

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, March 18, 2024
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., Juli Pierce, Clerk Shawn Foster, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, PWS Mike Keesler, Chief Charles Sherene.

Absent: Kathy Zeilke.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn, second by Gonzalez to approve the agenda, All Ayes

Recognition of Visitors: Keith Kudla from MTHC, Ken Karn Jr.

Visitor Discussion: Ken Karn Jr. was attending to give update on possible new business in town. Keith Kudla was here regarding changes to the Marihuana Ordinance. The mini 4/20 side street festival will be on Saturday April 20th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Orchard Street (where the Cherry Festival vendors used to set up)

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2024, Motion by Karn, second by Gonzlez to approve the meeting minutes, all ayes, motion carried.

Fire Board Minutes: of February 21, 2024 available in the Clerk’s office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of March 11, 2024 available in the Clerk’s office.

Police Department: Report 02/19/2024 – 03/18/2024. 0 tickets and 1 Incidents.

Building: No new business

Finance/Treasurer’s Report: Departmental Balance Report 02/01/2024 – 02/29/2024

All Funds	1,671,808.91				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	498,137.35	498,137.35	Sanitation		493.29
Major Streets		423,349.09	Sewer	82,320.00	17,422.83
Local Streets		17,261.59	Water	173,160.00	115,689.02
Municipal Streets		343,975.74			

Motion by Gonzalez, second by Pierce to approve the Treasurers reports, all ayes and motion carried.

Payment of the bills: in the amount of \$43,077.22, electronic payment of bills amounted to \$3,848.95.

Motion by Gonzalez, second by Pierce to approve the bills.

Village Water Report: Available in the Clerk’s office.

Bank signature cards: Ken Karn Sr. is still listed as a check signer; he wants to be removed as he is No longer Village President or ProTem. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Pierce to remove Karn Sr. All ayes and motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: gross wages for all regular employees for February 2024 was \$13,526.24.

Administrative: Revision of the Marihuana Ordinance to allow for outside grow. Changing the Class C license from 3 to 6 at \$5,000 per license, Motion by Karn, second by Juli, all ayes and motion carried.

Resolution 2024-3 a Resolution to apply for the Par Plan safety grants for AED’s and a child choking vac. Still waiting to hear from them.

Code Enforcer: The Village to place an advertisement for Code Enforcer.

Sale of 10 acres of land to Keith Kudla, still waiting for survey.

Secretary Position: An advertisement has been placed, interviews to be conducted the first week of April 2024.

Mowing Bids: the 2-year contract for Park Mowing will need to be bid out this Spring, some of the contract language needs to be looked at and include edging.

Parks: The 5-year recreation plan was not advertised long enough; the state will not accept it. The Village can submit the Plan next year.

WATER: CDSMI: There are still questions we need answered for the CDSMI a complete inventory of the water system is required by the State of Michigan.

EGLE: has stated that groundwater monitoring will be quarterly and we are required to test for PFAS & other heavy metals when the lagoons are discharged. The testing will be an additional billing item.

Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Committee met on March 12, 2024 to go over the short falls in the sewer & Sanitation Rates. Rural Water conducted a rate study; currently only the sewer study results are available. Bestway Trash pick-up contract increases every year and in order to maintain 2 Village wide clean ups per year.

The committee met after the village received the recommendation for the sewer & trash; rates are as follows:

SEWER METER SIZE	CURRENT RTS FLAT MO. RATE	INCREASE TO	INCREASE OF
3/4" METER	\$26.00 PER MO.	\$39.00 PER MO.	\$13.00 PER MO.
1" METER	\$37.70 PER MO.	\$52.70 PER MO.	\$15.00 PER MO.
1.5" METER	\$58.76 PER MO.	\$88.14 PER MO.	\$29.38 PER MO.
2" METER	\$83.20 PER MO.	\$124.80 PER MO.	\$41.60 PER MO.
SEWER USAGE RATE PER 1000 GAL.	\$3.01 PER 1000 GALLONS	\$5.00 PER 1000 GALLONS	\$1.99 PER 1000 GALLONS
TRASH SERVICE NUMBER OF CANS	CURRENT RATE PER MO.	NEW RATES PER MO.	INCREASE OF PER MO.
1 ST CAN	\$14.25	\$16.00	\$1.75
2 ND CAN	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$1.50
3 RD CAN	\$15.39	\$16.84	\$1.45

Motion by Karn, Second by Gonzalea 3 yeas, 1 absent and 1 abstain to increase sewer & trash rates. Motion carried.

Water on Second street is still a problem for homeowners, the Village will write to Hofmann to see if they can redirect their down spouts or allow the village to add extensions to them.

Robotic inspection of Water Tower- We have a quote from Dixon Engineering, PWS to schedule this.

Streets: No new business.

Planning Commission: Held a meeting on March 14, 2024, Pete Fischer would like to use the North building at the old Silver Mills for an indoor impound lot and commercial vehicle tire changing. He was told to bring a drawing and a business plan, he came to the meeting with none of these so everything was tabled and the Planning Commission rescheduled a meeting for March 21, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Equipment: No new business.

Sanitation: Rates to increase for the May 2024 billing.

New Business: none. Motion to adjourn: 7:17 pm by Karn, Second by Pierce. Unapproved minutes by Shawn Foster, Clerk