

**Village of Eau Claire  
Monday, October 16, 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, Clerk Shawn Foster, PWS Mike Keesler, Chief Sherene.

**Absent:** Kathy Zeilke, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Gonzalez with the addition of C. #3 08 Ford Transmission and K. #2 Add additional amount to payment of the bills for AT&T Cell phone bill. And D #7 2 outside marihuana grow and lab, Second by Pierce, All Ayes and motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Michelle Duffy, Keith Kudla and Ken Karn Jr.

**Visitor Discussion:** Michelle was in attendance regarding an item in the newsletter about speed limit in school zone. The speed zone for the school is 25mph when the yellow light is blinking, when it is not blinking the speed limit is 40mph. Keith Kudla was here to see about the possibility of purchasing land in the Village for an extraction lab and an outdoor marihuana grow in the Village. The Village attorney has been contacted and there would have to be a Public Hearing. Ken Karn Jr. was just attending the meeting he was at the Planning Commission meeting.

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

**Fire Board Minutes:** of September 20, 2023 available in the Clerk's office.

**Library Board Minutes:** Meeting minutes of October 9, 2023 available in the Clerk's office.

**Police Department:** Report 09/18 - 10/16/2023. 0 warning tickets and 5 incidents. The 08 Crown Vic Squad car needs a new transmission, two quotes were given one from Sodus Auto Tech (\$3,407.33) and one from Pro Transmission for (\$3,900.00). The Pro Transmission quote includes a 3-year unlimited mileage warranty. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Karn, to go with Pro Transmission. 3 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried.

**Building:** The front entrance needs the threshold fixed and the faucet in one of the bathrooms Has rotted away and needs to be replace. We have a quote for these from ALC Maintenance LLC, Who are located in the Village. He will donate his time to fix the grill in Veterans Park. Total cost To fix threshold and sink is \$255.00, Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Pierce, all ayes, motion carried.

**Gutters:** need to be cleaned, there are plants growing out of them.

**Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 8/01/2023 – 8/31/2023, September's report was not available at the time of the meeting.**

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			

**Payment of the bills:** in the amount of \$19,147.48 Motion by Gonzalez, second by Pierce to approve the bills, all ayes motion carried. The preapproved bills amounted to \$1,295.78 with the addition of the cell phone bill of \$196.93.

**Employee Wage Report:** gross wages for all regular employees for September 2023 was \$13,197.79.

**Administrative:** The clerk and secretary need training for the Village website.

**MTHC/KUSH Kabana** was granted their adult use retail stores license, they will open at the end of October.

**Code Enforcer:** The Village Code Enforcer & Zoning Administrator quit in April; the Village has contacted Tracy Newman to see if he is interested in doing Code Enforcement for the Village, he is the Code enforcer for Pipestone Twp.

**First Church/Video Den Demolition:** Friends in Faith recently merged with First Church of Saint Joseph, The church owns the old Video Den. Someone made an anonymous call to the State of Michigan regarding the demo of the old Video Den and has caused a lot of problems in the Village. Because this person called and reported the excavation company and the church to the state, there is now a \$12,000 fine for no environmental testing. The Church did in fact contact an environmental testing company, Point Blue in Saint Joesph Michigan, who did in fact come to test for asbestos, they were only able to get half way through the building due to safety reasons as the floor was collapsing. The Village is writing a letter on the churches behalf and sending pictures of the old asphalt shingles in the hopes that the civil fine be removed or reduced as no one meant any harm and were not trying to hide anything. This was an unsightly and extremely dangerous building that was collapsing and was condemned many years ago.

**MITCH:** would like to buy 2 acres of land in the Village for a lab and a small outdoor grow. Tabled until we get more info from the Village lawyer and hold a Public Hearing.

**Parks: A new 5-year Recreation & Master Plan:** Wightman sent over a proposal for a new 5-year recreation plan, these plans are necessary in order to receive any grants. The cost would be \$6,600.00. Motion by Karn, Second by Pierce, all ayes and motion carried.

**Fence in Elizabeth Park:** per the council take down the fence.

**Elizabeth Park:** Too much goes on in this park as it is not patrolled regularly, kids are climbing on the roof of the pavilion, knocking over trash, trucks park there at night and make noise and sometimes drive on the walking trails. Boulders will be placed so that trucks and cars cannot drive through the park, security cameras will be purchased. All Parks close at dusk! Any conflicting signs will be removed.

**Water/sewer/solid waste:** The Village has been granted the SPHRP Grant (Substantial Public Health Risk Project Grant) in the amount of \$1.866 million dollars to improve the Lagoons and bring them back into compliance. This is a free grant with no matching funds required.

**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. We need to budget for this in the 2024 budget.

7602 Linn Street and 6652 E. Berrien Street have asked to have the Ready to Serve Fees waived. 7602 Linn Street was Artistic Design, Tim Ferry now owns the entire building and says he doesn't use any water on that side of the building. 6652 E. Berrien was a home recently lost to a fire. Per the Village auditor and the Village Council anyone with a water connection running across their property must pay the Ready to Serve fees currently \$25.13 for water per month and \$26.00 per month for sewer and a \$3.00 per month system development fee. The basic rate of \$54.13 (depending on meter size) must still be paid. Monthly trash fee can be removed.

**Planning Commission:** Will schedule another meeting as soon as possible with Ben Baker for the Rec Plan asap.

**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, quotes have been requested from several contractors, waiting for quotes.

**Water on Second St.** is still a problem all the water runs off Hofmanns roof. This needs to be looked into.

**Equipment:** No new business.

**Sanitation:** No new business.

**New Business:** none.

Motion to adjourn: 7:10 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk