

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Officials Present: Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Konkol, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Charlie Wanish, Deputy Jeremiah Rusk, Zoning Administrator Jeff Sanders

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Steffek/Wertel moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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

Bill Kane, 638 DePere Road is requesting information on 3 topics – Salaries for Board Members, why are we paying Salm Partners yearly, and additional tavern license, who got it and what did he pay

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 AS DESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

- Ackley/Johnson moved to approve as presented.**
- a. Approval of Village Board minutes and other committee minutes for preceding meetings**
 - i. Village Board Meeting November 11, 2024**
 - b. Approve miscellaneous licenses and permits.**
- Motion carried.**

BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

Ackley/Wertel moved to approve as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Selner stated there are written reports from the electrical, plumbing, building inspectors and public works director.

Sanders

- Provided the Board with some Zoning Legislative updates

Rusk

- November was a fairly busy month
- The next Coffee with a Cop will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at the Community Center (formerly the Senior Center) at 141 Highridge Avenue
- Christmas tree lighting went well
- Bar checks were done in November
- Had some high priority calls – domestic call with a firearm, domestic call with 3 taser deployments, fatal crash on I-43, stolen vehicle that was caught by a Flock camera, domestic violence
- Sex offender appeal-awaiting application
- New police car budgeted for 2025

Konkol

- Property taxes were mailed out last week

Wanish

- Researching software program for the Building Inspector

Selner

- Complimented the groups that were involved in the tree lighting
- Thanked Public Works employee Steve Zellner for lighting the trees
- Shared the Brown County Highway Department is holding a Public meeting at the Village Hall on December 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a replacement project for the County KB bridge over the Neshota River, located in the Town of New Denmark

BROWN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, DANIEL KANE HERE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Kane stated Brown County, and its municipalities should be using an All Hazard approach, as it is a Nationwide System. The Village does not have an Emergency Plan and needs to make it a priority to put a plan together. Kane will meet with the Board to get the plan started. Selner stated we will reach out to neighboring municipalities and schedule a meeting with Kane after the first of the year.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION RESIDENTS PAYING FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CARTS UPON ISSUANCE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025

Discussion by the Board whether to bill the residents, put it on the tax bill, or just keep it as is, was had without a solution.

Wertel/Ackley moved to suspend the rules of the meeting for the public to speak. Motion carried

The consensus of the public was to put it on the taxes or check with other municipalities to see what they do.

Ackley/Wertel moved to return to the regular rules of the meeting. Motion carried.

No action was taken on this matter. Staff will check with neighboring municipalities to see how they handle fees for garbage and recycling carts.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDING CHAPTER 145 FILLING AND GRADING, OF THE VILLAGE OF DENMARK CODE TO INCLUDE DREDGING

Sanders explained that Filling and Grading falls under Inherent Police Power. Sanders stated this amendment is clarifying and cleaning up the ordinance with 3 primary changes:

- If disturbing more than one acre of land, neighboring property owners need to be notified
- The temporary storage of fill material resulting from the repair or replacement of water lines, sanitary sewer lines, stormwater management facilities and structures, streets, sidewalks, or other public infrastructure does not require a permit
- The Department of Public Works Director and the Zoning Administrator shall administer this Chapter, in collaboration with the Building Inspector and Village Attorney on an as needed basis

Sanders shared the \$25 fee will remain the same and the permit is not legal until published. **Ackley/Wertel moved to approve amending Chapter 145 Filling and Grading, of the Village of Denmark Code to include dredging. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FEES FOR FAILURE TO HAVE APPROPRIATE BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Discussion included the clarification of who applied for the building permit and doing research on what other municipalities do. **Ackley/Wertel moved to postpone this item until the January meeting. 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. Steffek – aye, Goral – aye, Bielinski – aye, Johnson – aye, Ackley – aye, Wertel – aye, Selner – aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Wertel/Johnson moved to approve extending a developer's options for a 6 month period ending June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Johnson/Bielinski moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk/Treasurer