

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING**  
**April 19, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

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

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**Due to the direction of Governor Tony Evers, in person attendance will be limited to space available.**  
**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 Beissel, Austin, Gulbranson, Feuerhelm, Steele and Wandmacher

**Staff Present:** Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Stewart, Library Director Meyer, Police Chief Ladwig and Interim Public Works Director Huppert

**Others Present:** Village Attorney Bob Loberg, Sharon Schulze, Bobbie Sawyers, Paul Bauer, Andrew Borner, Kim Bebe and zoom meeting participants.

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

**2. Approval of minutes – 3-01-2021 & 03-05-2021:** MSC Wandmacher/ Beissel to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Unanimous.**

**3. Approve payments and deposits:** MSC Steele/Feuerhelm to approve the payments and deposits as submitted. **Unanimous.**

**4. Public comment on non-agenda items:** Trustee Gulbranson made a public comment explaining the list of accomplishments and changes that Village President DeWolfe and the Village Board made over the years. Kim Beebe made a public comment on behalf of the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce to “acknowledge and congratulate” DeWolfe, Wandmacher, and Gulbranson for their years of service. Village President DeWolfe made a comment that Social Media isn’t always factual and provided examples. Attorney Bob Loberg made a public comment that he has served as the Village attorney for 45

years and only four Village Presidents and a dozen of board members in that time. That showed loyalty to the position. Trustee Austin thanked Police Chief Ladwig and Interim Public Works Director Huppert for work they did to improve N. Grant Street. Trustee Wandmacher made a comment that the money you spend is not yours and have to be careful with what you do with it. Trustees Beissel, Steele, Austin and Feuerhelm all thank the outgoing board members for their service.

**5. Discussion and decision on a loan for the Library: MSC Wandmacher/Steele to have Ehlers come and give advice on the best way to start the loan for the Library in the amount of \$500,000. Unanimous.**

**6. Committee/Commission meeting reports/recommendations:**

**A. Plan Commission**

**B. Board of Appeals**

**C. ETZ**

**D. Water and Sewer**

- Reviewed the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Reviewed the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Phos. Reduction plan-disposal permit

**MSC Steele/Austin to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimous.**

**MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to approve the purchase of the 2014 Aries Trailer Sewer Televising System for \$15,000. Unanimous.**

**E. Street & Sidewalk**

**F. Salary and Labor**

- Reviewed the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Reviewed the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Review the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Final Compensation of Public Works Director: **MSC Gulbranson/Beissel to approve the final payout for the Public Works Director. Unanimous.**
- Accept resignation of Administrative Assistant for the Ellsworth Police Department: **MSC (Austin, Gulbranson) to accept the resignation of the Administrative Assistant for the Ellsworth Police Department. Unanimous. MSC Gulbranson/Austin that the Village starts the process for hiring of a new Administrative Assistant for the Ellsworth Police Department. Unanimous.**

**G. Parks, Recreation, & Development**

- Ellsworth Farmers Market Application for Street Use Permit for Thursdays June 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Fun Series weekly event request for East End Park

**MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to approve the two events as presented. Unanimous.**

- Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival Application for Street Use Permit for Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>  
**MSC Feuerhelm/Austin to approve the Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival Application for Street Use Permit for Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous. Trustees Beissel and Steele abstained from discussion and voting.**

**H. Finance, Purchasing, Buildings**

- Reviewed the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
- Ellsworth WEDC Grant: **MSC Wandmacher/Beissel to move forward with the Ellsworth WEDC Grant. Unanimous.**
- Future Site Banner for Library: Library Director Meyer explained the request. **MSC Feuerhelm/Steele to have the Library Committee put up a banner. Unanimous.**
- Purchase of a new pickup truck: Interim Public Works Director Huppert explained the purchase request. **MSC Steele/Feuerhelm to approve the purchase of the new pick up truck from Ellsworth Fords.**

**Unanimous.**

**I. Public Safety**

**J. Health, License, Welfare**

**MSC** Gulbranson/Wandmacher to approve the licenses as presented with dates shown. **Unanimous.**

- Ellsworth FFA Alumni Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for NTPA/WTPA Showdown in Curd Town 6/12/21-6/13/21
- Ellsworth Hubbers Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for Ellsworth Hubbers Home Baseball Games Schedule to Follow
- Pierce County Fair Committee Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Moto Cross Event 7/30/21
- Pierce County Fair Committee Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for P.C. Fair 8/12/21 - 8/15/21
- Pierce County Fair Committee Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License for P.C. Fair Wine and beer Judging Event 8/12/21

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

**L. Cemetery**

**M. Community Development Authority**

**7. Department Head Reports:** Department activity/update

**A. Chief of Police** Ladwig reviewed his monthly report.

**B. Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator** Huppert reviewed his monthly report.

**C. Administrator-Clerk/Treas.** Stewart reviewed her monthly report.

**D. Library Director** Meyer reviewed her monthly report.

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

**8. Closed Session:** The Village Board will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g) conferring with counsel. Conferring with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation. The legal consultation will be on the property located at 245 S. Broadway Street.

**MSC** Feuerhelm/Austin to go 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.

**9. Adjournment:** **MSC** Steele/Gulbranson to adjourn. **Unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted by Nicole Stewart Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer**