

Public Hearing and
Regular Meeting

June 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Excused: Village President Manthei. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, and Village Attorney Bryant Klos.

Due to Village President Manthei's excused absence, motion by Trustee Wee, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to appoint Trustee Leicht to preside over the regular meeting of the Village Board pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 61.32. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Public Hearing

Trustee Leicht called the public hearing to order at 6:55 p.m. The public hearing was scheduled to hear public comment regarding proposed Ordinance No. 487 Private Well Abandonment and Well Operation Permit. If adopted, Ordinance No. 487 would update the private well abandonment ordinance to reflect the changes to s. NR 810.16 Wisconsin Administrative Code as required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This Ordinance applies to all wells located on premises served by the West Salem Municipal Water Utility municipal water system.

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Regular meeting was then called to order by Trustee Leicht at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on May 29, 2019, as written. Roll call vote: Lautz – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$37,019.59
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$77,602.12

<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$22,163.19
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$5,342.74

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

Ordinance No. 487

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve adoption of Ordinance No. 487 Private Well Abandonment and Well Operation Permit as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 4.19

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve Resolution 4.19 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the May 21, 2019, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Julie Harris of 434 North Leonard Street. Ms. Harris presently keeps two neutered, male Golden Retrievers at her home. Her boyfriend, Randy McDaniel, sold his home and has moved in with Ms. Harris, and she wishes to add his 10 -year old, neutered male Golden Retriever to the home. All three animals are primarily kept indoors, and the dogs are leashed when outdoors. The Committee recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Julie Harris.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Julie Harris. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the May 22, 2019, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews for the public works director position vacated on April 20, 2019, and to discuss public works department job vacancies. Two interviews were held, and the Committee then discussed the candidate interviews. The Committee offered the public works director position to Loren Schwier at a starting salary of \$67,000 with a review after six months. Public Works Department employee vacancies were reviewed, and more discussion of this will take place once a public works director has been hired.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting and the hiring of Loren Schwier as Public Works Director. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Utilities Committee

Trustee Schumacher reported on the Utilities Committee meeting held on May 29, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Storm Water Utility financing options for the East Avenue and Elm Street Ditch project, review for recommendation to the Village Board Resolution 3.19, review for recommendation purchase of a trash pump, and review the Lakeview Business Park storm water conveyance upgrade plan. First National Bank and Union State Bank were asked to submit financing proposals for borrowing \$330,000 in order to complete the Elm Street Ditch project and the Storm Water Utility portion of the upcoming East Avenue Street reconstruction project. The Elm Street Ditch Renovation project is budgeted at \$300,000, and the Storm Water Utility Portion of East Avenue is estimated at \$69,787. First National Bank submitted quotes for both a five-year and a nine-year loan at 3.18% and 3.97% respectively. Union State Bank also submitted quotes for both a five-year and a nine-year loan, and the rates proposed are 3.30% and 3.50% respectively. The Committee discussed the interest and principal repayment options and revenues needed to meet the payment schedules. The Committee recommended to the Village Board that the Storm Water Utility accept the quote from Union State Bank for a \$330,000 loan at an interest rate of 3.50% for nine years for the East Avenue and Elm Street storm water projects. The Committee reviewed proposed Resolution 3.19 Storm Water Equivalent Runoff Unit Charge which proposes to increase the current equivalent runoff unit charge of \$7.00 per quarter to \$10.00 per quarter in order to fund interest and principal loan payments for two upcoming storm water projects. A storm water user charge spreadsheet setting forth all storm water district charges in the State of Wisconsin along with area community rates were discussed. West Salem's proposed \$10.00 per quarter charge is low compared to the majority of communities in the State. The Committee recommended the Village approve Resolution 3.19 which will increase the equivalent runoff unit charge from \$7.00 per quarter to \$10.00 per quarter effective and reflected on the August 1, 2019, regular utility billings. The Committee reviewed a couple of trash pumps for use during significant rain events on Industrial Drive at the last manhole at the east end. The M&L Engine 6-inch heavy duty wet prime diesel trash pump would only work when the storm water begins to spill into the ditch, at about 15 feet below road elevation, due to its suction lift limits. Engineer Dave Sauer submitted options proposed by Lincoln Contractors for three different 6-inch pumps. These units are 62 HP and would pump at 1,800 gallons per minute. The unit could be started when the 72-inch storm sewer has enough water in it to be pumped directly into the large storm water surface ditch. The prices for these units range from \$30,754 to \$42,825. The Committee requested Public Works Director Loren Schwier talk with Dave Sauer about the three units and receive his comments on all three options. Village Attorney Bryant Klos updated the Committee on the land acquisition requests made to La Crosse County. Several land transfers are needed for the Village to have legal authority to install the County's originally planned storm water improvements and to deal with the upcoming dredging project. La Crosse County responded simply with a proposed amendment to the revenue sharing agreement, but proposed deeds have not been received yet from La Crosse County. Attorney Klos wrote a letter to La County explaining that the revenue sharing agreement must be more detailed than proposed and that the urgent issue for the Village is to be given title to the various pieces of real estate and easements so that the Village can move forward with flood remediation measures.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2019, Utilities Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 5.19

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 5.19 Authorization for Short-Term Promissory Note Borrowing as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 3.19

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve Resolution 3.19 Storm Water Equivalent Runoff Unit Charge. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Wee, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator