

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
10/3/2016**

Pres. DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located in Village Hall.

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

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

Others Present: Attorney; Robert Loberg, Larry Murphy, Mary & James Jean, Dale Auckland, Robert Radke, Cedar Corp.; Wendy Sander

Approval of Minutes:

MSC Sweig/Gulbranson to approve minutes of 9/12/16 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of Bills:

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

#31027-31029, 31058-31090, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$195,481.80

Capital fund - 1,528.53

Water fund - 18,538.44

Sewer fund - 22,473.50

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

None

Fall Yard Clean-up:

Oct. 15-22 with extended Demo Site hours Monday thru Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. (15 & 22) 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Village pickup of bio-degradable bags purchased at the Village Hall on Monday, Oct. 24th.

James & Mary Jean (Jean Acres), W6373 570th Ave., Town of Ellsworth, (ETZ) Conditional Use Permit renewal to allow for a home based business:

MSC Hines/Manfred to renew for a period of 5 years until 10/2/21. Unanimous.

Robert Radke, 211 W. Hollywood St., Conditional Use Permit renewal to allow for a second unattached garage:

MSC Steele/Wandmacher to renew indefinitely with the property at 211 W. Hollywood St. Unanimous.

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-13 Just Fix It WI Transportation Funding:

MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to adopt. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission: 9/19/16 Trustee Rick Sweig

Approval of the Larry & Kathleen Young Certified Survey Map, 610th St., Town of Ellsworth, which falls into the Extraterritorial Subdivision and Platting Boundary of the Village of Ellsworth:

MSC Sweig/Manfred to approve. Unanimous.

Approval of the Carl J. Hendrickson Certified Survey Map, 610th Ave., Town of Ellsworth, which falls into the Extraterritorial Subdivision and Platting Boundary of the Village of Ellsworth:

MSC Sweig/Gulbranson to approve. Unanimous.

Water & Sewer: 9/27/16 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Telemetry upgrade:

MSC to purchase the HMI PC Software upgrade for \$6,844. Unanimous.

Huppert Water Utility (Informational meeting):

PWD Engeset went over the history of the Village and the Huppert Water Utility from 1996 to present. Jon Strand from CBS Squared explained what the next steps are for the Village to acquire the Huppert Water Utility. The residents in attendance stated their issues with the Huppert Water Utility, concerns and asked questions which were answered by PWD Engeset and Jon Strand. No action taken.

Street & Sidewalk: 9/29/16 Trustee Kenny Manfred

Committee members attended a meeting at the P.C. Highway Dept. Reps from municipalities shared their concerns about the deteriorating roads, bridges throughout the County. Most agreed without increases in funding at the state level very little can be accomplished in the future. Several suggested an increase in gas tax or levy override would remedy the problem.

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: Trustee Curt Wandmacher
9/13/16

Met with department heads, Jim Harris from the Ellsworth Fire Services Association and Dan Fischer from the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service Operating Committees to discuss the 2017 Budget, 2017 levy limits and budget restrictions. Fire Dept. levy will increase approx. 1.3% and the ambulance will try to maintain a zero % increase. Village Dept. Heads to maintain a zero % increase.

Senior Citizen Center funding for 2017:

MSC Wandmacher/Manfred to fund at \$2500 for 2017. Unanimous.

PCEDC 2017 funding request:

MSC Wandmacher/Manfred to fund at \$3000 for 2017. Unanimous.

Liability/WC/property fund insurance for 2017:

MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to continue in 2017 with WI League of Municipalities Liability Insurance. Unanimous.

9/26/16

2017 Budget:

All departments were asked to budget 2017 at 0% increase from 2016. All departments did a good job at coming in at 0% or less.

Finalize 2017 Budget:

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to rescind previous motion made on 9/13/16 and put back \$500 to Senior Citizen Donation to \$3000 and \$500 to the PCEDC to \$3500. Unanimous.

Recommendation made to the Village Board on Nov. 7, 2016 (Public Budget Hearing) to approve the 2017 Budget as presented with a 2017 Levy of \$1,180,052. Unanimous.

2017/18 Janitorial Contract for Village Hall and Library:

MSC Wandmacher/Steele to approve to extend the Janitorial Contract for the Village Hall and Library for 2017/18, same as 2016. Unanimous.

Public Safety: Ellsworth Fire Services Assoc. 9/19/16 Board Rep. Neil Gulbranson

Gulbranson reported that the Village assessment for 2017 will be \$91,562, \$2,179 increase from 2016. Department budget increase of \$8,324, with budget approved. Same Officers were elected for 2017. Next meeting date set for 10/17 on building bids.

Health, License, Welfare: 10/3/2016 Trustee Rick Sweig**Approve "Class A" Retailer's License Application**

Erick Lee Langer, dba E-corner Liquor, 469 W. Main St.:

MSC Sweig/Wandmacher to approve. Unanimous.

Approve Cigarette License Application

Erick Lee Langer, dba E-corner Liquor, 469 W. Main St.:

MSC Sweig/Manfred to approve. Unanimous.

Operator License application denial appeal (Nicolle R Sievers):

MSC Sweig/Manfred to deny. Unanimous.

Reports:**Chief of Police:**

-Grant funding rec'd in the amount of \$4000 from Dec. 2015 grant award.

-Attended Governor's Conference in Green Bay in Sept. at which time he obtained a \$4000 grant for traffic/safety related items and won a \$250 door prize for the Police Dept.

PWD/Zoning Administrator:

-9/20 connection and valve installation at N. Maple St. and Golf Course Lane intersection completed.

-9/21 valve at W. Main St. /N. Oak St. repaired, approx. \$7500.

-9/21 hydrant relocated at N. Maple St. /Golf Course Lane.

-9/21 existing water lines located with the help of WI Rural Water Assoc.

-9/29 hydrants on S. Piety St. and Southgate Addition painted.

Clerk-Treas.:

-Working on 2017 Budget

Library Director:

-Oct. 9-15 Teen Read Week.

-Oct. 16-22 National Friends of Library Week.

-Oct. 18, 10 a.m., Dollar-a-Day Boys, a musical tribute to the CCC with Bill Jamerson.

-Seeking quotes for painting of exterior doors and railings and new signage in front and back.

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 project(s) update & East End Industrial Park land

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

8:24 p.m. MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to go back into open session, roll call vote taken, unanimous

Adjournment:

MSC Manfred/Sweig to adjourn, 8:25 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk