

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN  
SPECIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(Village Board and Community Development Authority)  
9/12/19**

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.

**Members Present:** Trustees; Curt Wandmacher, Lance Austin, Neil Gulbranson, Rick Sweig and Dick Hines

**Staff Present:** Clerk/Treas.; Peggy Nelson

**Others Present:** P.C. Herald; Ashley Rezachek, Becky Beissel, Kim Beebe, PCEDC; Joe Folsom, Paul Bauer, Att. Robert Loberg, Roxi Birkel

Joe Folsom presented a brief handout outlining Commissioners of Authority, powers and duties, by-laws and rules of procedure as adopted by the Village Board and mission and purpose. CDA can borrow money, issue bonds which is the responsibility of the CDA, not the Village. Village Board sets a budget for the CDA, CDA must make a budget request. A community development plan should be put in place approved by the Village Board, CDA would initiate a project or 2-3 projects from the plan, 1 project can have various components. Tools, funding to use would be different for each project. Joe agreed he would work with CDA and Village, work together connecting tools and resources. Both Joe and Att. Loberg agreed CDA should work with property owners first, taking property by Eminent Domain is a big process, intense litigation, legal expenses, a lot of things to take into account.

Next process would be for the CDA to have an organizational meeting with Joe in attendance. Look at the Village Comprehensive Plan and look at reasonable projects. Joe would look at the funding, financial aspect, what we would face (money, political, etc.) any challenges, looking at these projects, along with public input.

**MSC Austin/Sweig that CDA Chairperson Curt Wandmacher proceed with setting up an organizational meeting, run any ideas past Joe and Att. Loberg, and bring a plan back to the Village Board. Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Austin to instruct the Finance, Purchasing, Buildings Committee to come up with a budget line item for the CDA. Unanimous.**

**Adjournment:**

**MSC Sweig/Gulbranson, 7:59 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk