
The Public Hearing and Village Board meeting were held at the Marshall Buehler Center and also set up as a conference call meeting and Zoom meeting. The number to call in: 715-423-6698; 5-digit conference ID: 02067.

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the Municipal Building door, the entrance of the Police Department/Marshall Buehler Center, and at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank in Port Edwards, as well as on the Village website.

The Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget was called to order by President Zurfluh at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall Buehler Center.

Present: President Zurfluh, Trustees Grunden, Mancl, McGregor, Mitchell, Radtke & Saylor

Absent: None

Also Present: S. Stewart, J. Worden, R. Bossert and D. Tremmel

Citizens: Eric Hummel, Dan Gallagher, Joe Terry, LaCinda Terry

Administrator Bossert presented a summary of the proposed 2023 budget.

Joe Terry stated that he believes there are some serious structural concerns with the budget. It is not sustainable to include outside revenue sources to help pay normal operational expenses. He feels the wastewater deficit loan should not be paid for by the taxpayers, many of whom are not served by the wastewater utility. There are tax exempt properties who are served by the wastewater utility but are not paying for this debt. He asks for the following considerations: That the wastewater deficit loan be taken out of the general fund. The Village should take a hard look at municipal services and how to pay for them without the use of TIF and ARPA funds. The public hearing should be just for the Village budget. Carryover reserves are not annual revenue. Mr. Terry suggests having the Village auditors or a third party review the budget process and these concerns. He also had concerns that his open records requests were not being fulfilled properly and timely and stated that one of the most important things a municipality must do to earn the public's trust is to be transparent.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

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The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Zurfluh at 7:36 p.m.

Present: President Zurfluh, Trustees Grunden, Mancl, McGregor, Mitchell, Radtke & Saylor

Absent: None

Also Present: S. Stewart, J. Worden, R. Bossert, D. Tremmel

Citizens: Eric Hummel, Dan Gallagher, Joe Terry (via Zoom)

Motion (Mitchell/McGregor) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from November 8, 2022 Board meeting and to approve monthly bills and the journal entries for the previous month). Motion carried. All ayes

Public Comment: None

President's Report: Asked if everyone who wanted nomination papers had them.

Airport Commission: Review of minutes.

President Zurfluh stated that the new fuel system was up and running. With Sand Valley closed, fuel sales have plummeted, as expected.

Police and Fire Commission: Review of minutes from November 7, 2022. Scott Stewart also stated that the Commission met on December 5, 2022. They completed their evaluation of the fire department applicant and voted not to accept. They

are caught up on all applicants, so the date of the next meeting is to be determined based on need.

Public Works: No meeting held.

Parks & Recreation: No meeting held.

Trustee Mancl stated that the opening of the dog park was last Saturday, December 3rd.

Public Safety: No meeting held.

Finance & Human Resources: No meeting held.

Motion (Mancl/Mitchell) to establish the 2022 Village of Port Edwards tax levy of \$1,370,995.06 and millage rate of \$14.92 mills per \$1,000 of house assessed value. Motion carried 6-1 (Grunden-aye; Mancl-aye; McGregor-aye; Mitchell-aye; Radtke-aye; Saylor-no; Zurfluh-aye).

Motion (Mancl/Mitchell) to accept the Village 2023 operating budgets as presented, Resolution 2022-11. Motion carried 6-1 (Grunden-aye; Mancl-aye; McGregor-aye; Mitchell-aye; Radtke-aye; Saylor-no; Zurfluh-aye).

Motion (Mancl/McGregor) to approve Resolution 2022-10 Repealing and Replacing the Official Fee Schedule of the Village of Port Edwards Sewer Utility and increasing the sewer rate by 2.5%. Motion carried. All ayes.

Planning, Legislative, Property & Information Technology: No meeting held.

Plan Commission: No meeting held.

Nepco Lake Transition Planning Ad Hoc Committee: Review of minutes.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Trustee Radtke inquired about the status of the Market Avenue buildings. Administrator Bossert stated that the renovations on 251 Market Avenue are complete at a cost of approximately \$9,000 and that the sale or lease should be posted this week with the help of a realtor.

Village Administrator Report: Administrator Bossert provided his monthly report including general government, human resources, public works, budget and safety & security. He also stated that the tree lighting will be at 5:30 p.m. on December 8th at the Village Green on Market Avenue. Mission Coffee will be providing hot drinks.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

Motion (Saylor/Grunden) to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills for the remainder of the 2022 year. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Mitchell/McGregor) to approve the Labor Policies and Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried. All ayes.

Communications: None

Trustee comments: Trustee Mancl thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

Trustee Saylor wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Grunden also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Meeting adjourned at **8:15** p.m.

Diane M Tremmel, Village Clerk-Treasurer

The following Village bills were approved for payment:

Abts Law LLC-monthly retainer (December)	1000.00
Ace Hardware-misc expenses; police weapons	1861.92
Advance Janitorial Service & Supply-monthly statement	208.50
Alora Shay-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Amoco-monthly statement	1635.64
Ben Martinson-work related safety gear	100.00
Cash-tax drawer change	2000.00

Cindy Hiles-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Diane Tremmel-mileage	40.95
Dinges Fire Company-fire equipment	66.71
Kim Holcomb-mileage	73.31
Napa Auto Parts/Nekoosa-parks; tools & supplies	49.27
Nekoosa Fire Dept-1/2 of fit rental – McQueen Equipment	275.00
Paul Grode-fire dept meeting expense (cook & reimb for groceries)	79.54
Piggly Wiggly-fire dept meeting expense	166.12
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps; water bill postage	600.00
Rapids Rental & Supply Co Inc-tree & brush control	69.58
Rapids Sign Inc-dog park signs	260.00
Solarus-monthly statement	1254.30
South Wood County Humane Society-3 drop offs; 1 pickup	249.77
State of Wisconsin-November court report	144.60
Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources/Milw-fire equipment – hoses	151.84
Wood County Clerk-dog licenses	20.00
Wood County Treasurer-November jail assessment	50.00
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	5931.33
Andrea Weiland-police & fire comm meetings 10/10 & 11/7	50.00
Badgerland Flags & Flagpoles-flags from donations	1000.00
Cintas Cor-monthly statement	785.62
Commercial Testing Laboratory Inc-testing (wastewater)	981.29
Compass Minerals America-snow & ice control	6090.25
Current Technologies-251 Market Ave (TIF)	1823.17
Digger Hotline Inc-maintenance of mains	52.80
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	348.29
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-December health reimb arrangement	100.57
Doug Kasten-police & fire comm meetings 10/10, 11/7, 12/5	75.00
Gerald Blum- police & fire comm meetings 10/10, 11/7, 12/5	75.00
Insight FS-street machinery; small equipment; roads & streets	2803.70
Leo Thomasgard-police & fire comm meetings 10/10, 11/7, 12/5	75.00
Lonn Radtke-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	295.48
Metcalf Lumber-251 Market Ave (TIF)	114.80
Power Pac Inc-snow & ice control	734.30
Quill LLC-administrator expense; municipal garage	29.37
Scott Stewart-police & fire comm meetings 10/10, 11/7, 12/5	75.00
The Dirks Group LLC-Microsoft 365, Rapid Recovery (1 mo)	483.00
Verizon Wireless-monthly statement	389.61
Village of Port Edwards-2022 property tax 241 & 251 Market Ave (TIF)	757.92
We Energies-monthly statement	2995.81
WI State Lab of Hygiene-testing (water utility)	56.00
Williams Plumbing & Heating-251 Market Ave (TIF)	1821.82
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	10271.00
Aflac-monthly statement	216.62
AgSource Coop Services-testing for WUT and WW	103.75
American Welding & Gas Inc-fire health & welfare	36.64
Current Technologies-street lighting	1899.57
Delno Stewart-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	1743.92
Delta Dental of Wisconsin-monthly statement	1556.88
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	994.17
Energenecs Inc-outside services employed (WUT)	490.00
Galls LLC-policy duty gear	100.55
Marco Technologies LLC-monthly copier contract & usage	95.47
Midwest Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	2981.17
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-December direct deposit fee	50.00
Principal Life Insurance Company-monthly statement	63.44
Quill LLC-misc expenses	62.47

Security Health Plan-monthly statement	18695.34
Team Matthews Tire Center-street machinery	116.98
The Uniform Shoppe of Green Bay-police clothing	436.75
Truxcessorize Inc-snow plow edge for one ton	530.00
USA Blue Book-maintenance of pumping plant	1413.28
Vortex Optics-police range/weapons (3 scopes)	494.98
We Energies-monthly statements for 231 & 241 Market Ave	22.44
Wis. Dept. of Administration/Milw-monthly web site hosting	65.00
Wis. Valley Building Products-street signs	22.00
Wisconsin Media-election & budget notices	208.04
Wood County Highway Department-street sign repair	268.60

Wages & Salaries – December wages **80145.53**

The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:

Alliant Energy-monthly statement	2167.22
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-testing	44.77
Midwest Meter Inc-maintenance of meters	670.00

Building Permits: None

Electrical & HVAC Permits: None

Plumbing Permits:

Tundraland/Leaf Home Scott Fields/Joyce Karius-bathtub and surround being replaced with walk-in shower & surround

Excavation Permits: None

Zoning Permits: None