

Public Hearing  
Proposed 2019 Operating Plan

November 20, 2018

Public hearing called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Absent: Wee. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear any taxpayer or citizen comment or question pertaining to the proposed Village operating plan for 2019.

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

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. Motion approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

November 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, Schumacher, and Wee. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Wee to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

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| <u>General Fund:</u>        | \$61,264.34 |
| <u>Water Utility:</u>       | \$10,808.75 |
| <u>Sewer Utility:</u>       | \$29,731.21 |
| <u>Storm Water Utility:</u> | \$10,869.21 |

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

#### 2019 Operating Plan

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the 2019 Operating Plan, which calls for total expenditures of \$3,210,839 and a levy of \$1,521,258. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### 2019 Elm Street Storm Sewer Drainage Ditch Project

Bids for the 2019 Elm Street Storm Sewer Drainage Ditch Project were received on October 31, 2018. This project addresses the long-standing erosion problems along the existing drainage ditch. Based on Village Engineer Dave Sauer's analysis of the bids received, the responsive low bidder is Badger Environmental & Earthworks, Inc. for a total bid price of \$249,130.60. Mr. Sauer's estimate for this project at bid time was \$325,000. The project is unique in that construction access will be limited through temporary construction easements since it is located along the back property lines of the residential owners on Elm Street and in-part within the Canadian Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The opportune time for construction is during cold weather which will minimize the volume of storm water within the existing drainage ditch. The contract calls for a May 31, 2019, substantial completion date. Mr. Sauer has recommended that the contract be awarded to Badger Environmental contingent upon receipt of the expected Canadian Pacific Railroad approval and upon receipt of all temporary and permanent easements.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Wee to accept and award the 2019 Elm Street Storm Sewer Drainage Ditch Project to Badger Environmental & Earthworks, Inc. for a total bid price of \$249,130.60 contingent upon receipt of CP Railroad approval and receipt of all temporary and permanent easements. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

#### La Crosse Area Planning Committee Update

President Manthei attended the La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting on November 14, 2018. At that meeting, it was announced Transportation Planner Jackie Eastwood has been named interim director of the La Crosse Area Planning Commission due to the retirement of its Executive Director Tom Faella. The Committee is comprised of the highest-ranking elected official in each of the member communities and serves as a metropolitan planning organization for the La Crosse and La Crescent areas. The primary focus of the committee is transportation, but because it also regularly gathers leaders from so many municipalities together, members are considering expanding its role. La Crosse County Administrator Steve O'Malley suggested the elected officials consider questions of whether they want things to change, and if so, what changes. President Manthei requested input from the Village Board on the La Crosse County Planning Committee's role and what, if any changes should be considered by the Committee.

#### Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of Alcohol Beverage Licenses to Jody L. Drettwan and Dylan R. Gilbertson. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of November 6, 2018. The Committee reviewed an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Steven Terry, 510 North Leonard Street. The residents presently keep two, neutered Dachshund dogs at their home. Mr. Terry's brother can no longer keep a neutered Norwegian elkhound dog, and the residents wish to add this dog to their home. All three dogs are primarily kept indoors. Brenda Parmenter, 533 North Leonard Street, submitted a written response in support of the application. Helen Harold, 519 North Youlon Street, telephoned the Village Hall to request that a condition of Mr. Terry's permit include a provision to clean-up all dog feces. She is in favor of the application. Neighbors Darcy Clardy and LeRoy Krall spoke in favor of the application. The Committee recommended the Village Board approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of November 6, 2018, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Steven Terry. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Planning Commission

President Manthei reported on the November 19, 2018, Planning Commission public hearings and meeting. The first public hearing was scheduled in order to hear citizen comments with regard to a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. to install an electronic message center on a pylon sign fronting East Jefferson Street. Ryan Roberts, representing Kwik Trip, Inc. explained to the Commission that the new sign will be operated and controlled from the La Crosse corporate office. The message board contains a photo cell which reads 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a foot level above light, and it adjusts automatically depending on ambient light levels. This message board will have a static image only changing every six seconds. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the Conditional Use Permit. The second public hearing was to hear citizen comments with regard to a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. to install a double-faced 100-foot tall ground sign to be seen from Interstate 90. Evan Hesselberg owns the "sled hill" at 405 East Jefferson Street. Mr. Hesselberg has no issue with the tall ground sign. However, his title work states he cannot have a sign on his property, and he stated this is not fair. Mr. Hesselberg was informed the Wisconsin Department of Transportation included that restriction on its sale of the parcel to Mr. Hesselberg. This is not a Village restriction, and the Village would review an application for signage on this lot if submitted as it is zoned properly. There were no other citizens to speak for or against the proposed Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission then reviewed for recommendation to the Village Board two Conditional Use Permit Applications submitted by Kwik Trip, Inc. for two new signs to be installed at its property at 341 East Jefferson Street. Conditional Use Permit No. 36 would allow for installation of one, double-pole pylon with one freestanding double-sided identification sign for on premise advertising. Conditional Use Permit No. 37 would allow for installation of a 100-foot high rise single pole with one double-sided identification sign for on premise advertising and one double-sided price display for

unleaded gasoline and one double-sided price display for diesel gasoline and one double-sided sign indicating scale service. The Planning Commission recommended the Village Board approve both conditional use permits.

Motion by President Manthei, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, Planning Commission meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 36 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 37 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator