

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH, WISCONSIN  
BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
12/1/2014**

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

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

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

**Others Present:** Attorney; Robert Loberg, Larry Johnson, Pierce County Herald; Sean Scallon, Kelly Johnson, Laurence Murphy, Russ Korpela

**2015 Budget Public Hearing:**

No concerned citizens present, no comments from board members. **MSC Steele/Wandmacher to adopt the 2015 Budget as printed with a Village levy of \$1,150,685. Unanimous.**

**Approval of minutes:**

**MSC Sweig/Hines to accept minutes of 11/3/14 as submitted. Unanimous.**

**Approval of bills:**

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

#28279-28290, 28316-28336, auto and P-card payments

General fund	-	\$60,228.53
Capital fund	-	2,931.17
Water fund	-	4,565.23
Sewer fund	-	1,268.30

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

None

**Adopt Resolution 2014-05, 2014 Budget amendments:**

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

**Approve adding to Election Inspector list Donna Swenson:**

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

**Approve appointment of Angela Bjork, Library Board School Rep., to replace Maggie Jungmann:**

**MSC Wandmacher/Hines to approve appointment made by Pres. DeWolfe. Unanimous.**

**Action on imposing parking regulations in Crossing Meadows parking lot at #2 Water Tower:**

PWD Engeset suggested imposing 24 or 36 hr. parking, they do not plow the lot. Trustee Sweig commented that he feels it is technically a park, should be no overnight parking. **MSC Steele/Gulbranson to refer to the Street and Sidewalk Committee and bring back a recommendation to the Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Unanimous.**

**Adopt Ordinance #641 extending sunset date of ATV and UTV route from 12/31/14 to 12/31/15:**

Police Chief Ladwig informed the board that they have not had any issues. **MSC Hines/Gulbranson to adopt. Unanimous.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Plan Commission:** 11/17/14

Thomas M Deiss, W6421 570th Ave., Town of Ellsworth, CSM which falls into the extraterritorial Subdivision and Platting Boundary of the Village of Ellsworth and Todd & Kelly Johnson, W7464 Hwy 65, Town of Trimble, CSM which falls into the extraterritorial Subdivision and Platting Boundary of the Village of Ellsworth:

**MSC Manfred/Wandmacher to approve both CSM's. Unanimous.**

Commission issued a Conditional Use Permit issued to Anthony Huppert, 845 W. Main St., to allow principal use of property as Residential (R-1) main floor area and lower level (2 units) on Commercial (C) zoned property.

**Salary & Labor:** Trustee Neil Gulbranson

11/10/14

**MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to fund HSA for 2015 \$1500 single \$3500 family paid quarterly, no change. Deductible will be \$3000 single \$6000 family, Village will continue to co-pay same as 2014, (up to \$1000 for family after the employee pays the first \$4000.00 and up to \$500 for single after the employee pays the first \$2000.00). Non-union employees will pay 5% based on average employee, average dependent premium rate and children rate. Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to keep dental and life insurance funded same as 2014, no increase in dental rates for 2015. Unanimous.**

11/17/14 (Add Jennifer Wagner present at meeting to minutes)

**MSC Gulbranson/Wandmacher to authorize PWD Engeset to appoint an Asst. Public Works Director from present staff at a set wage increase of \$250 per month, not to be added into overtime rate. Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Manfred to pay PWD part-time summer lawn mowers and skating rink attendants starting wage of \$10.00 per hr. Snow plowing/truck drivers \$17.00 per hr. Unanimous.**

**MSC Steele/Gulbranson to authorize the Police Dept. Asst. "pro-rated benefits" starting March 31, 2015, 1 week vacation, sick and longevity same as non-union employees. No health insurance authorized. 2 1/2% pay raise effective 1/1/15. Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to authorize \$30.00 per month for cell phone expense for all full-time employees not issued a Village owned cell phone. (Does not apply to Library employees). Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to authorize a 2 1/2% increase for Police part-time employees and 2 1/2% for part-time PWD employees not already given an adjustment in previous motion. Unanimous.**

**MSC Gulbranson/Sweig to authorize all non-union full-time employees a 2 1/2% pay raise starting 1/1/15. Police Chief raise of 2 1/2% based on base rate not domicile adjustment. Unanimous.**

**Library Board:** Village Rep. Curt Wandmacher informed the board that they had their meeting tonight before the board meeting, minutes will be available for the January 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Parks, Recreation, Development:** 11/12/14 Trustee Rick Sweig

**MSC Sweig/Hines to contribute \$500.00 to the Ellsworth Chamber from the Cable TV Fund and Village to also pay for electric usage for 2014 East End Park Xmas light display. Unanimous.** Chamber Director Russ Korpela informed the board that the Chamber negotiated a contract for \$2000 a year with the light company, looking at a 3 year contract, Chamber will do fundraising for 2015 & 2016, won't have to come back to the Village for funds.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Chief of Police:**

- Rec'd a \$250 grant from Shopko for evidence collection purposes.
- 2008 squad car sold for \$2576.25 on the on-line auction site, Village portion \$2290.00.

##### **Public Works Director/Zoning Administrator:**

- New loader delivered 2 weeks ago, working on a hydraulic issue.
- East End Street Light project completed.
- Created the north water zone on 11/15, Highlands, Crossing Meadows and Assisted Living Facility on the zone, should see better pressure.
- Winter came early, 2014 snow removal budget in the red.

##### **Clerk-Treas.:**

- Auditors will be here the week of 1/19/15 to conduct the 2014 audit.
- Will do a story with the P.C. Herald in the spring on the Downtown Façade Loan monies available, hopefully businesses will take advantage of for making outside building improvements.

##### **Library Director:**

-Informed the board that she has only been here a short time, wanted to share with them the great staff at the Library, they kept everything going during the time they were without a director, she is proud of the quality of service the Library offers.

##### **Committee meeting dates set:**

Solid Waste Committee – 12/9/14, 5 p.m. (P.I.G. request for cost of living increase for 2015 garbage and recycling service)

Street & Sidewalk Committee – 12/11/14, 5 p.m. (Parking restrictions/regulations in Crossing Meadows Parking Lot by water tower)

Pres. DeWolfe noted that the January 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. due to a Fire Association meeting that same night to elect officers.

##### **Adjournment:**

**MSC Hines/Manfred, 7:30 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Nelson-Clerk