

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gerald DeWolfe.

Members Present: Trustees Lance Austin, Becky Beissel, Scott Feuerhelm, Neil Gulbranson, Michael J. Steele and Curt Wandmacher

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Nelson, Village Administrator/ Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Stewart

Others Present: The P.C. Journal: John McLoone, Jason Marks and Bob Loberg

Trustees Beissel and Feuerhelm were sworn into office by Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Nelson.

Trustee Beissel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Approval of minutes 3/31: MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to approve meeting minutes of 3/31. Unanimous.

2. **Approval of bills:** MSC Steele/Austin to approve the bills as submitted. **Unanimous.**
Check Numbers 36455, 36484-36522, 36526-36587, auto payments, p-card payments
General Fund- \$225,489.07
Water Fund- \$35,289.63
Sewer Fund- \$221,450.62

4. **Jason Marks – Discuss/action on fee reduction request for liquor/beer license renewals 7/1/20:**
Jason Marks asked the Village Board to consider lowering the fee due to the restrictions being placed on Class “B” license holders. **MSC Steele/Gulbranson** to reduce the fee by \$200 for Class B Licenses which are not allowed to sell on premises due to Covid 19 restrictions. **Unanimous.**

5. **Adopt Ordinance #683 issuance of Regular Operator License:** MSC Wandmacher/Austin to approve adopting Ordinance #683. **Unanimous.**

6. **Adopt Resolution #2020-03 amending the 2020 Budget to transfer police and water Impact fees to general fund for new shop/police building construction:** MSC Steele/Austin to approve adopting Resolution #2020-03. **Unanimous.**

7. **Approve Special Use Permit, 312 W. Main St., for property change to Rare, LLC (Becky Jo Kittelson) to allow continued use of residential on the upper level in a commercial district:** MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to approve the Special Use Permit, 312 W. Main St., for property name change to Rare, LLC (Becky Jo Kittelson) to allow continued use of residential on the upper level in a commercial district. **Unanimous.**

8. **Salary & Labor Committee 4/21**
-Police Union Contract – mediation hearing
-Clerk/Treas. – transition/compensation

Trustee Gulbranson informed the Village that no recommendations at this time and provided a brief report.

9. **Committee organization:** Reviewed the committee list.

10. Appointments

- Official paper: **MSC Steele/Austin** that the Pierce County Journal is the official paper. **Unanimous.**
- Official Depository: **MSC Wandmacher/Steele** to give the administrator clerk/treasurer the discretion to select the official depository to get the best rates at this time its Associated Bank. **Unanimous.**
- Village Attorney: **MSC Steele/Beissel** that the Loberg Law Office is the official attorney. **Unanimous.**
- Pres. Pro-tem: **MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher** to appoint Michael Steele as President Pro-tem. **Unanimous.**
- Health Officer: Pierce County Public Health
- Humane Officer: Police Chief Eric Ladwig

-Cemetery Sexton: Village Staff
-Weed Commissioner: Greg Engeset

11. Adjournment: MSC Steele/Austin to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Nicole Stewart
Village Administrator/ Clerk/Treasurer