

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, May 16, 2022**

Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by Village President John Glassman.

Members Present: Village President John Glassman, Jeff Rice, Ken Karn Sr., Brittany Medlin, Clerk Shawn Foster, Chief Charles Sherene, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski.

Absent: Virginia Gonzalez, Public Works Supervisor Mike Keesler.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn to approve the agenda with the following addition, under K. Finance, #6 Truth in Taxation, Millage. And under G. Streets, #3 taking down the Christmas decorations, Second by Rice, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ken Karn Jr.

Visitor Discussion: None

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022 Motion by Rice, second by Karn to approve the meeting minutes, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes for March 16, 2022 & Incident Summary of February 2022 available in the Clerks office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of May 9, 2022 available in the Clerk's office.

Building: Still looking at options for the Clerks office door and will get prices for a Dutch door.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 04/01/2022 – 04/30/2022

All Funds	1,260,379.34				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	316,068.02	316,068.02	Sanitation		3,671.97
Major Streets		333,314.03	Sewer	75,460.00	64,293.23
Local Streets		27,821.35	Water	158,730.00	39,984.80
Municipal Streets		241,035.94			

Motion to accept the Departmental Balance Report for April by Rice, second by Medlin, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Karn, second by Medlin to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$8,021.15 All ayes; motion carried. The preauthorized bills amounted to \$6,564.43.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from April 1 – 30, 2022 were \$12,872.92 with a total of 646.01 hours worked for all regular Village employees.

Utilities Report: Current amount due for Water/Sewer/Sanitation from 04/11 – 05/10 2022 is \$22,461.52.

Village Summer Tax Rate 2022: Headlee Amendment Rollback, Last year maximum allowable millage levy without a Public Hearing was 11.5409, streets 4.6162, this year the maximum allowance due to the rollback is 11.4947, streets 4.5977 without a Public Hearing. Motion by Karn, Second by Rice to accept the minimum levy without a Public Hearing. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Police Department: Report 04/18/2022 – 05/16/2022. 3 ticket and 8 Incidents.

Administrative: ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan Act) for Broadband. The Clerk has been working on this and will be turning it over to the Planning Commission. MEC quoted the Village double the industry standard. The Clerk contacted the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and was told that no Village located inside a Township has ever contacted them regarding the Berrien Broadband Expansion Grant. SWMPC told the Clerk that the Village needs to work through the Townships to get the fiber and that the County would feel like they were paying out a grant twice since the Village is located in 2 different Townships.

Mulch for Veterans Park Memorial: Public Works Supervisor to check on bulk purchase. Motion for a \$100 budget for bulk mulch by Karn, Second by Rice.

Water/sewer/solid waste: The new water rates will apply to the next billing cycle.

Meters: several commercial meters that need to be changed out to the new drive by system.

Fleis & Vandenbrink did a walk through to list all equipment used for Lagoon maintenance that they will put into the O & M Manual that is required by EGLE: (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy)

Water & Sewer Rates: Michigan Rural Water conducted a rate study for the Village Water & Sewer rates. The Village Water & Sewer rates are below what the AWWA (American Water Works Association) standards, the Village Water & Sewer must pay for themselves and for the USDA Bonds; in order to do this the following rates should apply:

Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory: A notice was put in the newsletter & on the Village website to ask residents to help out by looking in their basements or wherever their waterline enters the home to see if there is Lead Pipe. We have received some responses and will continue to ask residents to check what they have inside. This is mandatory from the State of Michigan for every city, village or town in the State, this is ongoing.

The water & sewer utility report was gone over.

Planning Commission: Needs a member

Streets: The Village streets will be striped by the county and the Public Parking lot will receive a new coat.

Street Signs: The Clerk checked with Berrien Co. Road Dept to see if they make any of their own signs, the do not. Clerk to order 2 digital radar signs.

Equipment: There is a broom attachment for the Brutus available in Minnesota that the Public Works Supervisor will order.

Sanitation: No new business.

Motion to adjourn: 6:15 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk