

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN  
BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
11/2/2015**

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; Kenny Manfred

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

**Others Present:** Attorney; Lars Loberg, Pierce County Herald; Sarah Young, Karen Meyer, Steve Albarado, JoAnn Miller, Dale Auckland, Randall Campbell, Cedar Corp.; Dennis Blau

**2016 Budget Public Hearing:**

No concerned citizens present, no comments from board members. **MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to adopt the 2016 Budget as printed with a Village levy of \$1,174,964. Unanimous.**

**Approval of minutes:**

**MSC Sweig/Manfred to accept minutes of 10/5/15 as submitted. Unanimous.**

**Approval of bills:**

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

#29570-29571, 29605-29648, 29675-29685, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$194,120.81

Capital fund - 48,166.43

Water fund - 23,122.53

Sewer fund - 51,794.56

**Public comment on non-agenda items:**

Trustee Manfred brought up discussion on the new LED street lights installed by Xcel, as he has heard complaints as residents feel that they create a safety issue in neighborhoods with the darker, less bright lights.

**Adopt Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0701 of the WI Stats. – Sidewalk construction 385 W. Main St. (Bank Mutual):**

**MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to adopt. Unanimous.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Plan Commission:** 10/19/15 Trustee Rick Sweig

P.C. Jail, 555 W. Overlook Drive, site and architectural design plan approval. **MSC Manfred/Sweig to approve site plan. Unanimous. MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to approve architectural design plan. Unanimous.**

**Salary & Labor:** Trustee Neil Gulbranson

10/12/15 & 10/19/15 - Police union negotiations - Closed session, open session. No action taken.

10/21/15 - **MSC Gulbranson/Hines to approve the switch from Medica Health Insurance current plan to Medica Renewal Alternative Plan which will increase the deductible from \$3000/\$6000 to \$3500/\$7000, resulting in a 7.68% increase in premium, effective 12/1/15-11/30/16. Unanimous.**

**Public Safety:** 10/21/14 Ellsworth Area Ambulance Operating Committee - Village Board Rep. Rick Sweig Approved 2016 Budget. Next meeting date 1/19/16.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Chief of Police:**

-Department participated in Sept. in the Click It or Ticket Program, awarded a \$4000 traffic grant to be used for safety equipment.

**PWD/Zoning Administrator:**

-Finished blacktopping

-Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> himself along with Pres. DeWolfe attended the annual State Wastewater Conference in WI Dells at which time the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant was highlighted, showcase of the plant and what the Village has achieved since the plant upgrade.

-Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bio Solids meeting. Proposing a 10% reduction in processing cost due to the CWF loan being paid off.

-SEH Engineering Firm is still working with the State DNR in regard to Huppert Utility.

-Working on DNR water inspection report, list of requirements.

-Rec'd quotes for replacement of the 2005 pickup, Ellsworth Ford came in at \$26,904, which was a 2015 budget item.

**MSC Hines/Steele to give PWD Engeset the authority to hire skating rink attendant(s). Unanimous.**

**Clerk-Treas.:**

-P-card annual rebate rec'd in the amount of \$925.26.

Set a Health, License, Welfare Committee meeting date for 11/17/15, 5:00 p.m., to hear an appeal on a denial of

an Operator License application.

**Library Director:**

**Building/Space Committee 10/12/15** - talks are continuing with BMO Harris who has presented a proposal to sell the bank building to the Village and lease back part of it. Traci from MSR Architectural firm presented 3 drawings for possible Library use of the building, committee discussed pros and cons of each. Traci will get estimates on costs for implementation of designs for bank building plans. John Thompson passed along grant information to Librarian Meyer.

- E-Magazine service now available
- Rocket Languages database added as a new service

**Closed Session:**

**The Board intends to go into closed session under Section 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, the Board will go back into open session and take action on the closed session items, if required.**

-TID 7 Crossing Meadows American Legion project

**7:28 p.m. MSC Hines/Sweig to go into closed session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.**

**7:54 p.m. MSC Manfred/Hines to go back into open session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.**

**MSC Hines/Manfred to extend Vacant Land Offer to Purchase to American Legion Post 204, for 2 acres in Crossing Meadows Business Park, to July 1, 2016. Unanimous.**

**Adjournment:**

**MSC Hines/Manfred, 7:55 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk