

Regular Board Meeting

January 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, and Leicht. Excused: Schumacher and Wee. Also present: Police Chief Jeremy Randall, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$2,732,269.75
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$14,888.89
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$40,415.38
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,075.62

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Renewal Alcohol Beverage License

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the issuance of the Renewal Alcohol Beverage License submitted by JT's Longshots, LLC. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Exclusive Purchase Option Agreement

The Board reviewed the Exclusive Purchase Option Agreements between La Crosse County and the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund, Inc. to the Village of West Salem. La Crosse County and the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund, Inc. have owned and marketed the parcels included in the agreements in conjunction with West Salem Tax Incremental Finance District No. 1. The TIF has been transferred to the Village of West Salem, and the Village should be in charge of both negotiating the sale of these lands and deciding and funding public improvements for the parcels sold. The Agreements grant to the Village options to purchase in the amount of \$25,000 per acre.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Exclusive Purchase Option Agreement between La Crosse County and the Village of West Salem. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Exclusive Purchase Option Agreement between the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund, Inc. and the Village of West Salem. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Utilities Committee

Trustee Brown reported on the December 17, 2019, Utilities Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review and act on 2020 proposed budgets for the Water Utility, Sewer Utility, and the Storm Water Utility. Public Works Director Loren Schwier presented a proposed 2020 Water Utility Budget. The proposed budget includes a continuance of hydrant maintenance to address leaking hydrants and painting hydrants in 2020 and maintenance of the filters at the water treatment facilities. Capital outlay includes \$25,000 of new meters and MXU units, set aside funding for well and reservoir inspections and maintenance, and \$10,000 for correlator and locator purchases. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2020 Water Utility Budget as presented. Mr. Schwier then presented a proposed 2020 Storm Water Utility Budget. The proposed budget includes continued maintenance of catch basins in one-quarter of the Village in conjunction with sidewalk inspections and repairs, capital outlay for Oak and Elm Street storm water main repairs, and the beginning of interest and principal payments on the Elm Street Ditch and East Avenue Street loan. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2020 Storm Water Utility budget. Lastly, Mr. Schwier presented a proposed 2020 Sewer Utility Budget. Funding for the upcoming wastewater treatment plant upgrade and the phosphorus removal dredge of Lake Neshonoc project will require an increase in sewer fixed and user rates over the next two years. Engineer Dave Sauer estimated an increase of 37.5% will be needed, and he recommended half of the increase be instituted in 2020 and the remainder in 2021 to minimize the impact on residents. An 18.75% increase is reflected in the 2020 proposed Sewer Utility budget. Engineering and construction costs for the Neshonoc Lake Sediment Removal Project and the wastewater treatment plant upgrades are included in the Capital Outlay section. The State loan funds applied for include transmitting the invoices sent to the Village to the State and funds to pay same are then deposited in a segregated Sewer Utility account for transfer to the checking account for payment. At the end of the projects, the loan will be finalized and closed. The equipment replacement fund and the set aside funds will be utilized first to minimize the total borrowing. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2020 Sewer Utility budget.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019, Utilities Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the 2020 Water Utility budget. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the 2020 Sewer Utility budget. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the 2020 Storm Water Utility budget. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator