



Village Board Public Hearing & Meeting Minutes November 18, 2019

President Bob McDermott opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken, it showed Trustees Bichler, Ruege, Manian, Werner, and San Felippo were present. Also in attendance was John Rassel and Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser. Lesser explained the budget numbers to the room of attendees, going through first revenues and then expenses. Lesser also explained why the percent of change was so drastic on some of the line items was because some of the general ledger accounts in the budget worksheet were re-categorized making either a large increase/decrease over the 2019 numbers. John Rassel asked questions regarding the mill rate, net new construction and about the ledger accounts that were re-categorized.

President McDermott closed the public hearing at 6:22 pm.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: President Bob McDermott called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Trustees present included Mark Bichler, Barb Ruege, Eric Stowell, Elizabeth Manian, Blaine Werner, and Mike San Felippo. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Pat Depies, Public Works Director Joe Huiras, John Rassel, and Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: All those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Action on Minutes from the November 4, 2019 Village Board Meeting: Trustee Stowell made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Trustee Bichler seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
4. Public Comments: None
5. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action to Authorize obtaining Information from Local Banks for a Short-Term Loan for Final Design Expenses of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades: President McDermott presented the Board with information from Collins State Bank and BMO Harris Bank. BMO Harris offered 4.25% and Collins State Bank offered 3.25%. Trustee Werner made a motion to accept the Collins State Bank proposal for the short term loan at 3.25%. Trustee Stowell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
 - b. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action on Village Fee Schedule: There were questions regarding the cat license, it was recommended from finance to remove the requirement to license cats. DPW Director Huiras questioned how to enforce the accumulating of cats, the non-licensing of cats is how they remove cats from the village. No decision was made at this time. A motion to table the fee schedule until more research can be conducted on removing the cat license was made by Trustee San Felippo. Trustee Stowell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
6. New Business:
 - a. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action on Resolution 2019-5, 2019 Village Tax Levy \$916,315 Collectable in 2020: Trustee San Felippo made a motion to adopt resolution 2019-05 setting the 2019 property tax levy at \$966,315. Trustee Manian seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0. Trustee Werner recused himself.
 - b. Discussion, Review and Possible Action to Settle 2018 AEMT Expenses: President McDermott explained that after doing research into the expenses of the 2018 position of the AEMT and

found that \$31,521.03 was spent, leaving \$38,682.97 remaining of the referendum funds. Trustee Werner left the table and sat in the audience recusing himself from the subject as a Trustee. McDermott explained that this amount is to be expensed to the Random Lak Fire Department. Fire Chief Depies explained that this past year the department had to purchase two Life Pack 15's. Their cost is \$30,000 each. Chief Depies further commented that this money will help offset the cost of purchasing the equipment. Trustee Bichler made a motion to approve paying the Random Lake Fire Department the remaining funds from the 2018 referendum for the AEMT position in the amount of \$38,682.97. Trustee San Felippo seconded the motion. Clerk/Treasurer Lesser commented that due to the funds being from 2018 there will need to be a budget amendment to expense the funds. Motion carried, 6-0. Trustee Werner recused himself from the vote.

- c. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action to Implement a Deferred Compensation Program for Employees through the State Provider: Clerk/Treasurer Lesser explained that the deferred compensation program is a cost free program for the village, it's an additional retirement program for employees, it's a 457 plan and offers pre-tax and post-tax contributions completely funded by the employee. Trustee Werner explained that the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation program is one of the best in the state. Trustee Bichler made a motion to implement the deferred compensation program administered by Great West Insurance Company. Trustee Werner seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Repeal and Adopt Code of Ordinances Section 30-5(a) & (b) Snow and Ice Removal – Sidewalks to be Kept Clear and Depositing in Street Prohibited: DPW Director Huiras read the new ordinance. Trustee Ruege commented that she had concerns regarding areas in the village that does not have space between the road and the sidewalk like downtown on Carroll Street. Huiras explained that when the snow gets too high the department will go around and remove the snow, that won't change. Trustee Werner wanted to know who has authority to write tickets, Huiras responded the Sheriff's Department and also stated that a 24 hour notice is given before the DPW clears it and then the property owner is charged for the work. Trustee San Felippo commented that the charges for the DPW doing this work should be hefty enough that it's not used as a service. Trustee San Felippo made a motion to adopt ordinance 2019-07 repealing and adopting changes to section 30-5(a) & (b) of the Village of Random Lake code or ordinances. Trustee Stowell seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action on Design Work for Reconstruction of Grand Avenue: Trustee San Felippo made a motion to approve having the design work for reconstruction of Grand Avenue completed. Trustee Manian seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- f. Discussion, Review, and Possible Action on Design Work for Reconstruction of South Spring Street: Trustee San Felippo made a motion to approve having the design work for reconstruction of South Spring Street completed. Trustee Ruege seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Consent Agenda: (items listed under the consent agenda are considered under one motion unless a Village Board member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda)
 - Approval of bills: General Fund: \$36,187.63; Sewer: \$5,449.27; Water: \$2,484.70Trustee Manian made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee San Felippo seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
8. Staff and committee reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer – Office Update: Clerk/Treasurer Lesser stated that both Lisa and myself continue to learn where everything is in the office and relocating items to better their work load.
 - b. Director of Public Works: DPW Director Huiras stated that they are working on flushing hydrants this week. He will be going to look at a Christmas tree this week, one that is possibly being donated. Decorations will be placed this week. Huiras stated that the brush pile will be closed on November 25th but they will be driving around collecting leaves at curb side with the street sweeper, the leaf-vac has been put away for the year.
 - c. Committees: Trustee Manian stated that the Personnel Committee met and has been working on the handbook, another meeting on will be held on November 19th.
 - d. President: McDermott asked the committees to work on a 5 year plan, he feels that there should be a plan of where the village is heading, a 5 year outlook.
9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer