
The Village Board meeting was held at the Marshall Buehler Center and also set up as a Zoom meeting.

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 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Grunden

Also Present: B. Luebke, S. Drew, S. Stewart, D. Gau, D. Tremmel

Citizens: Rick Hess, Jason Worden, Bob Worden, Jen Oswald (Mission Coffee), Paul Dean, Matt Tranel, Cary Smith, Eric Hummel, Sandy Robinson, Scott Heacock-Vandewalle (ZOOM), Scott Harrington-Vandewalle (iPhone)

Motion (Zurfluh/McGregor) to approve the Consent Agenda (meeting minutes from March 12, 2024 Board Meeting and March 19, 2024 Special Board Meeting and to approve monthly bills and the journal entries for the previous month). Motion carried. All ayes.

Interim Administrator Gau presented the proposed Development Agreement, Village Letter and Resolution regarding Mission Coffee. In reply to questions asked by Trustee Radtke, Mr. Gau stated that the Village has \$1,200 invested in the grant application per billings received. Scott Heacock felt there was a good chance that the grant would be awarded. Jen Oswald stated that if the grant is not awarded, she does not have a "Plan B" at this time, but she has a lot invested so she would be willing to work with the Village for other options. Scott Harrington believed the grant would not be awarded any earlier than October 1st, at which time the Village could decide if they would put the property on the market. Scott Harrington stated there is nothing more the Village Board can do at this time to help secure the grant besides approving the letter and the Resolution presented.

The agreement is contingent upon the WEDC grant being awarded unless Mission Coffee can obtain financing elsewhere.

Motion (McGregor/Moore) to approve the Development Agreement with Mission Coffee.

Amended Motion (Saylor/Radtke) to approve the Development Agreement with Mission Coffee subject to approval of the WEDC grant. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Radtke/Moore) to approve Resolution 2024-03 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for a Community Development Investment Program Grant. Motion carried. All ayes.

Public Comment:

Paul Dean – Commented on the Highway 54 project scheduled to begin April 15th. He is concerned about many safety issues regarding narrowing the highway through the Village, and he stated that most of the roads in the Village are wider than the highway will be. He feels the public had no opportunity for input on this project until the meeting held yesterday (April 8th) by the State.

Jason Worden – At the March 19th special board meeting, a trustee stated she had the support of many firefighters, so Mr. Worden put in an open records request for the trustee's emails to back up her statement. In answer to his request, he received one email, but it did not state who the email was from. Trustee Saylor questioned the Village's open records procedure regarding emails.

Bob Worden – He acknowledged the email Interim Administrator Gau sent to the then Fire Chief and Captains demanding them to be at the fire station or law enforcement would be contacted, as well as Mr. Gau's rebuttal of the demand stating he was corrected and did not have the authority to do so. Mr. Worden was asking for an apology to the parties involved.

Cary Smith – He feels former Chief Worden was mistreated by the Board but had the support of present and retired firefighters, as well as many Village residents. He stated that the Firefighter's Association bought equipment for the Fire Department and made several donations to the school and various organizations, which will be missed if the Association dissolves. He thanked all the past Chiefs and firefighters for their service and support and stated his last day with the Fire Department is April 15, 2024.

President's Report: President Mancl mentioned there may be some changes coming to the following Ordinances: Chapter 1 - Section 1.05 and Chapter 2 – Sections 2.02, 2.04, 2.06 and 2.08. The changes include possible reorganization of committees, including bringing citizen members to some of the committees. It was noted that the citizens would not be voting members of any committees. (These proposed changes were apparently previously forwarded to the Board members for review.)

President Mancl acknowledged that this is Trustee McGregor's last meeting and thanked him for his work as Village Trustee.

Airport Commission: Review of minutes.

Police and Fire Commission: Review of minutes.

Public Works: Review of minutes.

Parks & Recreation: Review of minutes.

Public Safety: Review of minutes.

Motion (McGregor/Moore) to authorize Officer Abbott to obtain a therapy/search and rescue dog to use in the Village for schools, nursing home, churches and calls of service at no cost to the Village.

After discussion, it was decided that the Board needed more information regarding policies, procedures, liability, cost, and other matters and that a Memorandum of Understanding should be drafted to make sure all the terms are in place.

Trustee McGregor and Trustee Moore rescinded their motion.

Planning, Legislative, Property & Information Technology: Review of minutes.

Finance & Human Resources: Review of minutes.

Unfinished Business: Trustee Radtke inquired about the status of the Ripple Creek Apartments sale. Interim Administrator Gau stated that the Planning, Legislative, Property & IT Committee requested more information on this matter for their next meeting.

New Business: None

Village Administrator Report:

Motion (Radtke/Saylor) to approve Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing Village Staff to Submit, Coordinate and Execute the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grant. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion (Zurfluh/Radtke) to approve Port Plaza Subdivision plat map (Resolution 2024-02). Motion carried. All ayes.

Clerk-Treasurer Report: None

Communications: None

Trustee comments: Trustee Radtke recognized Ben Martinson for all the "leg" work he does and for taking care of the day-to-day operations of the Village. He also recognized Cary Smith for all his years of service with the Fire Department. Trustee Zurfluh pointed out that the organizational meeting scheduled for April 16th at 6:00 p.m. is for appointment of committees and not for other Village business.

Trustee Moore thanked Cary Smith for his service.

Trustee Saylor asked that everyone move forward with the changes. He would like to continue to help bridge the relationship between the Board and the Fire Department.

