

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, September 18, 2023
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Virginia Gonzalez, Ken Karn Sr., Julie Pierce, Kathy Zeilke, Clerk Shawn Foster, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, chief Sherene.

Absent: PWS Mike Keesler

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn to add under D, #9 Old Community Center, and F # 5, quote from Trace for composite sampling at the Lagoons and F #6, Hofmann IPP Budget. Second by Zeilke to add all above, All Ayes and motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Auditor Derek Hall, Charlie Pagels, and Ken Karn Jr.

Visitor Discussion: Derek Hall was here to go over the audit, Charlie Pagels and Ken Karn Jr. were just attending the meeting.

Derek Hall gave the report on the audit which was very similar to last years and there were no problems.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2023, Motion by Gonzalez, second by Zeilke to approve the meeting minutes, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Fire Board Minutes: of August 19, 2023 available in the Clerk’s office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of September 11, 2023 available in the Clerk’s office.

Police Department: Report 08/21 - 9/18/2023. 5 warning tickets and 1 incident.

Building: No new business.

Finance/Treasurer’s Report: Departmental Balance Report 8/01/2023 – 8/31/2023

All Funds	1,53,485.99				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	450,826.09	450,826.09	Sanitation		3,713.68
Major Streets		396,382.83	Sewer	82,320.00	10,483.77
Local Streets		18,097.64	Water	173,160.00	85,481.56
Municipal Streets		286,874.55			

Motion by Karn to accept the departmental balances, second by Gonzalez, All Ayes and motion carried.

Payment of the bills: in the amount of \$15,750.86 Motion by Karn, second by Pierce to approve the bills, all ayes motion carried. The preapproved bills amounted to \$2,299.75.

Employee Wage Report: gross wages for all regular employees and quarterly pay for council and planning commission for August 2023 was \$14,210.60.

Administrative: Derek Hall gave the report on the audit which was very similar to last years and there were no problems.

Budget for Trick or Treat Candy: Motion by Gonzalez to set budget at \$200.00, second by Pierce, all ayes motion carried.

Trick or Treat times: Trick or Treat will be on Tuesday October 31, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Village Hall Office Hours: Motion by Karn, Second by Zeilke to close the Village Hall office on Fridays. The new office hours will be Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed Fridays. All ayes and motion carried.

Old Community Center/SAC: The School would like to sell the sac back to the Village. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars of repairs and paving that need to be done. The Village doesn’t have enough money to pay for all the Lagoon Repairs. The Village doesn’t want to own it again at this time.

Conflicts of interest: Pierce has recently taken the Secretary position, we checked with the MML to see if it was a conflict of interest if Pierce is a councilmember & the Village Secretary, there is no conflict in a population under 40,000. She can recuse herself if a vote affects her job.

CWSRF Grant Loan: The clerk was informed that all the money is gone and went to Warren Michigan. Other funding is being looked at.

Parks: A new 5-year Recreation & Master Plan: The Planning Commission has started working on this and will contact Wightman. Planning Commission needs to meet again and see if Ben Baker is the available.

Fence in Elizabeth Park: An estimate is needed to repair the fence or put in a claim.

Grill in Veterans Park has the bottom rusted or burned out and needs a new bottom, will check to see if a new piece of metal can be welded into it.

Park Rental Fees: Park fees will be looked at by the Planning Commission.

Water/sewer/solid waste: The Village submitted a claim with the insurance company to see if any of the EGLE fines would be covered under errors & omissions, there is no coverage for this type of fine.

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

Robotic inspection of water tower: The Village received a quote in 2020 but it was never scheduled. The Clerk will get a new proposal for the next meeting.

Planning Commission: needs to schedule a meeting.

Streets: Act 51 MFT (road payments) the village is required to spend \$10,000.00 every 10 years on non-motorized items. Several sidewalks have been identified as needing repairs, a quote was requested from Ben. Waiting for the quote.

Marking of the parking spots in the Village and changing the parking along side Veterans Park to be angled parking to provide more spaces.

Equipment: No new business.

Sanitation: No new business.

New Business: none.

Motion to adjourn: 7:12 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk