

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
9/12/2016**

Pres. Pro-tem Kenny Manfred called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the absence of Pres. DeWolfe, in the Board Room located in Village Hall.

Members present: Trustees Dick Hines; Curt Wandmacher; Michael J. Steele; Neil Gulbranson

Absent: Trustee 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, P.C. Herald; Sarah Young, Dale Auckland, Karen Meyer, Cedar Corp.; Wendy Sander and several residents from Dar-Ray Heights (On file).

Approval of minutes:

MSC Hines/Steele to accept minutes of regular meeting 8/1/16 and special meeting 8/29/16 as submitted. Unanimous.

Approval of bills:

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

#30855-30882, 30920, 30947-30998, auto and P-card payments

General fund- \$210,277.45

Capital fund - 51,931.04

Water fund - 29,801.28

Sewer fund - 17,749.06

Public comment on non-agenda items:

Trustee Gulbranson informed the board of an upcoming meeting to be held at the P.C. Hwy Dept. on Sept. 29, 7 p.m., meetings are being held statewide to address the State's transportation needs and to generate support for solving the funding shortfall. "Just Fix-it Turnout for Transportation."

Approve correction of typographical errors to Ordinance #652 adopted 6/6/16 (Assessor Confidential Information):

MSC Gulbranson/Steele to approve corrections. Unanimous.

Adopt Resolution #2016-12

Resolution that the Village of Ellsworth, in the County of Pierce, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of financing economic development projects in TID #8:

MS Hines/Gulbranson to adopt. Trustee Steele abstained. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Plan Commission: 8/15/16 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Issued a Conditional Use Permit issued to Todd Straub, potential buyer, for Marko property at 107 S. Northview St., for an unattached second garage.

Board of Appeals: 8/24/16 Trustee Michael J. Steele

Granted a variance for a second unattached garage larger than 864 Sq. Ft. to Todd Straub, potential buyer, for Marko property at 107 S. Northview St.

Water & Sewer: 9/1/16 & 9/8/16 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

Huppert Water Utility; MSC Wandmacher/Hines to approve for PWD Engeset to make a connection installed to the Huppert Water Utility but not used. Unanimous. Engineer and Greg to contact DNR and PSC for more recommendation.

2017 water & sewer projects – W. Warner St. and S. Walnut St.; MSC Wandmacher/Steele to hire CBS Squared Inc. to engineer the 2017 projects. Unanimous.

Street & Sidewalk: 9/7/16 Trustee Michael J. Steele

MSC Steele/Gulbranson to approve the reconstruction of W. Warner St. and S. Walnut St. with water and sewer included, 2017 project. Unanimous.

Parks, Recreation, Development:

Board representative Curt Wandmacher to the PCEDC Board submitted a copy of the monthly report for board member review.

Finance, Purchasing, Buildings: 8/29/16 Trustee Curt Wandmacher

MSC Wandmacher/Gulbranson that all departments, Public Works, Library, Police Dept., Administration, Fire and Ambulance to maintain a zero % budget increase for 2017, due to the Village only allowed to increase their 2017 levy by \$5052.00. Unanimous.

Department Head Reports:**Police Chief:**

Chief Ladwig reported that he had nothing other than the normal department business.

PWD/Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted

- Concrete was replaced on Aug 2nd by Plummer Concrete following the water leak
- Two employees attended the West Central Wisconsin Wastewater meeting in Eau Claire
- Curb/Gutter-Sidewalk was finished up with blacktopping around the High School area on 8-8-16
- Tennis Courts were sealed with final top coating
- VFD's were installed on Lift #2
- Received Grant notice for tennis courts on 8-16 in the amount of \$15,500
- August 19 had a walk thru on courts with contractor, engineer, & school reps. punch list of items for finalization was made. Contractor presented a bill for additional rock in the amount of \$14,000 that was used on the project. After much discussion the amount was lowered to \$1400, which was Ok'd.
- North Grant Street was micro-sealed by Struck/Irwin. Warner Street is still on their schedule for the week of Sept 19th.

Clerk-Treas.: Written report submitted

- Rec'd easement payment from Northern Natural Gas Co. in the amount of \$328.00
- Attending Municipal Treas. Fall Conference in the Dells Sept. 21-23
- Meeting with Bill Petrangelo from Associated Bank on Sept. 14th to review Village accounts

Library Director: Written report submitted

- Outreach for Library Card sign-up Month
- Upcoming programs; Sept. 20, 10 a.m., Coloring for Adults & Stress Relief, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m., What Folksongs Tell Us About Work in Wisconsin
- Act 150 reimbursement presentations made to P.C. Finance Committee Aug. 1 & Sept. 6

Adopt Resolution #2016-11 Supporting Pierce County increase of 1997 WI Act 150 Funding Reimbursement Rate to 100% for Municipal Libraries in Pierce County:
MSC Wandmacher/Hines to adopt. Unanimous.

Adopt National Library Card Sign-Up Month Proclamation:
MSC Steele/Wandmacher to adopt. Unanimous.

Motion below was made to go into closed session at which time Myrna Larrabee, Dar-Ray Heights resident, took the podium and addressed the board in regard to the Village take-over of Huppert Utility, on behalf of several residents present. She asked that the group be heard, addressing the water issues they are having, questioning what the Village intended to do about it. She was advised that this was not an agenda item, she was out of line, and that the board was in closed session. After hearing from her and some of the other residents present, they were ushered out by Chief Ladwig after which time the board proceeded into 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 project(s) update
- Possible development off S. Walnut St.
- TID 11 status

7:30 p.m. MSC Hines/Steele to go into closed session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.

8:10 p.m. MSC Hines/Steele to go back into open session, roll call vote taken, unanimous.

MSC Hines/Steele to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk