

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, May 15, 2023
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Present: Village President John Glassman, Virginia Gonzalez, Ken Karn Sr., Julie Pierce, Kathy Zeilke, Clerk Shawn Foster, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, Chief Charles Sherene, PWS Mike Keesler.

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn, to approve the agenda, and add millage under K #2 and move to the top of the agenda and add \$465.00 to the bills for tax postage Second by Pierce, All Ayes and motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ken Karn Jr.

Visitor Discussion: Ken Karn Jr. was attending the meeting.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2023, and Special Meeting minutes Motion by Karn, second by Pierce to approve the meeting minutes, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes of March 2023 available in the Clerk's office, incident summary not available.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of May 8, 2023 available in the Clerk's office.

Building: The Village Hall roof has been inspected and there is nothing wrong with it and has another 10 to 15 years of life left.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 4/01/2023 – 4/30/2023

All Funds	1,521,102.30				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	445,682.92	445,682.92	Sanitation		4,549.07
Major Streets		375,651.13	Sewer	82,320.00	59,995.84
Local Streets		19,604.57	Water	173,160.00	70,925.90
Municipal Streets		289,212.87	ARPA	62,698.79	

Motion by Gonzalez to accept the departmental balances, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes and motion carried. Preauthorized bills amounted to \$2,597.53.

2023 Tax Rate Request: The millage rate stayed the same but the taxable value increased 999543 revenues increased \$16,085.00. The Hedley cannot change this year. Motion by Karn to accept the L4029, Second by Gonzalez. All Ayes and motion carried.

Administration: Secretary position, Clerk raise, tabled until the Personnel Committee can meet. Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Secretary Kathy Arend gave her resignation, her last day will be 5/23/2023.

Code Enforcer/Zoning Administrator gave her resignation at a regular meeting on 4/17/2023.

Protecting MI Pensions: this is a free grant for underfunded municipalities, the Village does qualify for this, and could receive \$117,000.00 to put into the retirement.

Resolution R2023-4: Saving MI Pensions – roll call vote:

Glassman: yea Pierce: yea

Gonzalez: yea Zeilke: yea

Karn: yea

Resolution passed.

Resolution 2023-5: A Resolution to support Berrien County Trails Master Plan.

Blossomtime Mayor's Banquet to be held at Shadowland on May 16, 2023. One extra ticket is needed the cost is \$30.00.

MTHC update/Special Use permit: Plumbing and Mechanical and Building inspections have passed, there was a small correction for the Electric inspection. Hoping for a soft opening around the end of May 2023 and with a possible Grand Opening around June 29, 2023 to be open for the 4th of July 2023.

Flower Pots: Sally's Greenhouse will provide the same pots for the same price as last year of \$950.00, Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Zeilke to approve the flower pots for the 2023 summer, all ayes and motion carried.

Offer of Volunteers: Donell Wimberly has called and is looking for a place for volunteers to do some community services, such as cleaning the playground equipment, sticks in the parks and things like that. The clerk will contact him to see about the playground equipment.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Pierce to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$27,269.15 All ayes, motion carried. The preauthorized bills amounted to \$2,897.60. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from March 1 – 30, 2023 were \$12,919.55 with a total 702.97 hours worked for all regular Village employees.

Utilities Report: Current amount due for Water/Sewer/Sanitation from 04/11/23 – 05/10/23 is \$39,852.11.

Police Department: Report 04/17/20/2023 – 05/15/2023. 1 warning ticket and 7 incidents. The council would like more tickets written to crack down on all the speeding.

Parks: the bridge at Veterans Park needs a little paint touch up, the Clerk will see if there are any volunteers for this.

A new 5-year Recreation & Master Plan: needs to be done and updated. Last one was from 2018. Playground equipment inspection, the Planning Commission should work with Wightman as they did the last Recreation & Master Plan: The Clerk will go and take pictures of all the equipment, any equipment that is damaged or looks unsafe will be removed. The Village will look into the possible purchase new swings for the swing sets for now.

Water/sewer/solid waste: F & V continues to work on Lagoon Study and the CWSRF loan.

There are several water meters still not installed due to not being able to find shut offs. The Clerk will contact Town & Country Plumbing as they do some commercial plumbing to see if they can help us. SLC Meters has told us that any new meters installed should have a new end point and not the ones that came with them, they also recommended that we replace all the end point on all meters the cost would be about \$40,000.00. This is just something to keep in mind.

System Development Fee: the fee is currently \$3.00 per month, in the future this may need to increase and become a way to help pay for the Lagoon Loan.

CDSMI: is needed, this is the Complete Distribution System Materials Inventory, this is due by January 1, 2025.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission would like an update from AEP, they were supposed to plant trees and landscape the new sub-station.

Streets: MDOT Title VI non-discrimination: needs to be updated, the annual report is due in October every year, Tom Baker is still listed as the coordinator a new person needs to be appointed: Ken Karn volunteered for this, Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes and Motion carried.

Equipment: No new business.

Sanitation: No new business.

New Business:

Motion to adjourn: 7:10 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk