

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, August 16, 2021
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: John Glassman, Virginia Gonzalez, Jeff Rice, Lisa Borkowski Treasurer and Chief of Police Charles Sherene.

Absent: Tom Baker, Mike Keesler PWS, Shawn Foster Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Rice, All Ayes Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Visitor Discussion: None

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2021, Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Rice, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes for June 16, 2021 & Incident Summary of June 2021 available in the Clerk's office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of August 09, 2021 available in the Clerk's office.

Building: no new business

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 07/01/2021 – 07/31/2021

All Funds	1,080,841.83				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General		280,907.99	Sanitation		638.23
Major Streets		295,757.09	Sewer	68,600.00	43,715.49
Local Streets		22,568.50	Water	144,300.00	33,343.23
Municipal Streets		215,596.96			

Motion to accept the Departmental Balance Report for July 2021 by Gonzalez, second by Rice, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Gonzalez, second by Baker to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$17,046.26 All ayes; motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from July 1 – 31, 2021 were \$12,903.25 gross and a total of 651.90 hours worked for all regular Village Employees.

Utilities Report: is still not 100% accurate.

Police Department: July 19 – August 14, 2021 1 Ticket and 7 Incidents

*The 2017 Squad car is now paid in full.

Administrative:

*Annexation of I & M's Blossom Trail Sub-Station, the Village has sent in all the paperwork last September but the Board of Commissioners was not meeting, after some review the Courthouse is stating that they want the Village to annex the entire parcel where the new substation is and not just the strip. New documents were sent by the Village lawyer. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Rice: Resolution R2021-2 a resolution to annex the entire substation parcel into the Village:

Roll Call Vote: Glassman – yea

Gonzalez – yea

Rice – yea. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Petition: Petition the Board of Commissioners to annex the entire AEP substation parcel. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Rice:

Roll Call Vote: Glassman – yea

Gonzalez: - yea

Rice: - yea. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Clerk to send paperwork to Board of Commissioners and set up Public Hearing with them to be held in Saint Joseph, MI.

Village Website: The Village is doing a 14 day free trial for a new website with Simple Updates in Berrien Springs. BS&A provides the website for a fee with our government software. Recently they did some updates to the website and something has gone wrong with the update, we now have to call to put anything on our

website. They also notified us that an outside company in Lansing would be taking over the website tech support. Simple Updates is very easy to use, is cheaper and they are local.

Village Council: One member is needed to finish out the term prior to the next election.

Parks: A brief discussion regarding Park Rental fees, in order to raise money for new playground equipment and update the pavilion. Tabled.

Water/sewer/solid waste: A brief meeting was held with Wightman regarding ARPA funds and finishing the Water Meter installation and reprogramming – There are about 40 meters that still need to be reprogrammed and 18 meters that still need to be installed. The Village will be able to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to finish the job. A Special Meeting will take place on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 5:00 PM to discuss options.

Streets:6607 Pipestone Street: Sump Pump drains into the street and causes a build up of standing water in front of the neighbors, this will also be discussed at the special meeting.

7278 Second Street is experiencing lots of water run off from the street, filling crawl space and causing damage. To be discussed at special meeting.

Planning Commission: Is in need of 2 members

Equipment: still looking for a sweeper attachment for the Brutus to sweep the streets.

Sanitation: No new business

Motion to adjourn: 6:38 PM by Gonzalez, Second by Rice.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk