

DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL, 100 NORTH WALL STREET

CALL TO ORDER

President Selner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Jo Bielinski, Leah Goral, Jim Steffek, Vince Wertel, Josh Leiterman, Susan Selner

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charlie Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Zoning Administrator Jeffrey Sanders via Zoom, Financial Consultant Mike Konecny, DEO JJ Rusk

Absent: Deb Kralovetz

REMARKS/COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Selner welcomed all present. She recapped the rules of an open meeting and explained the only opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting is if they are a preregistered citizen or to discuss an agenda topic. Unless the rules of the meeting are suspended, the public cannot speak during the meeting.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Jim Michiels and Randy Hendricks here from the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild to share information about their 40th annual show to be held at the Denmark High School on November 11th and 12th. Michiels stated they want to make Denmark their home for the annual shows and would like help advertising and getting the word out. The show includes turners, carvers, weavers, cross cutting, etc.

Kralovetz arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Pam Watzka, 553 Green Bay Road, currently the Court Clerk for the Village wants to thank the board the wage increase

Bill Kane, 451 Sunset Court, here about 638 DePere Road, regarding a driveway on KB. Kane was told to put what he is referring to in writing.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED UPON BY ONE (1) MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A TRUSTEE SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED AND PUT ON THE REGULAR AGENDA BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Steffek/Bielinski moved to approve as presented.

- a. **Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
 - i. **Village Board Meeting August 7, 2023**
 - b. **Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits**
- Motion carried.**

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Goral/Leiterman moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Selner stated written reports from Warren Ducat electrical inspector, Rick Schwarz building inspector, and Wes Grube plumbing inspector are included in the packet

Sanders

- Draft of Subdivision Ordinance complete will present to Plan Commission in September
- Awaiting submittal of Denmark School District land division
- Zoning change submitted for VD-138
- Vercon variance from landscaping requirement
- Pre submittal meeting with developer held August 7, awaiting submittal of site plan

Thronson

- Routine garbage pick-up, vehicle & equipment maintenance, fill potholes, building maintenance, replace/install road signs, raise/lower flags, locates
- Installed stop signs on North Avenue at Woodrow Street intersection to make 4-way stop
- Ordered Tool Cat
- Hager Road/South Wall Street/West Grand Avenue and North Schultz Way project update projected final completion date October 13
- Worked with engineers on North Avenue/Danish Way 2024 reconstruction project
- BMO planning for use as Village Hall -gave an update on the schedule projected final completion date November 17th
- Update on 601 DePere Road Building demolition schedule project projected completion date October 10
- Update on Lynch Avenue project, contract with Feaker still not closed out-at the point where the contractor has failed to correct defective work and the owner (Village) will proceed with correction deficiencies
- Continue to negotiate with U.S. Cellular on an agreement for a cellular tower to be installed on Village owned property near the water tower

- The sidewalk panels identified in the Safe Step inspection report are being replaced by Delahaut Custom Concrete. The 52 saw cuts needed along Wisconsin Avenue and North Wall Street are being scheduled.
- The wading pool closed on August 25th
- DYBS has corrected the damaged curb box by the concession stand. They hired Matt's services for the repairs
- Clean catch basins, check ponds, and unplug overflow lines

Rusk

- Moved speed board to North Wall Street near the High School
- School started and the crossing guards are back
- Held the second Frogger event on August 31st
- There will be no court in October
- There have been more car and garage break-ins than usual
- All squads were outfitted with new rifles
- Lights are not working on Rusk's squad will have it checked out
- Selner stated she had some resident complaints of speeding at Oak and Woodrow and a request for a 4 -way stop there

Selner

- Central Brown County Water Authority Budget approval will be held September 22 at the Ledgeview Village Hall
- Was recently at a Chamber meeting and there was a discussion regarding why the Spanish community doesn't attend any events, it was brought up that when posters are made they need to be done in English and Spanish, so the Spanish community feels like they are invited. Going forward, that is something the village should think about doing
- Would like to look into plastic bag recycling through Nex-Trex

Steffek

- Attends Brown County Planning meetings monthly and wanted to share the new ariel views have been on Brown Dog since March
- The southern bridge project planning has started, and it will be done in 2029

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT GIVEN TO THE BOARD BY FINANCE CONSULTANT MIKE KONECNY

Konecny went over the Governance Communication Letter with the Board and shared other talking points in the audit.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON UNITED CO-OP OFFSITE DEPOSITION OF FUGITIVE DUST

Sanders stated he sent a request for a Mitigation & Remediation Plan requested by the Village Board, United Co-op responded to the request with very vague answers with no substance. Sanders again sent a request for a submittal of an amended Plan containing a more robust mitigation element. Sanders requested a response by May 8th and has had no response yet. Sanders is asking how the Board would like him to proceed. Sanders stated the Board has some options to consider which are,

send a letter again asking for an answer before the October Board meeting, treat each event as a violation and issue citations, or write compliance orders which would precede citations

Discussion

- Should be held accountable-would issue citations
- OK with citations-have been pretty nice thus far
- Disappointed they didn't come back with something
- In favor of working out problems with business as much as we can
- Seems they are not trying to work with us
- Seems they are evading the situation
- We are serious about this – clean up the air quality
- Unacceptable to ignore deadline

Sanders was directed by the Board to send another email and give them a deadline of October 9th, the next Village Board meeting for a response.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION AT 601 DEPERE ROAD

Wertel/Kralovetz moved to award the building demolition at 601 DePere Road to the low bidder, Guelig Waste Removal & Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$33,200.00. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO SATISFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE WISCONSIN RECYCLING CONSOLIDATION GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Kralovetz/Wertel moved to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation for calendar year 2024. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Wertel/Bielinski moved to approve the Proclamation of National Rail Safety Week. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Kralovetz/Wertel moved to convene into closed session pursuant to: WIS. Statute 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, as it relates to economic development whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session

and

Wis. Statute 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or

exercises responsibility

Kralovetz – aye, Bielinski – aye, Goral – aye, Leiterman – aye, Steffek – aye, Wertel – aye, Selner – aye. Motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS. STATUTE 19.85(2) TO TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM(S) IN CLOSED SESSION

Steffek/Leiterman moved to return to reconvene into open session under Wis. Statute 19.85(2) to take possible action on item(s) in closed session. Motion carried.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

Kralovetz/Wertel moved to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer