

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING
January 3, 2024 6:00pm
130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)

Members Present: President Beissel, Trustees Bench, Borner, Anderson, Neeley, Schutz and Hines.
Staff Present: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Brad Roy, Director of Public Works Vick, Chief of Police Ladwig, Library Director Meyer (virtual), Attorney Loberg
Public Present: Dale Auckland, Karen Meyer, Mark Vinall (GFL), Andrew Harrington (Press).

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by President Beissel**
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- 2. Approval of minutes – 12/4/2023. MSC Borner/Neeley to approve the minutes with a change to agenda item #3 to reflect the motion was made by Trustee Bench. No further discussion. Unanimous.**
- 3. Approve payments and deposits. MSC Bench/Borner to approve the payments and deposits. No further discussion. Unanimous.**
- 4. Public comment on non-agenda items. No public comment.**
- 5. Discuss/Approve Waste Hauler Contract with GFL. Mark Vinall from GFL discussed the service they provide and clarified the acceptable recyclable materials. The contract term is for three years which is consistent with past garbage hauler contracts. MSC Borner/Bench to approve the garbage hauler contract with GFL. No further discussion. Unanimous.**
- 6. Discuss/Approve Sewer Lining proposal. DPW Vick presented that a section of sewer pipe is need of repair and can be lined rather than replaced. This will provide a long term solution and cost savings to the village. Two bids were received: Visu-Sewer \$38,081.25 plus an hourly rate of \$375 for services outside of the scope, Hydro Klean #53,956.70 for all expenses. DPW Vick recommended the Visu-Sewer bid and believes that with the additional services the total cost would be lower than the other bid. MSC Schutz/Bench to accept the Visu-Sewer bid. No further discussion. Unanimous.**
- 7. Discuss/Approve MRD Group November invoices for 254 S. Chestnut St. A/C-T Roy presented the invoice amount of \$45,600.00 and discussed the proposed schedule of the project. MSC Anderson/Neeley to approve the payment of \$45,600.00. No further discussion. Unanimous.**
- 8. President's Report. The President's report was presented.**
- 9. Committee/Commission meeting reports/recommendations.**

- a. **TID Joint Review Board**
- b. **Plan Commission**
- c. **Board of Appeals**
- d. **Board of Review**
- e. **ETZ**
- f. **Water and Sewer**
- g. **Street & Sidewalk**
- h. **Salary and Labor**
- i. **Parks, Recreation, & Development**
 - The December 20 meeting minutes were reviewed
- j. **Finance, Purchasing, Buildings**
- k. **Public Safety**
- l. **Health, License, Welfare**
- m. **Solid Waste, Cable TV, Special Committee**
- n. **Cemetery**
- o. **Community Development Authority**
 - The December 21 meeting minutes were reviewed

10. Department Head Reports: Department activity/update

- a. **Chief of Police presented his report.**
- b. **Director of Public Works report was presented.**
- c. **Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer presented his report.**
- d. **Library Director presented her report.**

11. 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 Borner/Bench 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/Bench to reconvene into open session. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous.
No action was taken.

12. Adjournment. MSC Hines/Schutz to adjourn. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer