

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
9/9/2019**

Pres. Pro-tem Michael J. Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the absence of Pres. DeWolfe, in the Board Room located in Village Hall.

Trustee Dick Hines led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Others present: Attorney Robert Loberg, Dale Auckland, Karen Meyer, P.C. Herald; Ashley Rezachek, Becky Beissel, Kim Beebe, Jen Thorson, Bridget Oleson, Erin Brown, Anna Woolley, Bailey Oleson, Anna Oleson

Approval of minutes:

MSC Hines/Sweig to accept minutes of regular meeting 8/8/19 and special meeting 8/19/19 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of bills:

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

#35481, 35512-35525, 35556-35599, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$479,704.57

Water fund - 8,252.51

Sewer fund - 36,938.49

Public comment on non-agenda items:

Trustee Gulbranson asked board members if they would be ok with Att. Loberg explaining the process to E. Wall Street residents at the next board meeting on how they can correct their property descriptions. Board members were in agreement.

Approve appointment of Angie Whelan to fill Library Board vacant seat:

MSC Wandmacher/Sweig to approve. Unanimous.

Adopt Resolution #2019-10 Exemption from County Library Tax:

MSC Gulbranson/Austin to adopt. Unanimous.

Proclamation to acknowledge Girl Scouts Spirit Week Sept. 16-22:

Girl scouts and leaders at the meeting addressed the board. Pre. Pro-tem Steele read the Proclamation. MSC Wandmacher/Hines to accept proclamation, thanking the girls and leaders for coming to the board meeting and addressing the board. Unanimous.

Approve Regular Operator License for Paul Bauer, Andrew Bennett, Raynee Farrell, Marcus Stewart, Kristi Straub, Joni Battin, Christine McKinley:

MSC Hines/Sweig to approve. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission: 8/19 Trustee Rick Sweig

Bernard Real Estate Holdings, 330 & 332 W. Main St.; approve a Special Use Permit for residential use in lower level of building in a Commercial District:

MSC Sweig/Austin to approve. Unanimous.

JD Walter LLC, 126 S. Chestnut St.; approve a Special Use Permit for residential use in lower level of building in a Commercial District:

MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to approve. Unanimous.

Typical dwelling minimum square footage requirement:

Action tabled by Plan Commission until more information can be obtained from other communities.

Board of Appeals: 8/21 (Information only)

Nancy Greske, 466 W. Kinne St., size variance granted for an addition onto an existing garage

Street & Sidewalk: 8/20 Trustee Michael Steele

Crest Lane storm sewer/drain tile:

Advised homeowners can hookup to drain tile if they would like but homeowner needs to complete work.

Justin Bunde, 185 S. Maple St., culvert issue:

Action tabled, referred to Village Attorney.

Crosswalk flags:

MSC Gulbranson/Austin to approve concept Library Pilot Program plan for crosswalk flags per D.O.T. approval. Unanimous.

Approve Pleasant Ave. & Hillsdale St. street overlay project for 2019, cost \$18,000:

MSC Hines/Gulbranson to approve. Unanimous.

Parks, Recreation, Development/Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: 9/3 Trustee Rick Sweig**Finders Keepers East End Park agate hunt request:**

No-one showed up to discuss, no action taken.

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: 8/12 & 8/26 Trustee Curt Wandmacher**Approve purchase of 3 trash receptacles for East End for the Chamber with the Chamber reimbursing the Village for 2 of them:**

MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to approve. Unanimous. Discussion held on residents in that area using them to dispose of their garbage which will be addressed if necessary. Trustee Gulbranson also commented that West End area was discussed for future trash receptacles.

Approve proposal from Key Benefits Concepts to update tables for OPEB to comply with GASB Statement 75 for a fee of \$480.00:

MSC Wandmacher/Sweig to approve proposal. Unanimous.

5-year Capital Expense Plan update for 1921-25:

Plan reviewed, PWD expenses for 2020 will be \$50,000 less than expected. Dept. Heads are to give Clerk Nelson expected expenses for 2025 to be added to the plan.

2019 Budget status:

2019 Budget in line as expected

Preliminary 2020 Budget:

Committee agreed that department heads need to keep the 2020 Budget at zero increase except for labor.

Library Project funding:

Final funding will be determined once remodeling project costs are estimated.

Public Safety: Trustee Dick Hines

8/9 & 8/20 Ambulance Operating Committee

Hines reported he was absent from the 8/20 meeting. Proposals are out for Human Resources Management Staffing and General Management Services for 2020 with a deadline of 4 p.m., Oct. 31st.

Health, License, Welfare: 8/19 Trustee Sweig**Approve Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Annual Pig Roast 9/14/19 at fairgrounds allowing 20 and under on the premise:**

MSC Sweig/Hines to approve allowing 20 and under on the premise. Unanimous.

Solid Waste, Cable TV, Special Committee: 8/12 Trustee Hines**Approve increase in recycling pickup monthly charge to \$8.50 per cart effective Oct. 1:**

MSC Hines/Wandmacher to approve increase 10/1, fee will be readjusted after 6 months' time. Unanimous.

Department Head Reports:**Police Chief:**

August; 299 service calls, 52 traffic, 17 citations, 13 taken into custody

Trustee Sweig commented that National Night Out was a good turn-out, positive comments

PWD: (Written report on file)

- Bidding Strickland St. water main installation late Sept., early Oct.
- Bjork memorial benches installed along Main St.
- N. Terrace Ave.; storm sewer at bottom repaired, blacktopping yet this fall
- E. Pleasant Ave. & Hillsdale St.; overlay of blacktop yet this fall
- New grader; delivered to Eau Claire, snow wing being mounted on
- Mike Huppert full water certified
- Brady Murphy and Tim Rundle 1-year anniversary
- Working on storm inlets and walk repairs on corners
- Working with Russ from Cedar Corp. on the 90/10 Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) transportation program grant to see which project to submit in for Ellsworth. Program will be very competitive.

Clerk-Treas.: (Written report on-file)

- Simplified water 3% increase application approved by PSC, effective 9/30/19
- 2019 population est. 3355 (2018 was 3323)
- Loan proceeds rec'd 8/28/19 from State Trust Fund Loan
- Angie Fisher 1-year anniversary

Library Director: (Written report on file)

- Several new programs will be starting for Fall
- Sept. is Library Card Sign-up Month, Library cards are free
- 3 architectural firms have been selected for interviews for the Library remodeling project, interviews scheduled for 9/16.

Becky Beissel addressed the board representing a group of Ellsworth citizens that have formed to address multipurpose trails in and around Ellsworth, requesting a meeting with the Village Street & Sidewalk Committee to discuss. Meeting date set for 9/25, 5 p.m.

MSC Hines/Sweig to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk