

DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL, 100 NORTH WALL STREET

CALL TO ORDER

President Selner called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Jo Bielinski, Leah Goral, Deb Kralovetz, Mike Johnson, Vince Wertel, Jim Steffek, 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, DEO JJ Rusk, DEO John Pigeon

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

None

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/Kralovetz moved to approve as presented.**
- a. Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
 - i. Village Board Meeting December 11, 2023**
 - b. Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits**
- Motion carried.**

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

President Selner shared the plumbing, building and electrical inspectors submitted written reports

Sanders

- Draft update of subdivision ordinance is under review by the Plan Commission, possible Public Hearing in February
- Waiting for submittal of amended landscape plan for Vercon development
- Waiting on submittal of site plan for expansion of mobile home park

Rusk

- Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for February 21 at DeGrand's
- Had a few significant calls including damage to the back door at the Village Hall which resulted in an arrest
- One property in the Village is deemed a chronic nuisance
- Speed board is not in yet
- Flock cameras are in working with Brown County on permitting and installation
- Denmark had 300 more calls in 2023 than in 2022

Pigeon

- On Woodrow Street, there is parking on the east side of the street from North Avenue to Harvest Hill, there is no parking on the west side, and would like to see no parking on both sides of Woodrow from North Avenue to Harvest Hill – will be on February agenda

Thronson

- Plan on going out to bid for repainting the water tower-a pre-bid walk through is scheduled for January 23rd with bid opening on January 31st
- The generator for the central Brown County Water Authority connection station is to ship on January 11th
- The check valves are supposed to ship on February 5th with start up around mid-March
- The North Avenue reconstruction project is going out to bid early February with a bid opening late February – Construction cannot begin until we find out about the LRIP grant
- The tertiary treatment project for the wastewater treatment plant will probably go out to bid in February depending on DNR approval of plans

Wanish

- Does the Village want to run an ad in the Denmark News for FFA week – go ahead with a 2X2 ad

Selner

- Thanked the staff for the great work and hours put in in 2023
- Presented the State of the Village of Denmark - 2023

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR ZONING CHANGE FOR A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL VD-2 LOCATED ON HIGHRIDGE AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK, COMBINING THE NEWLY CREATED SOUTHERN PORTION WITH VD-2-1 WHILE THE VD-2 REMNANT IS RETAINED AS A STAND ALONE LOT

Sanders explained the proposed zoning change and land division are requirements of the Plan Commission approved site plan for the Denmark School District. **Johnson/Wertel moved to approve the Plan Commission's recommendation to approve the application for zoning change for a portion of tax parcel VD-2 located on Highridge Avenue, in the Village of Denmark, combining the newly created southern portion with VD-2-1 while the VD-2 remnant is retained as a stand alone lot. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK

Selner explained staff met with the League of Municipalities Insurance Representative for quotes for Insurance coverage for the Village. Quotes came in lower with more coverage than we currently have and is more geared toward municipalities. **Wertel/Bielinski moved to accept the quote from the League of Municipalities Insurance and discontinue our current coverage. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON REPLACING CURRENT CREDIT CARD SERVICES WITH A NEW VENDOR

Wertel/Goral moved to go with Nuvei to replace our current credit card services. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BILL SB 691. THIS IS A ONE SIDED PROPOSAL WHICH GIVES TOWNS OVER 5,000 THE ABILITY TO SELF-DESIGNATE AS AN "URBAN TOWN" **WITHOUT REVIEW OR APPROVAL** BY AFFECTED ADJACENT CITIES AND VILLAGES, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, OR ANOTHER BOARD OR AGENCY. THE BILL **REMOVES** CITY OR VILLAGE REVIEW OF GROWTH NEAR THEIR BORDER AND WILL FORCE CITIES AND VILLAGES TO EXTEND WATER AND SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE THEIR BOUNDARIES TO SERVE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWN. UNDER THE BILL, THE URBAN TOWN MAY EVEN DICTATE THE POINT ON THE WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM FROM WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY MUST EXTEND SERVICE OR PROVIDE CONNECTION. NOT ONLY DOES THIS LEGISLATION PROVIDE THE TOWNS THE EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY TO SELF-DESIGNATE AS AN URBAN TOWN WITHOUT INCORPORATION AND WITHOUT ANY REVIEW OR APPROVAL, BUT IT ALSO EXEMPTS AN URBAN TOWN FROM THE EXTRATERRITORIAL PLAT APPROVAL AND ZONING AND REQUIRES ANY FUTURE CITY OR VILLAGE ANNEXATIONS INTO THOSE URBAN TOWNS TO BE UNANIMOUS ANNEXATIONS

Steffek/Wertel moved that the Village Board of the Village of Denmark, strongly opposes Bill 691. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Kralovetz/Wertel moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer