

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING
February 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)

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Everyone is welcome to join the meeting via Zoom.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President DeWolfe.

Members Present: Trustees Lance Austin, Becky Beissel, Scott Feuerhelm, Neil Gulbranson, Michael J. Steele and Curt Wandmacher

Staff Present: Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Stewart, Library Director Meyer, Interim Public Works Director Mike Huppert

Others Present: Village Attorney Bob Loberg and multiple virtual Zoom meeting participants

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

2. Approval of minutes – 1-04-2021: MSC (Feuerhelm, Austin) to approve the meeting minutes from last month. Unanimous.

3. Approve bills: MSC (Gulbranson, Wandmacher) to approve the bills as presented. **Unanimous.** Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Stewart reviewed the Village Deposit paperwork with the board.

4. Public comment on non-agenda items: Diana Bunce brought up the issue of her neighbor having water run on the street and then going onto her property and that the Village hasn't fixed the issue. One item suggested was writing to the property owner to request they fix the water runoff. Trustee Steele stated that the former Cubby's Pizza building looks nice. Trustee Gulbranson stated that after reading the E3 01-15-2021 minutes he wanted to note that having the dog park be put on the land by Crossing Meadows was turned down by the Village Parks Committee.

5. Authorizing the Village President to be the designated signer for grants submitted on behalf of the library: MSC Steele/Wandmacher to authorize the Village President to be the designated signer for grants submitted on behalf of the library. **Unanimous.** The board clarified that this applied to only municipal grants.

6. Change appointment of official depository for the Village of Ellsworth: The Village Board and Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer reviewed this agenda item. After the discussion it was noted that the Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer has the authority to change the official depository and that she can proceed with changing it to CCF Bank.

7. Renewing Open Acres of Crop Land Lease Agreements for April 1, 2021 through March 30, 2023

- Hines Ranch, Inc.

- O'Neil Farms, Inc.

MSC (Steele/Austin) to approve the renewal lease agreements. **Unanimous.**

8. Committee/Commission meeting reports/recommendations:

A. **Plan Commission**

B. **Board of Appeals**

C. **ETZ**

D. **Water and Sewer**

- Reviewed the January 25th meeting minutes.

- **MSC** (Wandmacher/Steele) that we go ahead with project for Well #3. **Unanimous.**

E. **Street & Sidewalk**

F. **Salary and Labor**

- Reviewed January 14th meeting minutes.

- Accept Resignation of Ryan Hansen and Tyler Foss: **MSC** (Gulbranson, Wandmacher) to accept the resignation of Ryan Hansen and Tyler Foss. **Unanimous.**

- Final Payout for Full-Time Police Officer: **MSC** (Gulbranson, Beissel) to approve the final payout for the full-time officer. **Unanimous.**

- Hiring update for Part-Time Police Officer.

G. **Finance Committee**

H. **Parks, Recreation, & Development**

I. **Finance, Purchasing, Buildings**

J. **Public Safety**

-Trustee Beissel provided an update that the Ellsworth Ambulance Service's Medical Director is provided by Mayo and that Martel considered leaving, but is staying.

K. **Health, License, Welfare**

L. **Solid Waste, Cable TV, Special Committee**

M. **Cemetery**

N. **Community Development Authority**

9. Department Head Reports: Department activity/update

A. Chief of Police: Submitted a monthly report.

B. Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator: Reviewed submitted monthly report.

C. Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer: Reviewed submitted monthly report.

D. Library Director: Reviewed submitted monthly report.

MSC (Wandmacher/Beissel) to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g) conferring with counsel. **Unanimous** after a roll call vote.

10. Closed Session: The board adjourned to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section

19.85(1)(g) conferring with counsel. Conferred with legal counsel who either orally or in writing advised the governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation. The legal consultation was regarding the property located at 245 S. Broadway Street.

MSC (Gulbranson, Feuerhelm) to go back into open session. Unanimous after a roll call vote.

Meeting reconvened into open session to take or announce action, if any and if appropriate, and to consider other agenda items.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Stewart Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer