

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

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

Members present: Trustees Curt Wandmacher; Rick Sweig; Dick Hines; Lance Austin; Michael J. Steele, Neil Gulbranson

Staff present: Clerk/Treas.; Peggy Nelson, Public Works Director; Greg Engeset, Library Director; Tiffany Meyer, Chief of Police; Eric Ladwig

Others present: Attorney; Robert Loberg, Dale Auckland, Republican Eagle; Ashley Rezachek and Eric Olson, The Journal; John McLoone, Kim Beebe, Becky Beissel

Pres. DeWolfe lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Approval of minutes:

MSC Hines/Gulbranson to accept minutes of 1/6/20 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of bills:

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

#35938, 36047, 36073-36152, 36179-36222, 36249-36279, auto and P-Card payments

General fund- \$1,383,691.57

Water fund - 46,108.54

Sewer fund - 104,343.49

Public comment on non-agenda items:

None

Kim Beebe, Chamber, update on 2020 Cheese Curd Festival:

Kim addressed board members with an update, preparation and planning is currently underway, keeping the same footprint as in 2019 which worked well. Some internal adjustments will be made for better flow of traffic.

Approve Regular Operator License for David Farrow:

MSC Hines/Sweig to grant license. Unanimous.

Appoint Board of Review members for April 27, 4-6 p.m.:

Clerk Nelson, Pres. DeWolfe, Wandmacher, Gulbranson and Austin

Discussion/action on designating The Journal the official paper:

Eric Olson, Rivertown Advertising Manager, addressed the board informing them same coverage, website. Requesting the Village stay with the Star Observer which is a WI paper, publication will go in the Star Observer with publication in the Republican Eagle at no extra charge. Weekend edition of the Republican Eagle covers Pierce County. Currently they have 30 Village subscribers for the Star Observer and 410 for the Republican Eagle.

John McLoone, The Journal, addressed the board informing them that they have expanded with great results. They have gotten 300 subscribers in a 3-week period, working hard to cover everything. They are currently working on a website which was to be up and going 2/1.

MS Hines/Austin that the Village publish in The P.C. Journal notices required to be published. Motion carried with Sweig opposed.

Approve All-Croix Inspections Corp. contract for 4/1/20-3/31/22:

MSC Wandmacher/Sweig to approve contract. Unanimous.

Approve Resolution 2019-11 amending the 2019 Budget to transfer Library Impact Fees to fund balance applied for Library Building/Space Architectural fees expended:

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to approve. Unanimous.

Gulbranson requested a report from the Library every 3 months showing monies spent to date.

Approve 5-year DNR lease space renewal effective 11/1/19-11/1/2023:

MSC Gulbranson/Austin to approve. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission:

Public Hearing – adopt Ordinance #682 amending Section 46.03 (7)(a)(12) R-1 District, Section 46.03 (7)(b)(12) R-2 District (Minimum Building Size) and Section 46.03 (7)(h)(8) Ag District (Minimum Dwelling Size) of the Village of Ellsworth Zoning Ordinance:

MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to adopt. Unanimous.

Salary and Labor: 1/20 Trustee Neil Gulbranson

Public Works employee screening/hiring process, give committee authority to hire:

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to give committee the authority to hire. Unanimous.

Accept resignation/retirement letter from Peggy Nelson effective 5/1/20:

MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to accept. Unanimous.

Hiring process for Administrator/Clerk-Treas. position, approve signed proposal from Public Administration Assoc., Oshkosh, WI., give committee authority to hire:

MSC Steele/Hines to approve proposal and give committee the authority to hire. Unanimous.

Public Safety:

1/20 - Ambulance Operating Committee

Adopt Resolution #2020-1 Amending Agreement Establishing Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service Originally signed and Entered into on 9/30/2011, creating an Executive Committee to assist in the management, operational oversight, fiscal monitoring, human resource guidance and other duties assigned by the Operating Committee of the EAAS:

MSC Hines/Sweig to adopt. Unanimous.

1/20 - Fire Services Assoc. Annual Meeting

Board Rep. Gulbranson reported on Financial Report for 2019, total balance on hand of all accounts on 1/1/19 was \$551,757.93. Income \$\$674,367.67, expenses \$744,856.22, resulting in a balance 12/31/19 of \$448,649.36. Loan balances 12/31/19 \$1,524,108.79, for building/remodeling project and new engine.

Health, License, Welfare: 2/3 Trustee Rick Sweig

Approve Class "B" and "Class C" for Cindy's Country Kitchen, 522 East Main Street, Cynthia M. Linder:

MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to approve. Unanimous.

Community Development Authority: 1/22 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Monthly meeting, LMI survey update, WEDA Housing Seminar. Joe Folsom gave a review on the WEDA Housing Seminar. Still working on getting enough responses from survey mailed out. Follow-up letter sent but still short. Next meeting 2/19, 5 p.m. Wandmacher reported that in conversation with Joe a 51% LMI level is needed for street grant, went down to 45%, still working on survey for a planning grant.

Reports:

Chief of Police: (submitted written report)

-265 calls for service in Jan.

52 parking citations, 22 traffic stops, 15 arrests including probation, 1 ordinance citation, 4 traffic citations

Approve hire of part-time Police Officers Jonathan Nack and Jarid Kerber:

MSC Austin/Gulbranson to approve new hires. Unanimous.

Public Works Director: (submitted written report)

-Permit for crossing flags signed

-Attended MEG meeting in Plover, phosphorus main topic. Had meeting with Pierce County Land Management and Stockman from Davy Engineering to discuss possibility of a phosphorus variance for the WWTP with improvements being done to the Isabelle Creek as an alternative. New permit in 2022 and lower phosphorus limits will be needed, no matter what route it will be expense. Looking to set up a meeting with engineers and board to go over options, costs, etc.

-PWD employee Interviews scheduled for 2/4

-Hearing 2/4 in Madison on overweight trucking concerns associated with Biosolids. Greg passed on a thank you to board members from Randy at Biosolids for supporting bills for the hearing

Clerk/Treas.:

-Busy with tax collections and auditors in January

Library Director: (submitted written report)

-Marketing campaign kicks off with community connections

-Fundraising campaign ready for approval from building committee

-New Gallup poll shows that more Americans went to the Library than the movies in 2019

March 2nd board agenda item – Architects from Ayres will present plans to the Village Board

Adjournment:

MSC Hines/Austin, 8:04 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk