

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, April 15, 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, Kathy Zeilke, Clerk Shawn Foster, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, PWS Mike Keesler, Chief Charles Sherene.

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Karn, second by Pierce to approve the agenda with the addition under D Administrative #6 Resolution R2024-4 Sale of Land, All Ayes

Recognition of Visitors: Keith Kudla from MTHC, Ken Karn Jr. Pete Fisher, Darrel Felton, Andy Blankenship.

Visitor Discussion: Ken Karn Jr. was attending to give update on possible new business in town. Keith Kudla was here regarding sale of land. Andy Blankenship was here for the opening of the Mowing Bids; Darrel Felton was here about a village tree dangling over his property. Blankenship’s Greenhouse, Landscaping & Lawncare had the lowest bid at \$11,000.00 for the season. The Village will cut down Felton’s tree issue when we cut other trees this summer, we are short staffed at this time. Pete Fisher was approved for his county impound lot.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024, Motion by Gonzalez, second by Zeilke to approve the meeting minutes, all ayes, motion carried.

Fire Board Minutes: of March 20, 2024 available in the Clerk’s office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of April 8, 2024 available in the Clerk’s office.

Police Department: Report 03/19/2024 – 04/15/2024. 1 ticket and 4 Incidents.

PAR PLAN GRANT: We have not heard anything back on this \$5,000.00 grant for AED’s & Child Choke Vacuum.

Building: PWS gave the board an estimate for the flat roof of the 3rd small bay in the PW garage, it needs to be replaced.

Finance/Treasurer’s Report: Departmental Balance Report 03/01/2024 – 03/31/2024

All Funds	1,640,345.06				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	480,406.99	498,137.35	Sanitation		702.59
Major Streets		427,653.57	Sewer	82,320.00	5,240.37
Local Streets		12,058.09	Water	173,160.00	115,090.94
Municipal Streets		343,712.51			

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

Payment of the bills: in the amount of \$71,924.23, electronic payment of bills amounted to \$2,100.76. Motion by Gonzalez, second by Pierce to approve the bills.

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

Employee Wage Report: gross wages for all regular employees for February 2024 was \$13,516.18.

Administrative: Ordinance 2024-1 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 Pierce to approve the revised, all ayes and motion carried.

Sale of 10 acres of land to Keith Kudla, still waiting for survey, any funds from the sale of property will go into the General Fund.

Clerk, Secretary & Part-time maintenance positions: Have been filed with Michigan Works and Indeed. PWS Mike Keesler may leave for another position.

November Ballots: Deadline for filing to run is July 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm, must have Affidavit of Identity and Nomination Petitions ready by then. The Clerk will double check this information, Ken Karn Sr. needs to run as he ran for a partial seat in 2018. Kathy Zeilke seat and the Village President needs to run.

New Business in the Village: The Planning Commission met twice to discuss a possible new business in town, Pete Fischer Impound Lot and Tire changing. Motion by Zeilke, Second by Karn, roll call vote: Glassman: Aye, Zeilke: Aye, Karn: Aye, Pierce: Aye, Gonzalez: Aye, Motion Carried. A Special Use Permit Will be required that will set the height of the fence.

R2024-4: A Resolution to sell Village Land to Keith Kudla: Motion by Karn, Second by Pierce, roll call vote: Glassman: Aye, Gonzalez: Aye, Zeilke: Aye, Pierce: Aye, Karn: Aye. motion carried.

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. 3 bid packets were picked up and 3 sealed bids came back. Blankenship's had the lowest bid at \$11,000.00 for the season. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Zeilke. Roll Call Vote:

Glassman: Recused, Gonzalez: Aye, Zeilke: Aye, Pierce: Nay, Karn: Aye. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer/Solid Waste: A better ordinance needs to be drafted regarding types of pipes or line materials used in the Village system. The Clerk will work on this.

Robotic Inspection of Water Tower: Motion by Karn, Second by Zeilke to sign the contract signed for Dixon Engineering to do the inspection.

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.

Flower Pots: Blankenship's Greenhouse will provide all the flower pots for the same price as last year \$950.00. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Zeilke, All Ayes and motion carried.

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

Motion to Adjourn 6:50 pm

Unapproved meeting minutes by Village Clerk, Shawn Foster