

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Attorney Mark Bartels, DEO Jeremiah Rusk

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

Bill Kane, 451 Sunset Court, here to address the Board regarding his property at 638 De Pere Road

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

Wertel/Bielinski moved to approve as presented.

- **Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
- **Village Board Meeting November 14, 2022**
- **Special Village Board Meeting November 15, 2022**
- **Special Village Board Meeting November 28, 2022**

b. Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits

Motion carried.

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Kralovetz/Bielinski moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Sanders

- Still working on Phase II of the Zoning Ordinance Audit, particularly signs
- Lexington Homes submitted a site plan
- Pro-Fab submitted a site plan for an addition to existing building
- Still waiting for re-submittals from Verheyen, Dufleck and the Hotel
- Code Enforcement – Complaints were made about the corn dust coming from United Cooperative – what can the Village legally do to make them clean it up

Attorney Bartels stated there are a number of things the Village could do:

- There are no ordinances or stating the Village cannot make them submit a remediation plan
- Can demand clean-up or citations will be issued for a nuisance violation, and take them to Circuit Court
- The Village could clean it up and bill United Cooperative for the clean-up
- The Village could get them to voluntarily comply with the clean-up

Attorney Bartels stated the Village needs to identify what they want United Cooperative to do, such as covering trucks, wetting the dust down, or not drying on a windy day.

Discussion

- Corn drying is only done for an 8-10 week span
- This is a farming community, and wouldn't like to see the Village come down with a heavy hand, and would like the Village to work with United Cooperative
- Present with the understanding the Village is here to help them
- Let United Cooperative know they do not need to come up with a "Grand Plan" and small steps might make a big difference to start the clean-up
- As a Village we need to get some relief for our citizens

The Board directed staff to request United Cooperative prepare a draft mitigation and remediation plan to address future dust of offsite disposition, and a formal response should be submitted by January 3, 2023, for discussion at the January 9 Village Board meeting

Thronson

- Looking for a Pool Attendant/Public Works Assistant for the summer, if anyone knows anyone please encourage them to apply the positions starts at \$12 an hour, it is typically a college student that fills the position
- Need feedback from the Board on lights for South Wall Street such as should we keep the poles and change the lights to LED and should there be lights under the overpass

Rusk

- Ammonia leak at Salm Partners on December 1st, did not get to a point of evacuating homes, but will evacuate immediately in the future
- Burglary in the Village
- Weapons call

- Large amount of illicit drugs during an incident in the Village located by the Brown County Drug Task Force – approximately 52 grams of Fentanyl, and 200 grams of Methamphetamine were removed from the Village – DEO Rusk assisted
- Be aware there is a new form of fentanyl that comes in a small blue tablet with the letter “M” on it.
- New phones will be provided to all Brown County officers in the near future new numbers will be shared as phones are replaced

Konkol

- Asked if the Village Hall should stay open on Friday December 30th for tax collection, as it should be a holiday for staff. The Board recommended staff keep the office open until 4:30.

Bielinski

- Had four residents waiting for her at McDonalds to have her address a large blue extended van and a white truck parking for long periods of time near the Danish Village Apartments on Highridge Avenue and sometimes on North Wall Street

Selner

- Board members each owe \$57.43 for the Christmas Party please pay before the end of the year
- Staff met with a representative of regarding cell tower negotiations, the Village asked for more money than they were offering, tower construction would not start until 2025 if approved

Kralovetz excused at 5:20 p.m.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

President Selner is recommending the board members get the same increase percentage as employees 6% increase. **Goral/Bielinski moved to approve a 6% increase in board member salaries. Motion carried**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON WAGE INCREASE FOR POLL WORKERS

Konkol explained she would like to increase the wage for poll workers as the Village is one of the lowest in wages in Brown County for poll workers. **Steffek/Wertel moved to approve an increase in poll workers wage to \$10 per hour. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON 2023 BUDGET FOR WATER UTILITY, SEWER UTILITY AND STORMWATER UTILITY

Leiterman/Wertel moved to approve the 2023 budgets for water, sewer and stormwater utilities. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GARBAGE/RECYCLING CART POLICIES

Steffek/Wertel moved to add to the garbage/recycling cart policy that newly constructed residential property owners must pay for a set of carts at the Village cost. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION FOR POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE TO BE FUNDED BY AN ADVANCE FROM THE WATER UTILITY

Goral/Leiterman moved to approve Resolution 15-2022, a Resolution Approving Purchase of Vacant Land on County Road R (Tax Parcel number VD-134-29) from Village Mart, Inc., and Authorizing Execution of Closing Documents. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDMENT#1 TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Leiterman/Wertel moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Solid Waste Management Services Agreement with Brown County Port and Resource Recovery. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION ACTION ON RESOLUTION 12-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK AT ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK

Wertel/Goral moved to approve Resolution 12-2022, a Resolution Authorizing the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk to Determine the Number of Election Officials Who Will be Required to Work at the Elections Conducted in the Village of Denmark. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION 13-2022, A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO LEVY SPEICAL ASSESSMENTS ON HAGER ROAD, SOUTH WALL STREET AND GRAND AVENUE UNDER POLICE POWER PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTION 66.07030, AND AS APPLICABLE WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTIONS 61.36, 66.0701, 66.0907 AND 66.0703(8), AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME (AND AS AMENDED OR MODIFIED BY VILLAGE ORDINANCE)

Steffek/Wertel moved to approve Resolution 13-2022, A Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments on Hager Road, South Wall Street and Grand Avenue under Police Power Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.07030, and as applicable Wisconsin Statutes Sections 61.36, 66.0701, 66.0907 and 66.0703(8), as Amended from Time to Time (And as Amended or Modified by Village Ordinance). Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION 14-2022, A PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON NORTH SCHULTZ WAY UNDER POLICE POWER PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTIN 66.0703, AND AS APPLICABLE WISCONSIN STATUTES SECTIONS 61.36, 66.0701, 66.0907 AND 66.0703(8), AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME (AND AS AMENDED OR MODIFIED BY VILLGE ORDINANCE)

Bielinski/Goral moved to approve Resolution 14-2022, A Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments on North Schultz Way Under Police Power Pursuant to Wisconsin

Statutes Section 66.0703, and as applicable Wisconsin Statutes Sections 61.36, 66.0701, 66.0907, and 66.0703(8), as Amended from Time to Time (And as Amended or Modified by Village Ordinance). Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SALE OF POLICE CAR

Wertel/Leiterman moved to have Mike Urban sell the police car. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Wertel/Goral moved to have Olson, President Selner and Finance Consultant Mike Konecny adjust the budget as needed. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BLIGHTED PROPERTY

Staff was directed to call Adult Protective Services to obtain more information. No action needed at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

Wertel/Bielinski 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

Bielinski – aye, Goral – aye, Leiterman – aye, Wertel – 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 reconvene into open session under Wis. Statute 19-85(2) to take possible action on item(s) in closed session. Motion carried.

No action

ADJOURN

Wertel/Bielinski moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer