

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING**  
**March 28, 2024 6:30pm**  
**130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)**

**Members Present: President Beissel, Trustees Borner, Hines, Neeley, Bench, Anderson, and Schutz. Staff Present: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Brad Roy, Attorney Bob Loberg.**

**Many members of the public in attendance in-person and virtually**

**MINUTES:**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Beissel**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.**

- 2. Public comment on non-agenda items.**

The following comments were received regarding the proposed Bigadan Digester:  
Carrissa Hanson – Conflict of Interest questions; Mark Christopherson – lack of benefits to the community; Charise Minder – possible health effects, responsibility of the Board, possible sale of facility, and vote to serve the whole community; Sean Hall – concerns about an article in the paper, fire protection costs, and decorum of the Board; Lori O’niel – questioned why in the Village and timeline for vote; Melinda Fenstrom – concerns about the proximity to Ag Partners and possible catastrophes; Chad Verville – the Denmark tours were not adequate.

- 3. The Board will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

**MSC Hines/Schutz to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous.**

**Discuss potential Ellsworth Bioenergy Payment in Lieu of Taxes and possible terms of any accompanying Memorandum of Understanding.**

**MSC Hines/Borner to reconvene into open session. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous.**  
No action was taken.

- 4. Adjournment. MSC Schutz/Bench to adjourn. Unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer**