

The Village Board meeting was 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 Village Board meeting was called to order by President Mancl at 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Mancl, Trustees Grunden, McGregor, Moore, Radtke & Zurfluh

Absent: Trustee Saylor (excused)

Also Present: J. Worden, Duane Gau (ZOOM), D. Tremmel

Citizens: Jeremy Sickler (Airport Manager), Paul Tranel, Eric Hummel, Scott Harrington and Scott Heacock (Vandewalle & Associates), Joe Moore, Alex Dashkovsky and Mr. DeMinga, Owner (DMI Acquisitions).

Motion (Zurfluh/Grunden) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from September 12, 2023 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: Reminder that Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25th. Two more trunks are needed to meet the requirement of five. Trick-or-Treating will be on Halloween, October 31st, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission: Trustee Zurfluh introduced Jeremy Sickler, Airport Manager. Mr. Sickler gave a brief report on the Airport Commission's 2024 budget, along with completed, existing and planned projects, as well as activities for the airport. He also provided an overview of the fuel sales for the past two years.

The representatives from DMI stated that they have been meeting with Vandewalle & Associates, as well as Duane Gau, Interim Village Administrator for the past month and a half. The present goal is to get the job site ready for winter. They plan to start demolition work next March or April and have the demolition complete within 6 to 7 months after commencement. They are working with a demolition company from Chicago but are not currently under contract. Before demolition work begins, they will need to obtain permits from the DNR, FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), the Village of Port Edwards, and the State of Wisconsin.

Police and Fire Commission: No minutes.

Nepco Lake District Update: Eric Hummel stated that they harvested 40 acres of weeds and hauled out 250,000 pounds of weeds. The results of an aquatic plant study will be given at a public hearing scheduled for November 6th. In January or February of next year, they will develop a lake plan. Beginning October 20th, the Lake District will have its own website. Lake District fees have been approved and will be placed on each municipality's tax bill. They are working with DNR and others to improve the water quality of the lake. Mr. Hummel asked if the Village could improve the kayak landing to make it more accessible for getting the kayak from the water to the land.

Public Works: Review of minutes.

Public Safety: Review of minutes.

Motion to recommend a 5-person ad hoc committee to review the Port Edwards Fire Department bylaws. Motion carried 4-2 (no – Moore, Zurfluh). The ad hoc committee members will be Trustee McGregor, Chief Worden, Duane Gau – Interim Administrator, Scott Stewart and Village resident Dustin Lease.

Parks & Recreation: Review of minutes.

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

Finance & Human Resources: Review of minutes.

Motion (Radtke/Grunden) to approve the estimated TF expenditures for proposed road projects through 2029. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Radtke/Zurfluh) to approve proposed garbage collection fee of \$186.32 for 2024 and 2025. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Radtke/McGregor) to approve a 4-year contract renewal with Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance Service at the rate of \$25/capita for 2024 and 2025 (\$45,450) and \$26/capita for 2026 and 2027 (\$47,268). Motion carried 5-0 (abstain - Mancl).

Unfinished Business: Trustee Radtke questioned the damage to the squad of over \$7,000. He asked that Board approval be required as to whether the squad is kept or sold.

Trustee Moore felt that without a full-time Administrator, some employees who are doing extra work should be compensated.

New Business: None

Village Administrator Report: Interim Administrator Gau stated that it is important to realize that we spend within our budgeted numbers. He also stated that outside contracts need to be reviewed.

Clerk-Treasurer Report: None

Communications: None

Trustee comments: Trustee Zurfluh stated that if the damaged squad is kept, it must be fixed, and that would require Board action.

Meeting adjourned at **8:31** p.m.

Minutes taken by Diane M Tremmel, Village Clerk-Treasurer

The following Village bills were approved for payment:

Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-legal fees retainer	1000.00
Ace Hardware-misc. expenses	327.02
Advance Janitorial Service & Supply-monthly statement	218.93
Ag Source Coop Services-wastewater testing	1847.25
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	6337.31
American Welding & Gas Inc-fire health & welfare	38.14
Anderson O'Brien LLP-legal counseling	1102.50
Brady Reiman-work related work gear	99.16
Bullseye Golf Club-police conferences	209.87
Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC-chemicals	6582.26
Cintas Corp-monthly statement	1488.30
Crane Engineering-maint of wastewater equipment	10652.00
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	1599.72
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-October health reimb arrangement	100.00
Duane Gau Municipal Services-administrator expense	4331.25
Galls LLC-police duty gear	322.94
Grainger Inc-snow & ice control	228.13
James Leiser-unused sick leave health insurance reimb	196.91
Kim Holcomb-petty cash	30.70
Mark Brandt-work related safety gear	100.00
Melody Moody-Zuege – refundable shelter deposit	25.00
Metcalf Lumber-snow & ice control	56.16
Mulcahy Shaw Water Inc-maint of wastewater equipment	1078.43
Napa Auto Parks/Nekoosa-street machinery	172.85
Piggly Wiggly-fire meeting expense	58.11
Port Edwards Water Utility-quarterly bills	5234.55
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps	330.00
Safe Step LLC-repair sidewalks	4921.54

Scott Drew-reimb police range/weapons	91.72
Solarus-monthly statement	1263.20
State of Wisconsin-September court report	207.40
Tara Jensen-refundable shelter deposit	25.00
The Dirks Group LLC-information systems	36.30
Tractor Supply Credit Plan-cemetery; tools & supplies	82.98
WI Environmental Improvement Fund-interest payment on WW plant loan	2529.23
Wis. Dept. of Administration/Milw-monthly website hosting	65.00
Wood County Treasurer-September jail assessment	70.00
Prosperity Grants (Jessica Planer)-fire dept grants services	250.00
Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-add'l 3 rd quarter legal fees	350.00
Alliant Energy-monthly statement-2 months (140 Market Ave)	164.20
Amoco-monthly statement	1714.31
Andrea Weiland-police & fire comm 9/11	25.00
BGA LLC-November building inspection services	2000.00
Carquest Auto Parts-small equipment	16.44
CNA Surety-cashier's bond	100.00
Core & Main-chemicals; maint of hydrants	663.67
Corey Shaffer-police & fire comm 9/11	25.00
Country Sports Inc-snow blower edge	93.15
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	329.09
Fastenal Company-tools & supplies	479.59
Gerald Blum-police & fire comm 9/11	25.00
Insight FS-street machinery	1.65
Leo Thomasgard-police & fire comm 9/11	25.00
Lonn Radtke-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	295.48
Lori & Friends Catering LLC-fire prevention (cookies for school presentation)	460.00
Marco Technologies-copier monthly contract	41.77
MSA Professional Services Inc-STH 54 & 73 crossing concept (411-Legacy)	4770.00
Municipal Well & Pump-maint of pumping plant	15580.00
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-October direct deposit fee	50.00
Pomp's Tire Service Inc-street machinery	877.52
Principal Life Insurance Co-November premium	55.80
Quest LLC-design work for 2 nd St projects (TIF)	9964.39
Quill LLC-misc office expenses	246.06
Scott Stewart-police & fire comm 9/11	25.00
Security Health Plan-monthly statement	27969.39
The Dirks Group LLC-Microsoft 365 & backup (May)	531.30
Tool Shed-fire equipment replace & maint	139.95
Vandewalle & Associates-monthly statement (TIF)	8738.20
Verizon Wireless-monthly statement	374.25
Wausau Chemical Corporation-chemicals	5017.41
We Energies-monthly statement	153.83
Wis Dept of Revenue/Milw-2023 manufacturing assessment	595.15
Wis Valley Building Products-tools & supplies	24.75
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	9595.35
Wolosek Landscaping-landscaping around digital sign	131.40
Wood County-IT Dept – information systems support	187.50

Wages & Salaries – October wages**61840.69****The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:**

Ag Source Coop Services-water utility testing	139.77
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	2466.81

Badger Meter Inc-Orion Cellular Serv Units; Beacon hosting	17.06
Core & Main LLC-maint of hydrants	1490.00
Current Technologies-outside services employed	189.80
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-testing	15.48
Motors and Controls of Wisconsin-maint of pumping plant	468.52
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin-assessment	455.14
Quill LLC-envelopes for water bills	149.98
Water Works & Lighting Commission-water tests	50.00
Wausau Chemical Corporation-chemicals	1044.04
WI State Lab of Hygiene-testing	28.00

Building Permits:

Andrew & April Nelson-plastic shed
Josiah Brandt-new siding on house and garage
Erie Construction Midwest/Herb & Lisa Hamre-replace shingles
Wiskerchen Construction/Sunset Point Nepco Lake LLC-fence
Dylan Schudy-shed

Electrical Permits & HVAC Permits: None

Plumbing Permits: None

Excavation Permits:

We Energies-install new gas service via trench (1241 E Shore Trail)
TAK Communications WI LLC-bore to place conduit & fiber (Edwards Ave/2nd St)
We Energies-install new PE service via trench (1241 E Shore Trl)
Solarus-buried cable construction

Zoning Permits: None