

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
November 18, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)**

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**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President Rebecca Beissel (Remote)**

**Members Present:** Trustees Michael J. Steele, Scott Feuerhelm (Remote), Mindy Anderson, Dale Hines, Andrew Borner (Remote) and Lance Austin (Remote)

**Staff Present:** Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Stewart, Library Director Meyer (Remote)

**Others Present:** Michael Konzen (Remote)

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.**

10-minute discussion limit on all agenda and non-agenda items per Roberts Rules of Order, the Village Board may suspend this rule if deemed necessary, no board action may be taken on non-agenda items

**2. Public comment on non-agenda items: None**

**3. Michael Konzen from Employers Benefit Group, LLC review of benefit options for the Village:**

Konzen appeared remotely to discuss the Village's insurance options.

**4. Select Health Insurance for employees for a policy period of 12/01/2021-11/30/2022: MSC**

Hines/Steele that we renew with Medica for one month to carry us to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. **Unanimous.**

The Village Board confirmed that everyone on the Village's health insurance plan would have a 2.35 percent increase for one month due to the renewal rate increase. **MSC** Hines/Anderson that we approve the Health Partners plan farthest to the right on chart, it would be effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022.

**Unanimous.** The village board had confirmation from Konzen that the new health insurance plan would be for 12 months and expire 12-31-2022.

**5. Payment Request #1- BS Construction for Isabelle Creek Improvements:** The Village Board confirmed that the pay request should be paid with funds from the sewer fund. The payment request was for \$63, 148.78 to be paid to BS Construction. **MSC Steele/Feuerhelm** to approve that amount. **Unanimous.**

**6. State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services payment for ambulance services when a comparable Medicare procedure code exists.** **MSC Steele/Hines** to approve the payment to the Ellsworth Ambulance Service for the funds received from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services payment for ambulance services. **Unanimous.**

**7. Ellsworth Senior Center Donation Request:** **MSC Steele/Hines** to do the \$2,700 again. **Unanimous.**

**8. 2022 Public Budget Hearing** was called to order at 7:00 p.m. No comments were made. The public hearing adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

**9. Approve 2022 Budget:** **MSC Austin/Feuerhelm** to approve the 2022 budget. **Motion carried** with all voting in favor of the motion except Trustee Steele. The approved levy amount was \$1,345,318.

**10. Office Assistant Compensation:** **MSC Hines/Feuerhelm** that we allow pay raises for the Office Assistant Sarah at \$3 and Angie \$1.50 effective at the next pay period. **Unanimous.**

**11. Appointment of Michael Harris to the Ellsworth Public Library Board:** **MSC Steele/Anderson** to approve Michael Harris to the library Board. **Unanimous.**

**12. Approval of the Village of Ellsworth's simplified water rate case application:** **MSC Steele/Hines** to approve the application requirements. **Unanimous.** If the application is approved the increase would become effective second quarter of 2022.

**13.Adjournment:** **MSC Steele/Hines** to adjourn. **Unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted by Nicole Stewart Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer**