



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2021

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Combined Locks Civic Center

Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street

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- A. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Neumeier at 6:30pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge recited
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Vander Zanden, Ponto, Rietveld, Krueger, Schinke, and Stutzman. Board members absent – None. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese and Public Works Director Swick. Also present – Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
 - 2. Swear in appointed trustee, Jim Ponto:** Jim Ponto was sworn in as trustee; filling a seat vacated by Ken Vander Wielen
 - 3. Review and consider approval of minutes & bills:** J. Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes with one date change. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the bills as presented. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 4. Administrator, Law Enforcement and Public Works Director reports – accept and file:** The Administrator and Public Works Director highlighted a few topics on the reports for the trustees. The reports were then accepted and filed and are available for review in the Clerk's Office.
 - 5. Accurate Appraisal conducting a Village-wide market revaluation for 2021:** The Administrator reviewed information received from Accurate Appraisal in their endeavors to help educate the public on a market revaluation process. Information is available to read and view on the Village's website. The 5-year contract with Accurate Appraisal includes one revaluation year. The Village's assessed value to fair market value ratio fell to 88.32% in 2020.
 - 6. Discuss and consider approval to delineate a bike lane on Prospect Street:** The trustees discussed an option to stripe a bike lane on Prospect Street as part of the mill and overlay project this summer. It would help delineate a leg of the Loop the Locks bicycle trail. The loop currently goes around Combined Locks using the CE Trail and Buchanan Road. The matter was discussed. J. Ponto made a motion to wait to stripe a bike lane until more information is reviewed. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 7. Discuss and consider approval to reduce road width on Elm Street:** The Public Works Director and Administrator discussed the need to make some changes on Elm Street as part of its reconstruction this summer. The current terrace area is not wide enough to pour new curbing around the utility poles. Possible resolutions to this issue are: require WE Energies to obtain easements from all property owners with utility poles on their properties, have the Village purchase more right of way from all of the property owners on Elm Street or reduce the road width on Elm Street to allow for more terrace area. The easement and land purchase options would take extra time which could

prohibit the road construction this summer. In turn, this could result in a higher project cost in 2022. The option to reduce the road width was discussed. T. Stutzman made a motion to reduce the road width to ensure the project is completed in 2021. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 8. Review Van Zeeland Park plans:** The trustees reviewed the final Van Zeeland Park plans as drafted by the Plan Commission, staff and SEH. The redevelopment project will be out for bid in February and bids opened on 03/10/21.
- 9. Review and consider approval of an operator license for M. Bosch:** T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the operator license for M. Bosch. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 10. Other business, updates or items for future agendas:** 1) Fire Consolidation Committee Meeting scheduled for 2/9
2) League of Wisconsin Municipalities – Legal Commentary on Recreational Immunity; some refresher information to help navigate decisions regarding recreation programs and community events 3) Start the process to order jackets for employees and commission members using insurance dividend funds. An on-line store for residents to purchase Village apparel will also be established.
- 11. Adjourn:** T. Stutzman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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