

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
1/4/2016**

Pres. DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located in Village Hall

Members Present: Trustee Dick Hines; Rick Sweig; Curt Wandmacher; Neil Gulbranson; Michael J. Steele; Kenny Manfred

Staff Present: Clerk/Treas.; Peggy Nelson, Police Chief; Eric Ladwig

Others Present: P.C. Herald; Sarah Young, Attorney; Robert Loberg, Cedar Corp.; Wendy Sander and Jarrod McCurdy, Larry Johnson, Dale Auckland, Ehler's; Patrick Malloy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MSC Hines/Sweig to accept minutes of 12/7/15 as submitted. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

#29828-29841, 29879-29955, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$ 82,404.96

Capital fund - 3,715.21

Water fund - 17,427.79

Sewer fund - 35,280.43

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

None

Senior Grad Nite 2016 donation request:

MSC Steele/Hines to donate \$200.00, same as past years. Unanimous. Trustee Sweig commented that he would like to see an increase due to the amount being the same level the past 10 years or so, board members agreed to consider for the 2017 Budget.

Larry Johnson – request to amend, add routes to ATV/UTV Ordinance:

Larry addressed the board with a request to add a new route from Railroad Ave., Wall St. to Crosscut Street, across Hwy 10 to Hillsdale St. to Pleasant Ave. to Dar St., which allow access to Common Man Brewing. He has met with Police Chief Ladwig. Ladwig informed the board that the biggest concern is crossing Hwy 10. Board members voiced concern over Hillsdale St. and Pleasant Ave. being narrow, no shoulders and lighting, with two cars having a hard time when meeting, feeling it is not a good street for ATV's/UTV's. Discussion held with the board agreeing to add this route for one year, leaving the sunset provision ending 12/31/16 in the ordinance, not eliminating which was the next agenda item, at which time it will be revisited. **MSC Sweig/Hines to adopt Ordinance 647 adding route. Unanimous.**

Adopt Ordinance #648 Impact Fee Reduction ending midnight June 30, 2016 for all new residential and commercial new construction (Extension from 12/31/15):

MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson to adopt. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission: 12/21/15 - Trustee Rick Sweig
Ellsworth Fire Association, 427 W. Spruce St.

Approve site and architectural design plans for new addition:

MSC Manfred/Gulbranson to approve site plan as presented. Unanimous.

MSC Hines/Manfred to approve architectural design plan as presented. Unanimous.

Approve re-zone of property at 427 & 437 W. Spruce St. from Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C)

District:

MSC Hines/Gulbranson to approve rezone. Unanimous.

Adopt Ordinance #649 rezoning property:

MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to adopt. Unanimous.

Reports:

Chief of Police:

-Department had a safe holiday

-Rec'd a \$250 Shopko Grant to be used for community/officer safety equipment

PWD/Zoning Administrator: Absent

Clerk/Treas.: Written report on file in the Village Clerk's Office

-2016 final State Transportation Aid figure rec'd, \$142,856.53, \$17,082.47 less than the 2016 Budget figure of previous estimate of \$159,939.00

-Outstanding utility bills as of 12/31/15 \$5430.17

-License Committee meeting 2/1/16, 6:30 p.m.

-Auditors here week of January 18th

-PCEDC Annual Dinner, January 28, 5:30 p.m. at University Center Riverview Ballroom UWRF

Library Director: Absent

Trustee Wandmacher, Library Board Rep., reported that 2 new employees have been hired, due to employee turn-over.

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 10 midway project incentive

7:36 p.m. MSC Hines/Steele to go into closed session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.

7:55 p.m. MSC Hines/Manfred to go back into open session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.

Adjournment:

MSC Hines/Steele, 8:35 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk