

**Village of Eau Claire
Monday, May 18, 2020
Unapproved Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Regular Council meeting called to order 5:30 PM by John Glassman, Village President

Members Present: John Glassman, Virginia Gonzalez, Tom Baker, Jeff Rice, Dan Malkin, Clerk Shawn Foster, Chief Charles Sherene, Treasurer Lisa Borkowski, Public Works Supervisor Mike Keesler

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Gonzales to approve the agenda and add Under Section C. Administration # 7. Festivals in the Village in 2020, and under Section K, Finance # 5 Village Tax millage and # 6 First Quarter Council Pay. Second by Rice with the above additions; all ayes and motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Ben Baker of Wightman Assoc.

Visitor Discussion: Ben Baker was here with the Bid Tabulations for the Village Walking Trails Grant.

Approval of Minutes: approval of the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2020 Motion by Gonzalez, second by Malkin to approve the minutes as presented from the last regular council meeting, All Ayes, Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Fireboard minutes & Incident Summery of March 18, 2020 in the Clerk's office.

Library Board Minutes: Meeting minutes of May 11, 2020 a zoom meeting was held.

Police Department: 04/20/2020 – 05/18/2020; 0 tickets and 7 incidents.

Finance/Treasurer's Report: Departmental Balance Report. 04/01/2020 – 04/30/2020

All Funds	1,073,385.82				
Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Unrestricted
General	125,000.00	211,245.09	Sanitation		1,811.94
Major Streets		235,385.89	Sewer	61,740.00	34,489.21
Local Streets		14,009.85	Water	129,870.00	51,743.63
Municipal Streets		193,141.66			

Motion to accept the Departmental balances by Gonzalez, second by Rice, all ayes, motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Gonzalez, second by Malkin to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$12,368.36, All ayes; motion carried.

Village Tax spread for 2020 Summer Taxes: Truth in taxation calculations, the Village would be allowed to have a Public Hearing to increase property taxes if the Village went with the increase the amount would be an additional tax revenue of \$17,619.65. To go with allowable millage without a Public Hearing would increase the tax revenue by \$5,857.49 a difference of \$11,762.16. Motion by Baker to go with the no hearing option Second by Malkin, all ayes, motion carried.

Frist Quarter Council Pay: a spread sheet was provided with all meetings for the Council, Planning Commission and Library Board and a Public Hearing. Total amount of payments \$2,460.00 for March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020.

Employee Wage Report: Total Net Wages were \$10,367.21 a total of 1,405.81 hours worked for all regular Village Employees for April 2020.

Utilities Report: is still not 100% accurate.

Administrative:

Flower Pots for the Village sidewalks: Sally's Greenhouse will hold the same price as last year of \$855.00, motion by Baker, second by Dan to purchase flowers for the village, all ayes, motion carried.

Candidate Filing Info election packets were given to those Council members up for re-election and for the Village President which is a two-year term.

Code Enforcement letters have gone out to home owners with abandoned vehicles and or blight and other code violations.

Annexation draft resolutions were prepared by the Village Attorney to annex in the property to the East of the Village on the North side of Main St. where the new AEP Blossom Trail Sub-Station is being built. Motion by Rice, Second by Baker to proceed with the annexation process.

Festivals in the Village for the rest of the year 2020, the Village is not participating in 4th of July activities this year due to Covid-19 ; any other festivals for the remainder of the year will be reviewed monthly and depends on Executive Orders.

Parks: Ben Baker from Wightman was here to go over the Bid Tabulations for the Walking Trails, the Planning Commission had recommended Kalin, but Kalin was not the lowest bidder and the DNR always wants to go with the lowest bidder, that being L.E. Barber for a base rate of \$273,767.50 they also recommended Alternative #1 which was for a 6 foot wide concrete path, the council agreed as maintenance of concrete is easier than asphalt. Motion by Malkin to accept the bid from L.E. Barber, second by Rice, all ayes, motion carried.

Wightman will submit this information to the DNR and notify L.E. Barber construction to begin as soon as DNR approval is granted with a timeline to finish the trail project in September of this year.

Also, the ravines in the Village will need to be cleaned up from illegal dumping of trash, this has accumulated for some time in certain areas, this blight can be seen from the Waling Trails Paths, signs will be posted for no littering. Public Works will work on this.

Water/sewer/solid waste:

Streets: No new business

Equipment: PWS stated that the salt spreader on the snow plow truck is shot, the salt has eaten through it, the Village has had this equipment a very long time but the same type of spreader is no longer made and is obsolete, he will be looking for alternatives so it will be ready this coming Winter.

Sanitation: The three-year contract with Best Way Sanitation does call for small annual increases, the rates increased by .17 cents this April and will increase again on April 1, 2021 by another .17 cents. Motion to increase Sanitation billing by .50 cents by Malkin, second by Baker for a .50 so rates will not have to be increased for April 1, 2021. all ayes, motion carried. Effective for the billing that will go out in June 2020.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: 6:50 PM

Unapproved Meeting minutes by Shawn Foster, Clerk