

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2020

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

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the cancelled May 5, 2020, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were paid on May 5, 2020:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$35,425.91
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$8,706.03
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$14,733.00
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$338.52

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the claims paid on May 5, 2020, as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$96,779.35
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$71,255.21
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$100,416.65
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$3,376.23

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

Park Access Easement

Gwen Allen and Matt Johnson submitted a written request to the Board and attended the Board meeting to ask the Village to remove the ten-foot park access easement from their lot at 780 Wagon Drive. In 2006, Riverview Estates included on its final plat a park access easement to Pineview Park along the south boundary on Lot 1. The park access trail was installed, but it was outside of the actual ten-foot easement. The trail was then removed. Given the topography of the easement area, it was never reinstalled. Gwen Allen and Matt Johnson have lived at 780 Wagon Drive for over five years, and they state this access is not used. For safety reasons, they would like to install a fence to include the easement area.

Attorney Klos stated the public easement was included and recorded with the Riverview Estates recorded plat, and the Village does not have the authority to abandon this easement. The parties were advised to apply for a fence building permit, and by issuing the building permit, the Village will have given its permission to fence in the easement. No action was taken on this matter.

Request for Reduction and Waiver of License Fees

Michael Brown, President of the La Crosse City/County Tavern League, submitted a letter to the Village asking for reduction and waiver of 2020-2021 licensing fees. The letter relayed that restaurants, bars, and supper clubs in West Salem have been shut down since 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020, and Governor Evers extended the Safer at Home Order until May 26, after Memorial Day. The letter stated within the total of 70 days, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, and the season starting Memorial Day weekend have passed. While some businesses have been able to do food carryout orders, Mr. Brown stated it was nowhere near enough revenue to keep restaurants, bars, and supper clubs going, and not all liquor license holders offer food so those businesses were forced to shut down completely. On behalf of the small business owners, Mr. Brown requested the Village consider:

1. Lowering the renewal of existing Class B Liquor Licenses to \$50, the lowest amount allowed by State Statutes;
2. Lowering restaurant food license fees for existing license holders to \$50;
3. Waiving the renewal fee for Class B Beer Licenses;
4. Waiving the renewal fee for any amusement license that the municipality may have;
5. Waiving renewal fees for existing operators licenses;
6. Waiving the renewal fee for any municipal business or cabaret license; and
7. Waiving license holds due to monies owed to the municipality.

The Village charges \$450 for a Class B Liquor License; \$100 for a Class B Beer License; \$10 for a coin amusement machine; \$15 for an operator's license plus the \$7 background check charge; and \$5 for a cabaret/dance license.

Motion by Trustee Leicht to reduce the Class B Liquor, Class B Beer, coin amusement, and dance licenses to one-half the annual charge and reduce operator licenses to \$15. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Wee to waive ninety days of the renewal fees for Class B Liquor, Class B Beer, coin amusement, and dance licenses for the

2020-2021 renewals only. Roll call vote: Leicht – nay; remainder of Board – aye.
Motion approved.

Waiver of License Holds

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to deny the request from the La Crosse City/County Tavern League for waiver of license holds due to monies owned to the Village. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Lautz reported on the West Salem Fire Protection District Board meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2020.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator