**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 2022**

Mayor Michael VandeVelde presiding

MEMBERS: Dennis Lutes, Judy Einach, Josh Freifeld, Blake Maras

OTHERS: Vince Luce, Becki Paternosh, Ed LeBarron, Rob Genthner, Erin Schuster, Bonnie Rae Strickland, Andrew Thompson, Andrew Webster, Don McCord, Nichole Ruf (Director, Drescher & Malecki), Ron Nutting, Steve Cockram, Ann Kneer, Shauna Chasse, Jen Morse, Steph Blount

**MAYOR/BOARD**

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1-2022/BUILDING CODE UPDATED

The public hearing was opened for any public comments.

There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2-2022/TREE LAW

The Hearing for Local Law #2 was opened for comments from the public.

There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

2021-2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PRESENTATION

Representative Nichole Ruf of Drescher & Malecki gave a presentation on the Village’s

2021-2022 Financial Statements.

MINUTES

**The board made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/21/22 by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously.**

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUE

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

REPORT

**The board made a motion to approve the Police Monthly report by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously.**

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

PROGRAM REPORT

**The board made a motion to approve the monthly report as given by Rec. Director Andrew Webster, by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously.**

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

It was noted there were no building permits issued in the month of November.

REQUEST EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PUBLIC WORKS**

LEAF PICKUP UPDATE

Ed noted that leaf pickup will be finishing up this week.

4-WAY STOP UP BY WELCH FIELD

There was a brief discussion as to the 4-way stop up by the Welch Field area. Ed noted he had ordered some different signage to place in that area to be more visible.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

Andrew noted high winds experienced last weekend and he was concerned having new employees, but all went well.

IEEP, our energy efficient program, proposed increasing the current rate of what we allocate of $.001 per kwh up to $.002 per kwh. The current rate has been in effect since 2001, and the IEEP management committee feels that an increase is necessary. That increase would amount to about $1.00 a month. The board agreed with this increase on the bills of each customer, noting that many of the rebate programs the Village offers to residents through the IEEP Program.

**TREASURER**

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

**The board made a motion to approve the budget transfers by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**

**CLERK**

Thank you to Street Department for taking down the shield on the Diaz.

SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS

Reminder for the Annual Safety Training December 12, 2022.Sessions will be held as follows: 9:00 a.m,11:00 a.m.,1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and the later one at 6:00 p.m. for the Fire Department’s availability. These sessions would last for approximately an hour.

EASON HALL COLUMNS INSTALLATION

Clerk Luce noted that the front doors of the Eason Hall will be closed starting next week Monday so that the Columns may be replaced in the front of the building. Both the side handicapped doors will be open and available for people to come in to pay their utility bills or they can pay online and can still be paid by mail and at the drop off box too. Hopefully, this entire process should be over in about two weeks, the front door is scheduled to be closed through December 23rd.

ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS

LOCAL LAW #1-2022 BUILDING CODE UPDATES

**The board made a motion to approve Local Law #1/Building Code Updates on a motion made by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Lutes and was carried unanimously.**

LOCAL LAW #2-2022 AMEND TREE LAW

**The board made a motion by Trustee Einach, seconded by Trustee Maras and was carried unanimously to approve Local Law #2-2022/Amend the Tree Law.**

WARRANTS

**The board made a motion by Trustee Lutes, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to approve the following warrants.**

 **Sewer #34 $23,251.98**

 **Electric #31 28,301.16**

 **Water #42 8,813.43**

 **General #32 24,650.30**

**VISITORS**

BILLING QUESTION ADDRESSED

A Village resident voiced concern regarding her utility bill. She explained that she received a late fee due to the wrong due date by the Village and requested a waiver of the late fee. The Mayor noted next month’s bill could be adjusted to which the board agreed to make this adjustment to all Town bills that were paid late in October.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**The board made a motion by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues.**

**Following the Executive Session the board made a motion by Trustee Maras, seconded by Trustee Freifeld and was carried unanimously to exit the Executive Session.**

**ACTION**

**Action taken resulting from the Executive Session is as follows:**

**The board authorized for Don McCord, WDC Director, to negotiate the Village property sale located at 184 N. Portage Street on behalf of the Village.**

**There being no further business to come before the board the motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Freifeld, seconded by Trustee Einach and was carried unanimously.**