

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
11/4/2019**

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

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

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

Others Present: Attorney; Robert Loberg, Karen Meyer, Dale Auckland, Kim Beebe, Becky Beissel, Diana Bunce, P.C. Herald; Ashley Rezachek, Allina Health; Susan Ford

Approval of minutes:

MSC Hines/Sweig to accept minutes of 10/7/19 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of bills:

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

#35776-35777, 35806-35850, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$133,597.84

Water fund - 77,146.46

Sewer fund - 23,441.60

Public comment on non-agenda items:

Diana Bunce, 605 W. Crest Lane, addressed the board stating that her husband seen in the paper in the Village board Sept. meeting minutes published that there is drain tile in the street, questioning how it was decided all of a sudden that there is drain tile, as she has addressed the Street Committee and board a number of times on this issue and Bud Engeset had told her husband years back that there was drain tile. PWD Greg Engeset responded that the street is 1855 ft. in length, records show 1075 ft. of drain tile installed in 1989, not exactly known where located. It is up to the property owner to dig down to find, complete work, Village does not mandate they hook onto for liability reasons, Village does not want the liability if it freezes up and owners have water in their basement. Diana commented that they do not want neighbor's water running down across their property and in the street in front of their property.

Susan Ford address board on Allina Health's new mobile clinic:

Susan addressed the board presenting a video on a new mobile clinic on wheels Allina is deploying in the Buffalo, Mn market, fully operational same as a regular clinic, services found in a typical primary care clinic. Truck is 28" long with 2 exam rooms, staffed by a nurse practitioner. Patients can schedule appointments or do same day walk-in, accepting patients of all age ranges. Patients do not need to be a current Allina Health patient. Everyday on wheels can park and see patients or go right to patient's homes. They are currently working on communities and schedules; Wi-Fi is needed for entering information into computer. She asked for the board's thoughts if they thought there was a need in Ellsworth, community need. Board advised her that Allina could do a trial basis and see if the need was here.

Approve appointment of David Greeley to the Community Development Authority Committee:

MSC Wandmacher/Austin to approve. Unanimous.

Approve Regular Operator License for Michael Dehoop, Joshua Coburn, Misty Jetter, Todd Beyer, Alexander Ayala:

MSC Sweig/Hines to grant license. Unanimous.

Approve Cudd's Mobile Home Park License for 2020:

MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to approve 2020 license. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

ETZ: 10/15

Granted a 9 ft. front-yard variance to allow for porch construction to Kathy Wahrenbrock, W6579 570th Ave., Town of Ellsworth.

Salary & Labor: 10/14 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Committee met with Att. Steve Weld to prepare for contract negotiations with Police Union - proposals exchanged. Next meeting Nov. 6th.

Parks, Recreation, Development: 10/30 Trustee Rick Sweig

Committee met with group requesting a Dog Park in Ellsworth. Looking for a place to do a pop-up park trial. Two areas were discussed; Village land in Crossing Meadows near the water tower and land west of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in East End. They would put up a 4 ft. plastic snow fence, signage with basic rules posted. Dogs would need to be vaccinated and licensed in the Village of Ellsworth. They would do a trial period in the spring, fundraising to cover costs. If it worked out, they would be looking for a permanent park. Sweig reported that they went and viewed both sites after the meeting. Next meeting 12/2.

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: 10/14 & 10/29 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to borrow \$250,000 for 10 years to be used for capital equipment and capital streets, sidewalks and curb and gutter, to be split \$150,000 for equipment and \$100,000 for streets. Unanimous.

Finalized the 2020 Budget with a recommendation to the full board to approve the budget as presented, at the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Dec. 2, 7 p.m., with a levy of \$1,285,065.

Public Safety: 11/1 Ellsworth Area Ambulance Operating Committee - Village Board Rep. Dick Hines
Reported that proposals were rec'd from 2 providers for Human Resources Management and Staffing/General Management Services. Proposals will be processed and interviews will be scheduled with each, a slow process.

Community Development Authority: 10/21 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Discussed projects, funding options.

MSC Steele/Austin to authorize a survey for LMI and to designate PCEDC as the lead, reimbursed for expense. Unanimous.

Pres. DeWolfe informed the Finance Committee that they need to set a meeting with all parties involved including Library, who are looking at surveys for grants/funding, so process is not duplicated.

Department Head Reports:

Chief of Police:

- Updated the board on an armed robbery Sat. at DS Liquor Store, 280 N. Maple St., male entered store with a knife where 2 employees were working at the store, police responded within 2 minutes and got the male to put the knife down and suspect was arrested. He commended the officers for their good police work.
- 274 calls for Oct., 87 traffic, 25 citations including 1 OWI, 11 arrests which include probation jail book-in's

PWD: Written report submitted (on file)

- Replaced water valve at Main/Piety St.
- Strickland St. water line installed; services re-hooked. Cement and blacktop this week.
- Terrace Ave.; blacktop finished 10/30
- Pleasant Ave. & Hillsdale St.; blacktop overlay completed 10/30 by Pierce County, Shoulder scheduled for this week.
- Biosolids Annual Meeting 11/21 at Barnboard Grill in Roberts. A draft bill for over weight transportation of centrate has been drafted.

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

- 2019 estimated population 3,355, of which 2,510 are of voting age
- P-card annual rebate rec'd in the amount of \$698.32

Library Director: Written report submitted (on file)

- Oct. 14 Building/Space Committee met with Ayres Assoc., went over the building program statement and discussed a fundraising committee chair
- Oct. 18 Ayres begin building modeling
- Oct. 29 Library Board approved revised building program statement
- Director attended the 2019 WI Library Assoc. Conference in WI Dells Oct. 8-11, presenting on a panel about Library's experience going fine free.

Adjournment:

MSC Hines/Steele, 8:05 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk