

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
10/7/2019**

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

Trustee Rick Sweig led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Members Absent: Trustee Lance Austin

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

Others Present: Attorney; Robert Loberg, several others (sign-in sheet on file)

Approval of Minutes:

MSC Hines/Sweig to approve minutes of 9/9/19 & 9/12/19 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of Bills:

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

#35630-35632, 35661-35699, 35701-35739, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$397,614.09

Water fund - 30,958.69

Sewer fund - 65,181.64

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

None

Fall Yard Clean-up:

Oct. 19-26 with extended Demo Site hours Monday thru Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. (19 & 26) 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Village pickup of bio-degradable bags purchased at the Village Hall on Monday, Oct. 28th.

Approve Regular Operator License for Raeiah Whyte:

MSC Hines/Gulbranson to approve. Unanimous.

Adopt Resolution #2019-09 adopting the P.C. All Hazards Mitigation Plan:

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to adopt. Unanimous.

Att. Robert Loberg to address boundary issues on E. Wall St. and other areas in the Village:

Attorney Loberg addressed the board and those present in regard to E. Wall St. boundary issues, matter recently brought to the board, handing out a map of the area. Jodi Wooding, 346 E. Wall St., informed the group that half of her house is on the neighbor's property per a survey they had done. She had her property surveyed, paid for by the title company, as she is looking to sell. Her issue has been resolved with the neighbor on the west but the neighbor on the east will not sign the easement. Att. Loberg stated that adverse possession comes into play, going back 20 years or more, title insurance does not cover adverse possession. GIS maps are a guide, not a survey of the property. To resolve the issue, start with a survey, all do deeds to correct the legal issues with all property owners involved and property owners sign the deeds. He has dealt with this in other areas of the Village and other communities. Village Board has no involvement.

Accept resignation from Russ Korpela from CDA Committee:

MSC Wandmacher/Sweig to accept. Unanimous.

Award Strickland Street Water Improvements Project bid:

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to award bid to Haas Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$90,766.53. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Street & Sidewalk: 9/25 Trustee Michael J. Steele

-Met with a group, recently formed "Ellsworth Trails", looking at multi-use trails in and around Ellsworth

-N. Terrace Ave. homeowner questioned sidewalk removal and landscaping lawn. No plans at this time to remove sidewalk

-Pedestrian flags; **MSC Steele/Wandmacher to send D.O.T. a letter from the Village asking for a permit for Grant/Chestnut St. Unanimous.**

Salary & Labor: Trustee Neil Gulbranson

9/18 - Committee members and Village Clerk traveled to Eau Claire to meet with Attorney Steve Weld at Weld, Riley S.C. to discuss and review employment labor laws, health insurance and police union contract that expires 12/31/19.

10/7- MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to renew health insurance for employees with Medica 12/1/19-11/30/20. Unanimous.

-MSC Gulbranson/Steele to reaffirm hiring of a public works department employee. Unanimous.

-MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher for planning purposes the Village moves to create an Administrator/Clerk-Treas. position for future employee anticipated retirements. Unanimous.

-No action taken on hiring of future police officers.

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: 9/30 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Department heads and committee reviewed preliminary budget for 2020. Clerk's Office will make changes agreed to and send to auditor for review and ask for their recommendations.

Public Safety: Ellsworth Fire Services Assoc. 9/16 Board Rep. Neil Gulbranson

Gulbranson reported that the Village assessment for 2020 will be \$99,829, \$2,872 increase from 2019.

Health, License, Welfare: 10/7 Trustee Rick Sweig

Committee reviewed and discussed proposed Vaping Ordinance #679. School officials were present to inform committee members on what steps the school is taking on vaping, policing and education. **MSC**

Sweig/Gulbranson to adopt Ordinance #679. Unanimous.

Community Development Authority (CDA): 10/2 Trustee Michael J. Steele (for Curt Wandmacher)

Elected Officers: Curt Wandmacher - Chair, Scott Feuerhelm - Vice-Chair, Greg Place - Treas., Village Clerk Peggy Nelson - Executive Director. Possible projects and funding were discussed. Next meeting 10/21, 5 pm.

Reports:**Chief of Police:**

- 290 calls of service for Sept., 83 traffic stops with 15 citations issued, 11 taken into custody
- Presented a copy of a letter given to Sgt. Darren Ekholm, commending him for his actions taken on 9/23 in regard to a motor vehicle accident, where the vehicle caught on fire and he pulled the unconscious male from the vehicle, putting himself in danger and other personnel
- Rec'd a \$4000 Hwy Safety Grant, 2nd \$4000 grant for the year, to be used for radio upgrades

PWD: (Written report submitted)

- Annual leak test on water system completed 9/12, 1 leak on S. Grant
- New grader delivered 9/19
- Replaced fire hydrant on W. Golf Course Lane
- Plow truck ordered 9/10
- Annual Biosolids meeting 11/21
- Strickland St. water construction bids came in under projected estimate
- Ellsworth Funsters Pumpkin Party in the East End Park 10/26

Clerk-Treas.:

None

Library Director: (Written report submitted)

- Oct. 20-26 National Friends of the Library Week

Building/Space Committee: 9/16

- Interviewed 3 Architectural Firms for purpose of remodeling the current Library building.

Motion was made to present Ayres Associates to the Library Board for approval on 9/24, Library Board approved.

Architect selection and use of Impact Fees Village Board approval:

MSC Wandmacher/Sweig to approve Ayres Associates and use of Impact Fees. Unanimous.

Adjournment:

MSC Hines/Steele, 7:59 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk