

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
3/2/2020**

Pres. Gerald DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located in Village Hall.

Pres. DeWolfe made a statement at the beginning of the Board meeting reminding everyone to turn off cell phones and put them away as they are a distraction to the Board during meetings.

Members Present: Trustee Rick Sweig; Dick Hines; Neil Gulbranson; Curt Wandmacher; Michael J. Steele; Lance Austin

Staff Present: Clerk/Treas.; Peggy Nelson, Police Chief; Eric Ladwig, Library Director; Tiffany Meyer; PWD Greg Engeset

Others Present: Republican Eagle; Ashley Rezachek, Larry Murphy, Kim Beebe, Becky Beissel, The P.C. Journal; John McLoone, Attorney Jens Loberg

Trustee Gulbranson lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Pres. DeWolfe spoke to members of the public again and told them to put their cell phones away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Hines/Sweig to accept minutes of 2/3/20 as submitted. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to approve payment of vouchers submitted for audit to date. Unanimous.

#36280-36282, 36311-36405 auto and P-card payments

General Fund - \$1,333,617.13

Water Fund - 5,037.89

Sewer Fund - 30,075.25

Public comment on non-agenda items: None

Approve Regular Operator License for Brody Eggen, Kirsten Fisher-Paananen, Isaac Nilssen, Shawn Eggen:

MSC Hines/Gulbranson to grant license. Unanimous.

Cheese Curd Festival Sponsorship request for 2020:

MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to approve \$1000, same as past years, to be put toward insurance for the festival. Unanimous.

Senior Grad Nite 2020 donation request:

MSC Steele/Hines to approve \$200, same as past years. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission: 2/17 Trustee Sweig

James & Vicki Langer, 740th Street, Town of Trimble, CSM approval:

MSC Sweig/Austin to approve the CSM as presented. Unanimous.

Salary and Labor: 2/4 Trustee Gulbranson

Gulbranson reported that the committee interviewed applicants for the public works position, approved the hiring of Michael Moldenhauer. Stated that they had a good selection of applicants.

Community Development Authority: 2/20 Trustee Wandmacher

Joe Folsom, PCEDC Director, gave an update on the status of the LMI survey project. Facilities grant survey is closed and did not receive enough surveys returned to determine if the Village is qualified for a lower LMI, which means the Village did not qualify for more state funds. Joe stated that there are still 40 surveys needed to be returned for the Planning Grant. There are plans to go door to door to try to get them.

Dave Paulisch, Department of Administration, gave a brief outline of different funding programs his department is responsible for distributing funds. Discussion was held on future possible programs that could be funded.

CDBG Housing Program: 2/20 Trustee Sweig

Meeting held to consider loan application #32. Committee took action to approve.

Department Head Reports:

Chief of Police: (submitted a written report)

2019 Annual Report: (On file)

Total calls for service 3,271, down 70 calls from 2018

Feb. 2020 report:

242 calls for service.

43 parking citations, 31 traffic stops, 11 arrests including probation, 4 ordinance citation, 3 traffic citations

Public Works Director: (submitted a written report)

- New employee Mike Moldenhauer started his employment with the Village today
- New Plow Truck is to be built 3/18/2020. Late May early June delivery.
- Water Tower #1 to be power washed this year. Water Tower #2 needs interior inspection this year.
- Biosolids over-weight exception is on the Governor's desk for signing
- Watermain leak 2/24 on S. Piety St., main should be replaced from Main St. to Humble Ave. when street is upgraded in the future

Greg reported that he along with other board members and employees from the Biosolids Facility would be attending the signing of the bill by Gov. Evers in Madison on Tuesday. This will save the Village approx. \$20,000 a year in transportation expense.

Clerk-Treasurer: (submitted a written report)

- Computer upgrades are being done from Windows 7 to Windows 10. Notified by the State Elections Board that as of 2/27 we can no longer access WisVote until upgrade is complete. Newer computer is being done first and should be completed by 3/6, with the rest of the computers to follow.
- Waiting on the 2020 BOR CD to become available for all sitting on the BOR to view before April 27th.

Library Director: (submitted written reports)

- Private phase of fundraising underway
- Discussion to revisit the use of the BMO building. Questions raised as to why it is being revisited at this time as the Village Board took previous action to not pursue the building. Concerns voiced over money that has already been spent at this time for architectural fees on both buildings amounting to \$47,548,21. Building Committee would like to present to the Village Board in April or May for further direction.

ADJOURNMENT:

MSC Hines/Sweig, 7:30 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson, Clerk