Trustee McGregor thanked Cary Smith for his service and thanked everyone for their contributions during his time on the Board.

President Mancl thanked Cary Smith for his service. She stated that it has been hard to sit through some of the things being said but it is healthy to disagree. Board members and employees must work in a positive and respectful manner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 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 monthly retainer	1000.00
Ace Hardware-tools & supplies; parks; maint of wastewater equipment	282.08
Advance Janitorial Service & Supply-monthly statement	224.40
Ag Source Coop Services-monthly statement (wastewater testing)	835.25
Alliant Energy-monthly statements	6470.93
Amoco-monthly statement	1203.03
Applied Industrial Technologies-snow & ice control	12.88
Awards 'N' More-fire clothing & badges	20.00
Brian Luebke-reimbursement for batteries, co detector & office supplies	852.69
Brooks Tractor Inc-street machinery	44.34
Cintas Corp-monthly statement	656.91
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	884.05
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	2304.38
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-April health reimbursement	100.64
Duane Gau Municipal Services-administrator services	5600.00
Grainger-loader backup light	139.34
Health Special Risk Inc-annual premium fire dept policy	1108.00
Lonn Radtke-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	295.48
Napa Auto Parts/Nekoosa-street machinery	174.39
North Central Utility-street machinery	361.85
Paul Grode-March fire meeting cook	50.00
Port Edwards Water Utility-quarterly bills	2360.42
Postmaster/US Postal Service-postage stamps	204.00
Rapids Rental & Supply Co Inc-small equipment	339.99
Solarus-monthly statement	1263.23
State of Wisconsin-March court report	617.44
Vandewalle & Associates-TIF services	3941.25
WI Environmental Improvement Fund-final pymt of Clean Water Fund Loan	216417.76
Wis. State Fire Chief's Association-job posting ad for fire chief (PFC)	25.00
Wis. Valley Building Products-tools & supplies	214.80
Wood County Treasurer-March jail assessment	190.00
Abts Grubofski & Vruwink LLC-1 st quarter add'l legal fees	1660.00
Ascendance Truck Central LLC-street machinery; fire truck expense	680.16
BGA LLC-May building inspection services	2000.00
Core & Main LLP-safety signs for wells	79.41
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	2922.99
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	526.46
Diversified Benefit Services-health insurance deductible reimbursement	653.90
Farrell Equipment & Supply Co Inc-roads & streets maintenance	1149.50
Gannett Wisconsin Local IQ-election notices	83.81
IDville-police office supplies	149.99
Insight FS-small equipment; street machinery; fuel for pumps	3103.11
James Leiser-unused sick leave health insurance reimbursement	183.08
Marco Technologies LLC-monthly copier contract	41.77
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-deposit slips	45.83
Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank-April direct deposit fee	50.00
Notary Bond Renewal Service-notary public (Clerk-Treasurer)	30.00
Piggly Wiggly-fire meeting expenses	653.74
Principal Life Insurance Company-May premium	55.80
Quality Plus Printing-signs	1000.00
Quest LLC-2 nd Street projects (TIF)	5772.15
Security Health Plan-monthly statement	29949.60
South Wood County Humane Society-1 st quarter services	176.00
The Dirks Group LLC-April Microsoft 365	36.30
The Uniform Shoppe of Green Bay-police clothing	295.80
UW Local Government Center-Board of Review training materials	50.00

Verizon Wireless-monthly statement	387.02
Wausau Chemical Corporation-chemicals (WUT)	8097.94
We Energies-monthly statement	1532.99
Wis. Dept. of Administration/Milw-monthly website hosting	65.00
Wis. Dept. of Financial Institutions-notary public (Clerk-Treasurer)	20.00
WM Corporate Services Inc-monthly statement	11547.50
Wood County IT Dept-quarter 1 charges	342.49
Wood County Clerk-dog licenses	239.00
Aflac-monthly statement	217.78
Badger-Land Survey LLC-Port Plaza Subdivision work (TIF)	2096.00
Clifton Larson Allen LLP-auditing services	14962.50
Delta Dental of Wisconsin-monthly statement	1483.22
Diversified Benefit Services Inc-health insurance deductible reimbursement	1085.66
Fastenal Company-snow plow parts	82.81
Mobile Lock & Security-security cameras in parks	2944.00
MSA Professional Services Inc-bike trail project (Hwy 54/73 intersection)	13040.00
Spectrum Insurance Group LLC-additional worker's compensation premium	1238.00
Town of Saratoga-2023 plow & salt charges for Townline Rd	150.00
Wis. Dept. of Justice-TIME – police computer system	218.25
Wis. Valley Building Products-tools & supplies	205.20
Wisconsin Cartridge Corp-police range/weapons	775.00

Wages & Salaries – April wages**64449.18****The following Water Utility Bills were approved for payment:**

Ag Source Coop Services-water utility testing	178.50
Alliant Energy-monthly statement	2895.61
Core & Main LP-maintenance of mains	4115.20
Jason Leverance-WRWA conference expenses	567.00
Mailboxes & Parcel Depot-testing	17.07
USA Blue Book-maintenance of hydrants	677.68
WI State Lab of Hygiene-testing	29.00

Building Permits:

Security Fence/Shawn & Susan Hatton-fence
 Jeffery Abley-fence

Electrical Permits & HVAC Permits: None**Plumbing Permits:**

Steve's Plumbing/Joanne Hamelink-sewer lateral
 Projects Plus Unlimited LLC/Al Hobart-new furnace & AC; new shower & water heater

Excavation Permits:**Zoning Permits: None**