

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, January 16, 2022**

Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by Virginia Gonzalez.

Members Present: John Glassman, Virginia Gonzalez, Ken Karn Sr., Kathy Zeilke, Julie Pierce, Clerk Shawn Foster, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, PWS Mike Keesler.

Absent: Charles Sherene.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Gonzalez, to approve the agenda with the following additions. Under A, Fire Department November and December 2022 meeting minutes available in the Clerks office and under B, #4 purchase of a new vacuum cleaner, second by Karn to approve the agenda with the additions, all ayes and motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ken Karn Jr., David & Judy Ferguson.

Visitor Discussion: Ken Karn Jr. was attending the meeting. Dave & Judy Ferguson were here to inquire about trees and beautification of the AEP substation as was promised by AEP.

Approval of the Board Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2022, Motion by Zeilke, second by Karn to approve the meeting minutes, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard Minutes of November & December 2022 available in the Clerk's office, incident summary not available.

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

Building: a section of downspout on the East corner of the building has been damaged, it does have heat tape running through it so it has not been replaced, it still works just looks bad.

Vacuum Cleaner for the building: The Clerk priced serval at Meijer price range \$199.00 -\$ 299.00. Motion by Gonzalez for the Clerk to purchase a \$199.00 vacuum cleaner and try to get a tax exemption, Second by Pierce all ayes. Motion carried.

TruGreen: sent a new quote for lawn care 2023 for \$492.88 with prepaid discount. Motion by Gonzalez, Second by Pierce, all ayes and motion carried.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report 12/01/2022 – 01/10/2022

All Funds	1,292,249.13				
Fund		Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	574,307.08	574,307.08	Sanitation		2,659.45
Major Streets		364,029.24	Sewer	82,320.00	48,792.55
Local Streets		25,467.19	Water	173,160.00	43,515.44
Municipal Streets		233,755.19	ARPA	62,698.79	

Motion by Karn to accept the Departmental Balance Report for December 2022, second by Gonzalez, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Karn, second by Gonzalez to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$10,986.73 All ayes; motion carried. The preauthorized bills amounted to \$3,319.83. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Employee Wage Report: Total Gross Wages from December 1 – 31, 2022 were \$12,341.39 with a total 612 hours worked for all regular Village employees.

Utilities Report: Current amount due for Water/Sewer/Sanitation from 12/11/22 – 01/10/23 is \$23,921.47.

Police Department: Report 12/20/2022 – 01/16/2023. 2 tickets and 2 Incidents. Officer Hernandez needs a new vest and the new squad car needs new tires also a new AED is needed, Clerk to contact Par Plan to see about getting a grant for any of these items and making sure they are in the new budget if grants not available.

Broadband update: BCBIT received 18 requests from communities in Berrien Co. to apply for the 6 million dollars grant the county has. If the county were to help each community that applied the cost would be 34 million dollars. The county is now reviewing the applications.

Administrative: Administrative Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2022 to discuss possible employee raises & a wastewater operator. Will need to know what new budget has in it first.

Employee Holidays for 2023: tabled, the Personnel Committee will look at these. The Personal Committee decided to keep the same holidays the Village always had.

Adult Use Marihuana Retail store: has submitted a Special Use application to the Zoning Administrator, waiting for a day and time for the Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing.

Parks. Nothing new.

Water/sewer/solid waste: Fleiss & Vandenbrink will continue with Lagoon study.

Planning Commission: Needs two members. Will be holding a Public Hearing soon for the Special Use Permit for the Adult Marihuana Retail Store.

Streets: The first reports from the speed signs have come in and will be monitored.

Act 51 monies: received from the state for streets, every 10 years the Village must spend \$10,000 on none motorized street improvements, such as replacing sidewalks, bike paths, signs, the council is working on a list, and will ask the Planning Commission to work on this, work must be completed by 2024.

ROW permits: ROW permits tabled, Planning Commission to review them.

Equipment: No new business.

Sanitation: Contracted rates with Bestway will have a slight increase in March 2023.

Budget Committee: To meet on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn: 6:40 PM.

Unapproved Meeting minutes by: Shawn Foster, Clerk