthouse on the south side as well as better visibility of the beacon for boaters.

With no further comments the hearing was closed at 6:38pm.

Submitted by,  
*Joan Kerkvliet*  
City Clerk/Treasurer

