

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH
FINANCE, PURCHASING, BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2024 7:00pm
130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)

Committee Members present: Trustees Borner (Chairperson), Austin, Bench.

Board Members present: Beissel, Hines, Neeley.

Staff Present: Public Works Director Vick, Tiffany Meyer, and
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Roy.

Others Present: Karen Meyer, JoAnn Farrell, Sharon Hofmeister, Sharon Schulze

Minutes

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Borner**
- 2. Discuss/Possible Action on possible future use of the lower level of 388 W. Main St. (new library).** A/C-T Roy presented a conceptual layout of Village Hall and Police Department at 388 W. Main St. and price quote. An addition under the overhang is necessary to fit Village Hall and Police. The initial price quote is approximately \$800,000 for existing building renovation and \$500,000 for building addition. The Committee discussed the advantages of moving operations to 388 W. Main St. and directed staff to continue working on the plan.
- 3. Discuss/Possible Action on possible future use of 312 W. Main St. (old library).** The future use of 312 W. Main was discussed. It currently houses the Ellsworth Senior Center. The Committee discussed that the goal will be to sell the property, but they want to ensure the Senior Center has a place to go. JoAnn Farrell of the Senior Center stated that they are exploring their options and meeting with organizations about co-use of space. The Committee asked the Senior Center to keep them informed on their status. No formal action was taken.
- 4. Discuss use of ARPA funds.** Possible use of funds was discussed. Options included Parks, Utilities, Business Revolving Loan Fund, Façade Improvement, East End upgrades, Savings, Key Corridor Improvements. No action was taken.
- 5. Discuss Grant and Piety Streets reconstruction financing.** A/C-T Roy discussed that the financing of the project is intended to be DNR loans, but they may be changing their policy which would require the Village to use outside financing for a portion of the project. Staff will keep the Committee and Village Board updated. No action was taken.
- 6. Adjournment. MSC Bench/Austin to adjourn.** No further discussion. **Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

