

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
7/8/2019**

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

Trustee Lance Austin lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Others Present: Attorney; Lars Loberg, P.C. Herald; Rachel Helgeson, several others (Sign-in sheet on file)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Hines/Sweig to accept minutes of regular meeting 6/3/19 as submitted. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

#35212-35213, 35243-35294, 35331-35356, auto and P Card payments

General fund- \$ 172,001.69

Water fund - \$ 29,594.94

Sewer fund - \$ 23,337.77

Public comment on non-agenda items:

Kim Beebe, Ellsworth Chamber, addressed the board reporting on the Cheese Curd Festival. Planning paid off using the additional grounds, shuttle service, everyone liked the new footprint. They estimate approx. 30,000 people in attendance, expecting the same for 2020. She thanked the Village for their support and volunteering.

Sean Lentz from Ehlers reviewed with the board 2 handouts on planned Village borrowing thru the State Trust Fund Loan.

■2019A - \$453,000 20-year loan for 2019 capital projects. \$60,000 budgeted in the 2019 Budget for a total of \$513,000 capital. \$60,000 debt payment added to levy limit will remain the same for 2020 after which time it will be reduced to \$30,727.

■2019B - \$395,000 7-year loan at 3.75% interest for refinancing of Series 2010A Taxable G.O. Refunding Bonds saving the Village \$18,525 over the 7-year period.

Review and Approval of an application for a \$453,000 State Trust Fund Loan:

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to adopt Resolution #2019-08 approving application. Unanimous.

Review and Approval of an application for a \$395,000 State Trust Fund Loan:

MSC Steele/Sweig to adopt Resolution #2019-07 approving application. Unanimous.

Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the Village of Ellsworth's Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010A:

MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to adopt Resolution #2019-06 authorizing redemption of Series 2010A. Unanimous.

Transfer 2% Fire Dues:

Funds not rec'd

Approve list on file of Regular Operator License applications (new and renewals):

MSC Wandmacher/Hines to approve. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board of Appeals (Information only)

6/12 - Brem LLC, 334 N. Beulah St., denied a variance for an attached garage addition

6/19 - Chris & Jasmine Kyser, 336 E. Wall St., approved a variance for an unattached garage addition

Water and Sewer: Trustee Wandmacher

6/10 - MSC Wandmacher/Steele to submit a water simplified rate increase application for 3% to PSC, effective date 9/30/19, per auditor recommendation to comply with required rate of return. Unanimous.

6/27 – MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to proceed with having a study done by the Village Engineer to look at the possibility of the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant to take centrate from the Biosolids Facility, study to be of no cost to the Village. Unanimous.

MSC Wandmacher/Steele to approve a proposal from Davy Engineering Firm, not to exceed \$35,000, for engineering services for DNR Preliminary, due end of 2019, and Final Compliance, due end of 2020, Plan Documents regarding phosphorus limits to comply with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit.

Unanimous.

Street & Sidewalk: 6/24 Trustee Steele

Committee met with ATV Association Pres. Larry Johnson and several others to discuss Village process for requests to change snowmobile or ATV routes. Group talked about changing ordinance so you could ride ATV's from their house to the closest ATV trail. Receipt of a formal letter from the ATV Association with this request was rec'd by the Village. **MSC Steele/Austin to adopt Ordinance #676, to be drafted by Attorney Lars Loberg, working with Chief Ladwig, sunset date 12/31/19, hours of operation same as current ordinance, to allow for Village residents to ride their ATV from their house to the closet ATV trail. Unanimous.**

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: Trustee Wandmacher

6/17 – MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to not pursue the BMO Bank Building for a Library. Unanimous. MSC Wandmacher/Steele to direct the Library/Space Committee to research remodeling/addition options for the current Library Building. Unanimous.

6/27 – MSC Wandmacher/Steele to use 2019 loan monies in the amount of \$450,000, \$200,000 for equipment and \$250,000 toward construction of a storage building to be shared by PWD and Police Dept. Unanimous.

Health, License, Welfare: 7/8 Trustee Sweig

The Century Saloon, 324 W. Main St., request to amend "Class B" License premise description to include outdoor patio area in back of building on their property April thru November:
MSC Sweig/Hines to approve. Unanimous.

Funsters of Ellsworth Inc. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for Demo Derby Rain date August 17-18, 2019 (20 and under):

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

Dept. Head reports:**Police Chief:**

- 327 calls for service in June including 47 traffic, 31 citations 2 for speeding, 7 drugs related, 3 junk and 3 OWI's with one being their 7th offense which is a felony
- Rec'd a \$4000 traffic equipment grant from D.O.T.
- National Night Out, August 6th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the East End Park

PWD/Zoning Administrator: Submitted a written report on file

- Lift stations and wells have been set up for emergency generation
- Demo Site; DNR conducted an inspection with no real problems found, new cell will need to be dug in the fall
- New loader delivered on Friday
- Sidewalk installation complete at Quinn Motors and VFW
- Hail storm damage from last fall; \$10,150 damage on all Village structures, \$7000 on well house by Fire Hall
- Street work; micro sealing on Crest Lane and Summit Ave. scheduled
- Thank you to the Ellsworth Chamber for donating a tree which has been planted in Langer Park

Clerk-Treas.:

- Rec'd a dividend check from the League Insurance in the amount of \$7716.00

Library Director: Submitted a written report on file

- Recent improvements have been made to the current Library Building with needed improvements still be to addressed
- Approved updates to EPL Board of Trustee Bylaws, office of Vice-President was added with Angie Bjork accepting the office
- 5 Hotspots will be added to the Library's circulation collection, making them available to patrons

MSC Hines/Steele to adjourn, 8:19 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk