

**Village of Eau Claire**  
**Monday, May 15, 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, T. Baker, R. Stanczyk L. Borkowski, M. Keesler, S. Foster, Chief C. Sherene.

Absent: Jeff Rice

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with the exception of adding under J. Equipment; item 1. John Deere repairs. Second by R. Stanczyk, All Ayes, Motion carried.

**Motion:** by T. Baker to approve the meeting minutes of the regular council meeting of 04/17/2017 and Special Meeting Minutes of 5/4/2017, second by K. Karn, All ayes. Motion carried.

**Visitors:** Brandon Janowski, Tom Wright Jr., Tom Wright Sr., Doug Davis, Pipestone Twp Supervisor, Scott Ward, Pipestone Twp Planning Commission, Matthew R. Roman Atty.

**Library Board Minutes:** Library Board Minutes of May 8, 2017 are available in the Clerk's Office.

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

**Police Department:** - (5) Tickets and (11) Incidents were reported. The Chief presented KBB prices for the 2005 Crown Vic. (ODM 114,940) Motion by K. Karn to place an AD will go into the newspaper that we are accepting bids up to 5pm on 6/19/2017 for the squad car, Second by T. Baker, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Finance/Treasurer's Report:** May 15, 2017. Motion by K. Karn, second by R. Stanczyk to accept the Treasurers report as presented, all Ayes. None opposed.

All Funds	973,369.22				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	140,000.00	183,408.06	Sanitation	0.00	205.58
Major Streets		118,791.84	Sewer	33,020.00	62,335.79
Local Streets		579.73	Water	63,510.00	579.73
Municipal Streets		107,652.96			

**Payment of the Bills:** Motion by K. Karn, to approve the payment of the bills as submitted in the amount of \$25,193.65. Second by T. Baker, All Ayes, motion carried.

**2017 Tax Millage:** the General Operations Millage will remain the same as 2016 at 11.5433; Streets will also stay the same at 3.2500. Motion by K. Karn to accept the millage without a hearing and remain the same as 2016, second by R. Stanczyk, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Delinquent Property Taxes:** The Village received notice from the Berrien County Treasurer that we must now accept delinquent taxes with interest here at the Village. Details still pending.

**Resolution:** R-2017-3 – A Resolution concerning the Return of Delinquent Taxes to the County, Motion by K. Karn to accept the Resolution, Second by R. Stanczyk. Roll Call Vote: K. Karn aye, T. Baker, aye, R. Stanczyk aye, V. Gonzalez aye, Nays: 0, Absent 1.

**Administration: Discussion**, the owner of Nexgrow (formerly Silver Mills) Brandon Janowski wants to enter into an agreement with Thomas Wright Jr. & Thomas Wright Sr. of Michigan THC to operate and manufacture Medical Marijuana; a presentation was given by Cannabis Legal Group regarding the 5 new MMFLA laws/licenses that the State of Michigan will roll out and become effective Jan. 2018. The Village can pick and choose which licenses if any they will offer or the Village can do nothing and none of the new facilities or licenses will come to the Village.

The Village can charge up to \$5000.00 per license per year plus the manufacturer will give back to the state 25% of his profits, the Village can collect 3% of the 25% annually per business license. Mr. Wright's plan would use all of the former Silver Mills and its buildings (they would repair one building previously damaged by a fire, he would like to have an indoor grow for medical marijuana, an extraction department and to manufacture edible products infused with medical marijuana and some day give tours of the plant (Agro tourism) he stated that property values would actually increase. The Council is concerned with smell, security, any effects to the public water & sewer system and what the hiring process will be. There would be multiple vents and filters that should take all the smell out of the air, on a very still quiet calm day at 3 AM with no traffic you might be able to slightly smell it; the State of MI is currently putting together a Marijuana Enforcement Division, the manufacturer will be required by the state to fence in all his property and have continuous monitoring by camera systems by the State, that is a requirement. They will have their own security and the State of Michigan can show up at anytime for surprise inspections. Mr. Wright stated that there would be very little impact on the Village Water & Sewer, his indoor grow would be done hydroponically and organically any waste water would be removed from the site. For extraction methods they will most likely use CO2 and not Butane. Mr. Wright also stated that there is a bipartisan bill that is getting ready to go before the Congress to take Marijuana of the Schedule 1 class of drugs. There would be 10 to 15 good paying jobs. They do not plan on operating a dispensary and the Village feels that a dispensary would not be a good fit here, every small town around us are allowing dispensaries so one is not really needed here. This could potentially generate revenue for the Village.

**High Speed Internet:** Merit Network and a representative from Aspen Wireless will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday June 13, 2017 from 10:00am to 11:30am, to discuss implementation & installation. The Clerk will meet with them; two council members will also attend K. Karn & R. Stanczyk volunteered.

**Water Meters:** SLC Meter Company are back in town this week with appointments, there are still a few households that have not responded to requests to set appointments; the council feels that everyone has had a long time to make initial appointments and now households that will not respond can have their water turned off for not complying with the Village Ordinance. Public works will probably have to hire someone part-time to help dig the pit holes we hope to have those all done and installed by the first part of August.

**Streets:** There are a few spots in the Village that need some patching due to Water Main breaks, Hickory, Hoyt and Linn Streets. They are just patches and will not exceed the bid limit so the Village will do them.

**Equipment:**

1. PW report on the John Deere Tractor, everything has been repaired on it that needed it, the bill ran just over \$2,400.00.

Motion to adjourn, K. Karn 7.55 pm.

Meeting minutes by Shawn Foster, Clerk