

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN  
BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
7/11/2016**

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; Michael J. Steele; Rick Sweig; Kenny Manfred; Neil Gulbranson and Curt Wandmacher.

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

**Others Present:** Attorney; Robert Loberg, Cedar Corp.; Wendy Sander, P.C. Herald; Blaze Fugina, P.C. Food Shelf; Merlin Blaisdell and Kathy Sears, Karen Meyer, Kristi McKahan, Lonnie Huppert and Dale Auckland

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MSC Sweig/Steele to accept minutes of regular meeting 6/6/16 as submitted. Unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

#30621-30622, 30650-30690, 30730-30749, auto and P Card payments

General fund- \$ 81,219.78

Water fund - \$ 14,088.78

Sewer fund - \$ 13,731.55

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

Merlin Blaisdell, representing the P.C. Food Shelf, addressed the board informing them that they are negotiating on the Hines Building on N. Broadway St. and would know more next month. They are requesting financial support from the Village, as several Ellsworth residents' use the Food Shelf, like the County provides. They are also requesting that the Village provide snow plowing services as an extra bonus, looking forward to Village support. Pres. DeWolfe advised him that their request would need to go before the Finance Committee, who would make a recommendation to the full board.

**Lonnie Huppert, W7612 490<sup>th</sup> Ave., Town of Trimble (ETZ) Conditional Use Permit renewal to allow for a dwelling unit to be located in an accessory building:**

**MSC Steele/Hines to renew, extend indefinitely to go with the property. Unanimous.**

**Transfer 2% Fire Dues:**

**MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to transfer 2% state fire dues to the Ellsworth Fire Services Association in the amount of \$7078.00. Unanimous.**

**Public Hearing Special Assessment for Curb & Gutter – both sides of N. Ida St. (North of W. Kinne St.):**

Present - property owner Kristi McKahan

**Adopt Final Resolution Declaring Intent To Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Section 66.0701 of the WI Stats. Curb and Gutter construction on N. Ida St.:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

6/20/16 - **TID 8 Joint Review Board** (First meeting) Amendment No. 2 to Project Plan for TID 8, allowing for excess increment from TID 8 to donor to TID 7, which was declared distressed in 2011.

**Plan Commission:** 6/20/16 Trustee Rick Sweig

TID 8 Amendment #2 to the Project Plan, donor district to TID 7

Review and consideration of proposed Resolution #2016-09 adopting Project Plan Amendment No. 2 to Tax Incremental District #8 authorizing the District to donate excess tax increment revenues to Tax Incremental District #7, a distressed tax incremental district: **MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to adopt. Unanimous.**

Issued a Conditional Use Permit to Riverworth Properties LLC, 227 N. Broadway St., to allow for Commercial (C-2) and Light Industrial Use in a Commercial District (C).

**Street & Sidewalk:** 6/20/16 Trustee Kenny Manfred

N. Ida St. Project - agreed on a 24 ft. street width with drive-over 24" curb.

**Finance, Purchasing, Buildings:** 6/21/16 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Adopt Ordinance #654, amend Municipal Code Section 3.07 Interest Rates on Village Obligations:

**MSC Wandmacher/Steele to adopt. Unanimous.**

Adopt Resolution #2016-08 Amending the 2016 Budget to transfer \$50,000 into Undesignated Funds, reducing expenditures to qualify for DOR 2017 Expenditure Restraint payment:

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

**Public Safety:** 6/20/16 Ells. Fire Services Association Operating Committee - Board Rep. Trustee Neil Gulbranson Discussion and action was taken on roof replacement on north station, approving bid from Fischer Roofing Co. for \$52,000 for the 25 yr. roof system. **MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to accept. Unanimous.**

Chief Langer touched on building project status, Market & Johnson have been hired for approx. 4% and Cedar Corp. is sticking to their word of continuing to provide services free of charge.

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

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> National Night Out 6:30-8:30 p.m. in East End Park. Asking for school supplies this year for the dunk tank, which will be given to the school.
- WI Trooper Magazine had a picture of Sgt. Ekholm, who attended the funeral of a trooper killed last year.
- Department has been busy and on high alert with everything going on.

**PWD/Zoning Administrator:** Submitted a written report on file

- Tennis courts; 1<sup>st</sup> layer on today.
- Crosstown Rd improvements complete.
- Main Street Water valve repaired, cost \$12,000-\$15,000. There are approx. 25 valves under the concrete from the 1993 Mainstreet Project, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> valve that has been replaced as the bolts are rusting completely off of the packing nut, at a cost of \$15,000 to repair, total cost could be \$400,000 to repair/replace them all. At the present time we know of possibly 3 valves that are leaking.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant DNR Annual Report showed the plant rated an A, only 2-3 other plants in state are doing the same. Thanks go out to Rich and Scott for doing a great job of operating a complicated process to meet stringent limits. Greg thanked all employees.
- Water tower painting began on 6/20/16.
- Huppert Well; waiting for plan approval from State for temporary hookup.
- Two basement backups during 7/6/16 storm.

Set a Water & Sewer Committee meeting date for July 20, 6 p.m.

**Clerk-Treas.:**

No report

**Library Director:** Submitted a written report on file

- New Volunteer Policy created and approved.
- Partnering with Family Resource Center of St. Croix Valley to offer Play & Learn Program in Ellsworth.
- Circulation up from 2015.

**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 Land Offer to Purchase

**7:34 p.m. MSC Hines/Sweig to go into closed session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.**

**8:35 p.m. MSC Hines/Manfred to go back into open session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.**

**MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson that we do not accept current Vacant Land Offer to Purchase from Golden Warriors, LLC, or assigns, but continue negotiations. Unanimous.**

**MSC Steele/Manfred to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk