

DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL, 100 NORTH WALL STREET

CALL TO ORDER

President Selner called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. (*called to order after public hearing closed*)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Steffek, Michael Johnson, Brandon Ackley, Vince Wertel, Leah Goral, Mary Jo Bielinski, Susan Selner

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charlie Wanish, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Finance Consultant Mike Konecny, Deputy Rusk, Deputy Pigeon arrived at 4:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Selner stated we need to add Report of Village Officials between Preregistered Citizens to be Heard and Approval Consent Agenda. **Steffek/Ackley moved to approve the amended agenda as presented with the change to add Report of Village Officials between Preregistered Citizens to be Heard and Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

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

Mary Ann Hansen, 437 Highridge Avenue, would like the Village to consider putting a stop light or 4-way stop at the corner of Highridge and North Wall Streets, as it is very difficult to make a left turn with all the traffic, and has to make a right turn and go all the way around town to get to All Saints School. After school cars are lined up all the way down Highridge. **Selner informed Hansen North Wall Street is a County Highway, and they would need to be contacted.**

Willie Mae Barbier, 130 Wisconsin Avenue, here to ask the Village for help with her deed

Thronson

- North Avenue and Danish Way paving is planned to begin toward the end of this week followed by topsoil, restoration and pavement marking
- The missing sidewalk section on North Avenue is due to Spectrum not moving their facilities prior to concrete work. The utility boxes were moved today. We do not have a schedule for the sidewalk to be poured
- The water tower painting project is near completion. The painters are waiting for the remaining shipment of paint. If both bacti samples pass we will be putting the water tower back in service this week. Cellcom began the installation of their antennas on the tower today.

President Selner stated there are written reports from the building, plumbing and electrical inspectors and Zoning Administrator

Konkol

- Working on timeline for budget
- Will need committee meetings set up for budgeting

Selner

- Having a hard time setting up a Community and Business Relations Committee meeting, Goral was asked if it was ok to hold the meeting on September 16 at 4:30 p.m. without her – Goral agreed and Konkol stated she would call Goral with an update on September 17
- Updated the Board regarding the Central Business District Parking Lot stating the Economic Development Committee and affected parties have come up with an agreement-will last 5 years with no automatic renewal, the Village will continue to do maintenance and snow plowing and will lease the land to the property owners
- Ribbon cutting for Cobblestone Hotel and Suites is scheduled for September 12

Steffek

- Is a member on the Brown County Plan Commission, and shared information he received on the South Bridge Connector, and an invitation to a Public Informational meeting on September 12, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and it is free to attend

Rusk

- Next Coffee with a Cop will be held October 1, 2024
- The Public Safety Committee met to discuss Electric Scooters/bicycle safety, Golf Carts and a resident request for a 4-way stop at Woodrow and Oak Street
- Will be doing another Frogger Event in October
- There was a homeless man (he is harmless) in the Village he was making his way to Green Bay, made it there and didn't like it so he returned to the Village and wanted to go to Manitowoc, suggested he use the Devil's River Trail
- A registered sex offender was going to try to get residency in the Village, but did not turn in an appeal form for residency and he is not living in the Village
- Shared images captured from the Verkada cameras and pricing (MSRP \$1200 - \$1800 per camera and \$199 per year)
- There were 4 crashes in the Village this month, 2 hit and run and 2 other crashes

Pigeon

- Questioned who should be contacted for cleaning up the graffiti on overpasses on the Devil's River Trail, stated the one between Main Street and Hager Road is bad. Thronson will check into it

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

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

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION 15-2024, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$2,683,745 SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024B, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS AND COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Selner stated this is for the Clean Water Fund, and the DNR requires it. **Wertel/Johnson moved to approve Resolution 15-2024, a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$2,683,745 Sewerage System Bonds, Series 2024B, and Providing Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION 16-2024, A RESOLUTION RELOCATING POLLING PLACE

Konkol stated this was supposed to be done prior to the first election we had here, but did not know we needed a resolution for this. Konkol contacted Attorney Bartels, and he did this resolution to establish the Village Hall at 100 North Wall Street as the polling place on Election Day for all Wards to be retroactively effective to March 1, 2024. **Steffek/Ackley moved to approve Resolution 16-2024, A Resolution Relocating Polling Place. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION 17-2024, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO SATISFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE WISCONSIN RECYCLING CONSOLIDATION GRANT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Thronson stated the resolution was sent late and need to pass it as a Responsible Unit for purposes of implementing efficiencies related to operating an effective recycling program in accordance with State Statutes. **Wertel/Bielinski moved to approve Resolution 12-2024, an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for the Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation Grant for Calendar Year 2025. Motion carried.**

BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARED BY CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN (CLA), A PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE GIVEN BY FINANCIAL CONSULTANT MIKE KONECNY

Konecny went over talking points of the Governance Letter and Financial Statement and stated there are no unusual statements, no disagreements and no difficulties with management. **Bielinski/Ackley moved to accept the Audit and Financial Statement prepared by Clifton Larson Allen (CLA). Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2024-12, PROPOSED CHAPTER 188, SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES OF THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK MUNICIPAL CODE

Goral/Steffek moved to approve Ordinance 2024-12, Proposed Chapter 188, Sexually Oriented Businesses of the Village of Denmark Municipal Code. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS IN THE VILLAGE FOLLOWING HOBART’S ORDINANCE WITH MODIFICATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK’S USE

Deputy Rusk stated they are basically following Hobart’s Ordinance. **Ackley/Wertel moved to accept the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation and to have the DEO’s draft an ordinance following Hobart’s Ordinance to allow golf carts in the Village with modifications for the Village of Denmark’s use. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS IN THE VILLAGE

Bielinski/Wertel moved to accept the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation to have the DEO’s draft an ordinance regarding the use of Electric Scooters in the Village. Motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CUTTING TREES BY TRAILSHEAD

Thronson recommended cutting 4-5 trees down on the west side of the Trailhead Building, as they are overgrown, and replace them with something else. Thronson also shared that there is a lot of vandalism that occurs on the west side of the building, and maybe this would help to control it. **Steffek/Ackley moved to instruct Public Works to remove as many trees as deemed necessary and plant trees with instruction from the Public Works Committee. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON WHEN TO LOCK GATES ON BALL DIAMONDS

Thronson stated there are electric scooters riding around on the lower diamond and would like to get a specific date to lock gates on the baseball diamonds. **Ackley/Stefek moved to set October 31st as the date to lock the gates on the baseball diamonds every year going forward. Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION

Wertel/Bielinski moved to convene into closed session pursuant to:

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

and

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, Johnson – aye, Goral – aye, Steffek – aye, Ackley – aye, Wertel – aye, Selner – aye. Motion carried.

(Village Board Meeting, September 9, 2024)

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

Ackley/Wertel 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 taken.

ADJOURN

Goral/Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer