

Village of Eau Claire
Monday, March 20, 2017
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Council meeting called to order 6:30 PM by Virginia Gonzalez, Village President

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: V. Gonzalez, K. Karn, J. Rice, T. Baker, R. Stanczyk L. Borkowski, M. Keesler, S. Foster.

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: with the exception of adding under Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, add G.4.; Locator for water shut offs and under New Business, All other Business brought before the council item 1. Planning Commission number of members & looking into Kolberg Building Church moving into one of the old store fronts Locator. Motion by K. Karn to approve the agenda with additions, second by J. Rice, all ayes.

Motion: by T. Baker to approve the meeting minutes of the regular council meeting of 02/20/2017, second by J. Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Dan Malkin, Tim & Suzie Clifton, Pam La Vanway, Robin Reed of Merit Network, Chief Charles Sherene, and Rob Callahan of PBT& EC Fire Department.

Visitors Discussion: Dan Malkin, wanted to know how the meter installation is going & how the Village Water & Sewer Rates were set. In 2015 Michigan Rural Water Assoc. completed a rate study for the Village at that time the rates and the RTS was determined in order to satisfy the USDA.

Tim & Suzie Clifton – had concern that their water meter was counting backwards and to comment that this winters snow plowing has been very good this year and the end of her driveway has not been completely “snowed” in by additional plowing as they live on a curve. M. Keesler to check on the water meter.

Pam La Vanway – Had questions about permits for a retaining wall she would like to build where bamboo was removed in her yard, she was also concerned with additional invasive bamboo growing around the park as well as dead trees in the park. Additional concern about water main breaks and if they would affect her utility billing? M. Keesler explained that if the water main breaks it would be before the water goes through any meters so residents can't be charged anything additional due to water main breaks. Wanted info on sprinkle meters for lawns and how she will fill her pool with the new meters in place, the Village will check with the Fire Department to see if they fill pools and also inquired about private wells, by ordinance no individual wells are permitted in the Village Limits. She was also concerned about the Village siren as the Fire Dept. wanted to use it for a noon and 5 pm siren, R. Callahan stated at this time it was too expensive to automate the siren so this will not occur.

Chief C. Sherene – was present to give Police Dept. Incident Summery.

Rob Callahan – attended to present the fire board minutes. Also had a question regarding if the Village could pay the Electric bill for the ball fields? Under state law were unable to do this. The Village currently pays for all mowing to the grounds and the insurance on the concession stand and the bleachers and dugouts.

Library Board Minutes: Library Board Minutes of February, 2017 are available in the Clerk's Office.

Fire Department: Incident Summery for February, 2017 available in the Clerk's Office.

Building & Grounds: Merit Network high speed internet has offered the Village a 5 year contract to provide the start up of a high-speed secure internet system that everyone in the Village would be able to purchase at a reasonable fee, residences would still have to have a Wi-Fi router at their expense to be able to get on the system. The fiber installation would be free with a 5 year contract a \$15,350.00 savings. The annual fee for the Village is \$2,356.00 The Village Hall would still have to provide managed back- ups and an Aggregation Router (roughly \$1,200.00) and will start with 20Mb of bandwidth; which we can always add more band width as more people & business sign up to use it. This is the same high-speed internet that U of M and all the colleges use. Merit was crucial in developing the World Wide Web. The Village will hire an outside source to track usage and do the billing. Aspen wireless will send a representative to look over all the areas in the Village and work on a rate plan for persons and or businesses who wish to purchase the high-speed internet. Deadline to receive the free fiber installation is March 31, 2017 with signed contract. Robin Reed was hear from Merit Network was

here to answer any additional questions. Motion by K. Karn to sign the 5 year contract, second by J. Rice, All ayes, none opposed, motion carried.

Electrical Quote: M. Keesler called several Electricians for bids to install an electric panel in the Pole Building that was purchased. Only one company showed up to quote the job. IBID Electric came in at \$2,125.00. Motion by J. Rice to accept the bid from IBID, Second by T. Baker, All ayes, Motion carried.

Police Department: - (3) Tickets and (15) Incidents were reported. Chief Sherene is looking into Business Safety Inspections with the Fire Chief, where once a year he will inspect all of the Village's Commercial Businesses.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: March 20, 2017. Motion by K. Karn, second by T. Baker to accept the Treasurers report as presented, all ayes. None opposed.

Funds Transfer: Motion by J. Rice, to transfer \$1,500.00 from Municipal Streets to Local Street Fund and Transfer \$1000.00 from General Fund into Sanitation Fund, Seconded by K. Karn. All Ayes, Motion carried.

All Funds	1,079,566.85				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	140,000.00	285,952.60	Sanitation		(1,446.23)
Major Streets		112,030.91	Sewer	33,020.00	50,668.61
Local Streets		(1,446.23)	Water	63,510.00	260,577.78
Municipal Streets		109,796.65			

Payment of the Bills: Motion by J. Rice, to approve the payment of the bills as submitted in the amount of \$9,981.15. Second by T. Baker. All ayes, motion carried.

Village Audit: is scheduled with Plante Moran for the week of April 17, 2017. Also a special audit for Act 51 state road money is required by every municipality this year, details still pending.

Parks/Community Development: The two year contract was up March 1, 2017 for Park Mowing, and ad was placed in the paper for sealed bids. The Village received one bid, from Yard Barbers Lawn Care LLC. In the amount of \$9,900.00, approximately 25 mowings at \$390.00 for park mowing and trimming weekly and \$150.00 for mowing of the ball fields. This is the annual cost with a two year contract. Motion by K. Karn to accept the bid, Second by T. Baker, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Water, Sewer, Solid Waste: the Village received a list from SLC Meter Co. of approximately 40 residents who have not responded to requests to make installation appointments. There are several people who are gone for the Winter who have not returned yet, and there are a couple of homes where the owners live in another state. The Village Hall office will make courtesy calls to the homes on the list. We will receive a final list of residents that have not responded and then the council can set a final date for responses and if appointments are not made by that date Water Shut Offs will occur with reconnection fees.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Keesler stated that his water shut off locating tool is getting really old and he will need a new one soon, cost is appx. \$2,500.00. At this time if there is a shut off that M. Keesler cannot locate the Village will hire a company that does this.

Streets: No new business.

Equipment: No new business.

All other Business Brought before the Council: the council looked into the possibility of adding an additional member to the Planning Commission. There are 5 members now, odd numbers have to be kept for voting purposes so if the Commission added additional seats it would have to be an odd number so they would have to go up to 7 members, no action was taken on this matter, but anyone who wants to can volunteer for the Planning Commission with no pay and no vote.

Motion to adjourn, K. Karn 8:20 pm.

Meeting minutes by Shawn Foster, Clerk