

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
12/2/2019**

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

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

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

Others Present: Attorney; Robert Loberg, Karen Meyer, Pierce County Herald; Ashley Rezachek, Dale Auckland, Larry Johnson

Pres. DeWolfe lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2020 Budget Public Hearing:

No concerned citizens present. No questions, concerns from board members.

MSC Wandmacher/Steele to approve the 2020 Budget, per recommendation of the Finance, Purchasing, Buildings Committee on 10/29/19, with a Village levy of \$1,285,065. Unanimous.

Approval of minutes:

MSC Sweig/Gulbranson to accept minutes of 11/4/19 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of bills:

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

#35877-35880, 35908-3593, auto and P-card payments

General fund - \$ 49,393.20

Water fund - 11,539.38

Sewer fund - 11,216.62

Public comment on non-agenda items:

None

January Board meeting:

1/6/20, 7:30 p.m.

Approve Regular Operator License for Marissa Deiss:

MSC Hines/Austin to approve. Unanimous.

Wipfli CPA's & Consultants 2019 audit contract:

MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to accept engagement letter for 2019. Unanimous.

PCEDC 2020 funding request:

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to pledge \$2700, in 2020 Budget. Unanimous.

Approve 2020-2021 Election Inspector poll worker list:

MSC Sweig/Hines to approve. Unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance #680 extending sunset date of ATV and UTV route from 12/31/19 to 12/31/20:

Police Chief Ladwig informed the board that they have not had any complaints.

MSC Sweig/Austin to adopt. Unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance #681 extending sunset date of 12/31/19 to 12/31/20 on waiver of residential and commercial Impact Fees:

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to adopt. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water and Sewer:

Trustee Curt Wandmacher reported on the annual Biosolid attended in Roberts on 11/21. Building is 100% full due to weather issues. Looking at a new dryer which will help reduce the amount of product and odor reduction. Members agreement extension discussed, looking at 15 years to 2040. Non-members was discussed, making up 20% of usage and whether or not they want new non-members. Village engineers are looking at the Village's treatment plant to see if the Village could take the extra centrate, possibly doing a pilot test. Besides transportation being an issue, other issue is PFAS, an emerging contaminant, chemical that has been linked to thyroid disease, decreased female fertility and cancer. Chemical is found in a variety of products including firefighting foam and non-stick cookware. WRWA is waiting for the DNR to develop surface water standards for the chemicals before testing. PWD Greg Engeset elected to a 5-year term as commissioner.

MSC Steele/Gulbranson to approve report. Unanimous.

Salary & Labor: 11/6 Trustee Neil Gulbranson

MSC Steele/Austin to give the committee the authority to negotiate and finalize the Police Union Contract, 2020 non-union wages and benefits, health insurance plan design and employee contribution, dental and life/STD/AD&D insurance plan renewal for 2020. Unanimous.

Parks, Recreation, Development: 12/2 Trustee Rick Sweig

Meeting with individuals requesting a Dog Park in Ellsworth. Buena Farrell passed out information they put together. Neil Gulbranson voiced concerns he had gotten in regard to a pop-up Dog Park at Crossing Meadows near the water tower, stating he is not against a Dog Park, but suggested other locations be looked at, possibly along Cty Rd C near East Business Way, off-street parking would be needed. Area will be looked at. No action taken.

Public Safety:

Ambulance Operating Committee - Board Rep. Dick Hines reported they have had several meetings, with more meetings planned, going over providers with the need to finalize before end of Dec.

Health, License, Welfare: 12/2 Trustee Rick Sweig

Ellsworth Fire Services Assoc. Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for Annual Chicken Feed Fundraiser 3/28/20:

MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to grant license allowing 20 and under on the premise. Unanimous.

Community Development Authority: 11/11 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Paul Bauer gave an update on East End Development and updates on any future projects. He explained futures plans for expansion at the Ellsworth Creamery and the need for additional parking. PCEDC Director Joe Folsom discussed LMI surveys, noting the whole Village does not need to be done, random sampling can be done, State provides the samples to be used. Next meeting 12/9, 5 p.m.

Department Head reports:

Chief of Police:

-Nov.; 278 service calls, 85 traffic stops, 12 citations, 13 arrests including 2 probation and 2 OWI's

Trustee Wandmacher suggested the board look at walks/runs held in the Village as they are using the street versus sidewalks, felt someone could get hit. Chief Ladwig informed him they try to keep them off the roadways, Police are involved to some extent.

Public Works Director: (Written report on file)

- Applications for possible grant monies have been submitted
- Demo Site inspection done by DNR on 11/12, new sign needed at the entrance
- Snow plowing/removal has begun with the 2019 Budget already over budget
- Add'l testing has begun at the treatment plant on the centrate from West Central Biosolids

PWD Engeset thanked his employees for giving up hunting and vacation to plow and remove snow.

Clerk-Treas.: (written report on file)

-2019 total mill rate \$22.66 per \$1000 value (2018 - \$23.05). Village mill rate \$7.04 per \$1000 value (2018 - \$7.06)

Library Director: (written report on file)

- Nov. 6: Ayres Associates began building assessment - architectural, interiors and structural
- Nov. 11: Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space Committee met with Ayres Associates project architect Jodi Nelson and senior center director Tammy Decker
- Nov. 21: Ayres Associates continued building assessment - mechanical, electrical and plumbing
- Nov. 26: Ellsworth Public Library Board meeting included update on building project, discussion with senior center director, and marketing campaign for the building project
- Dec. 9: next scheduled building committee meeting
- Pierce County Board of Supervisors approved 2020 budget at Nov. 12 budget hearing • Includes 80% reimbursement rate for library services
- Seeking additional funding thru grants for library programs and special projects in 2020

Adjournment:

MSC Hines/Sweig, 7:32 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk