

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

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

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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Trustee Scott Feuerhelm at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Village President Rebecca Beissel (Remote) and Trustees Mindy Anderson, Lance Austin, Andrew Borner, Dale Hines and Michael J. Steele

Staff Present: Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Stewart, Library Director Meyer, Police Chief Ladwig

Others Present: Village Attorney Bob Loberg, seven in person audience members, and virtual Zoom meeting participants

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

10-minute discussion limit on all agenda and non-agenda items per Roberts Rules of Order, the Village Board may suspend this rule if deemed necessary, no board action may be taken on non-agenda items

2. Approval of minutes – 10-04-2021, 10-06-2021, 10-18-2021: MSC Borner/Austin to approve those minutes. Unanimous.

3. Approve payments and deposits: MSC Austin/Borner to approve them. Unanimous.

4. Public comment on non-agenda items: None

5. Michael Konzen from Employers Benefit Group, LLC review of benefit options for the Village:
Konzen reviewed the different insurance options for the Village.

6. Select Health Insurance for employees for a policy period of 12/01/2022-11/30/2022: MSC Steele/Austin to give the Salary and Labor Committee the authority to pick the insurance company at the next meeting. **Unanimous.**

7. Review and possible action on the 2020 Audit: MSC Austin/Hines to approve the audit. **Motion approved** with all voting in favor of the motion except Trustee Steele.

8. Proposal for the repair/resurface of the Summit Park Tennis Courts: MSC Steele/Feuerhelm to approve the bid amount for the tennis court repair for the 2022 budget cycle. **Unanimous.** Trustee Borner abstained from voting.

9. 2021 Public Budget Hearing Date: November 18th at 7:00 p.m. will be the 2021 Public Budget Hearing.

10. Update on the building project at 388 W Main Street: Trustee Steele reviewed the Water and Sewer committee meeting minutes from October 21st and the November 1st pre-construction meeting update for the water service project. The Village Board had a discussion regarding state approved plans, sending the project out to bid, asbestos survey results, lack of communication from the library board and village board, single point of contact, construction manager and the project costs. The Village Attorney, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer and Library Director provided input to the discussion.

11. Committee/Commission meeting reports/recommendations:

A. Plan Commission

B. Board of Appeals

C. ETZ

D. Water and Sewer

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from 10-21.

E. Street & Sidewalk

F. Salary and Labor

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from 10-14.

G. Parks, Recreation, & Development

H. Finance, Purchasing, Buildings

- Reviewed the meeting minutes from 10-18, 10-21 & 10-25.

I. Public Safety

- Trustee Hines provided the update that the ambulance will have a three percent per capita increase and that commitments were made to full-time staff in the areas of health insurance and retirement benefits.

J. Health, License, Welfare

K. Solid Waste, Cable TV, Special Committee

L. Cemetery

M. Community Development Authority

12. Department Head Reports: Department activity/update

A. Chief of Police Ladwig reviewed his monthly report.

B. Interim Director of Public Works: New Public Works Director starting November 8th

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

D. Library Director Meyer reviewed her monthly report.

The Village Board did not go into closed session and/or take action regarding agenda item number thirteen.

13. 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 N. Broadway Street.

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

MSC Steele/Hines to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and to consider employment matters. **Unanimous** after a roll call vote.

14. Closed Session: The Village Board adjourned to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and to consider employment matters.

- Considered employment and compensation for a full-time police officer

MSC Hines/Anderson 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.

15. Adjournment: **MSC Anderson/Steele** to adjourn. **Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Stewart Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer