

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, December 19, 2022**

Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by Virginia Gonzalez.

Members Present: Virginia Gonzalez, Ken Karn Sr., Kathy Zeilke, Clerk Shawn Foster, Chief Charles Sherene.

Absent: John Glassman, Julie Pierce, PWS Mike Keesler, Lisa Borkowski

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn, to approve the agenda with the following additions. Under D, Administration #8 Appoint Julie Pierce to the Village Council and under G, Parks #2 Cross Walk light by the park. second by Zeilke to approve the agenda with the additions, all ayes and motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ken Karn Jr.

Visitor Discussion: Ken Karn Jr. was attending the meeting to see when the Planning Commission will meet next.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2022, Motion by Gonzalez, second by Rice to approve the meeting minutes, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes of October 2022 available in the Clerk’s office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of December 12, 2022 available in the Clerk’s office.

Fire Department: No reports available

Building: a section of downspout on the East corner of the building has been damaged. PW to purchase a piece of downspout and replace it.

TruGreen: sent a new quote for lawn care 2023 for \$508.12 which is much higher than we have paid before, waiting for a prepaid quote and then the council will look at it again.

Finance/Treasurer’s Report: Departmental Balance Report 11/01/2022 – 11/30/2022

All Funds	1,467,229.71				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	495,038.60	495,038.60	Sanitation		2,659.45
Major Streets		359,854.88	Sewer	82,320.00	51,478.36
Local Streets		24,663.59	Water	173,160.00	43,603.17
Municipal Streets		234,451.66	ARPA	62,685.50	

Motion by Karn to accept the Departmental Balance Report for November 2022, second by Zeilke, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Zeilke, second by Karn to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$13,981.65 All ayes; motion carried. The preauthorized bills amounted to \$3,716.96. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from November 1 – 30, 2022 were \$15,035.16 with a total 674.70 hours worked for all regular Village employees. This includes 3rd Quarter Council Pay.

Utilities Report: Current amount due for Water/Sewer/Sanitation from 11/11 – 12/10 2022 is \$22,564.83.

Police Department: Report 11/22/2022 – 12/19/2022. 2 tickets and 7 Incidents. Officer Hernandez needs a new vest and the new squad car needs new tires.

Administrative: Administrative Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2022

Copy Machine: Motion by Karn to accept the new lease for the copy machine, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes.

The Vacuum cleaner is making a terrible noise and we have changed all the filters and had Public Works take it apart and blow it all out and nothing has helped. Clerk to look for a new vacuum cleaner.

Employee Holidays for 2023: tabled, the Administration Committee will look at these.

MEC Internet connection fee: several residents have called to see if the Village will help them with the \$500 fee MEC is asking to hook them up. Unfortunately, the Village cannot afford to pay for the connections.

Village Hall Office Phones: The Clerk received a quote from Priority Computers to switch all the office lines to digital phones so we can get rid of the expensive government contracts with AT&T. The Clerk has been trying to renew the Village contract since July 2022. Also checking on a quote for alarm system phones for the Lift Stations & Pump House.

Council Appointment: Gonzalez motions to appoint Julie Pierce to the Council to fill the remanding 2-year term. Second by Karn, All Ayes and Motion Carried.

Adult Use Marihuana Retail store: has submitted a Special Use application to the Zoning Administrator, waiting for a day and time for the Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing.

Parks: The Council is looking at solutions to make the crosswalk signs brighter, but state codes apply.

Water/sewer/solid waste: Motion by Karn to accept the contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink for a study of repairs needed at the village lagoons, there is a very low interest loan from Clean Water Revolving Funds, there is also a possibility that the government will forgive these loans. The study will cost \$5,800.00, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes and Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: Needs two members. Will be holding a Public Hearing soon for the Special Use Permit for the Adult Marihuana Retail Store.

Streets: Act 51 monies received from the state for streets, every 10 years the Village must spend \$10,000 on none motorized street improvements, such as replacing sidewalks, bike paths, signs, the council is working on a list, and will ask the Planning Commission to work on this, work must be completed by 2024.

ROW permits: ROW permits tabled, Planning Commission to review them.

Equipment: No new business.

Sanitation: Contracted rates with Bestway will have a slight increase in March 2023.

Budget Committee: Needs to schedule another meeting soon.

Motion to adjourn: 6:40 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk