

Public Hearing
Ordinance No. 477 Duplicate Treasurer's Bond Eliminated

January 3, 2017

Public hearing called to order at 6:55 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Deal, Hennessey, Leicht, and Schumacher. Absent: Lautz. Also present: Coulee News Special Correspondent Tobias Mann, Village Assessor Tony Kiel, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear citizen comments on proposed Ordinance No. 477, which, if approved, would elect not to give the duplicate bond on the Village Administrator acting as Village Treasurer.

There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed Ordinance.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Deal to close the public hearing at 6:58 p.m. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village
Administrator

Regular Board Meeting

January 3, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Deal, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Also present: Coulee News Special Correspondent Tobias Mann, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Recreation Director Michelle Czerwan, Peyton Czerwan, Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Village Assessor Tony Kiel, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2016, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

General Fund: \$2,639,819.96

<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$19,504.37
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$16,187.55
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$3,724.97

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Ordinance No. 477

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Deal to approve Ordinance No. 477 as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Update on Village-wide Reassessment

Village Assessor Tony Kiel reported his firm's progress on the 2017 reassessment process.

FBI National Academy

Police Chief Charles Ashbeck presented a report to the Village Board of his recent academy training at the FBI National Academy.

Alcohol Beverage License Applications

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the issuance of alcohol beverage license applications to Nicholas A. Neary, Anna C. Weidner, and Katelyn M. Wiese. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on December 20, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to receive a report from Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker regarding truck equipment and garage issues with possible recommendations to the Village Board regarding solutions. Mr. Halbrucker informed the Committee of several vehicle, equipment, and structural issues within the Public Works Department. The 1996, orange Ford tandem purchased many years ago from La Crosse County has significant mechanical issues. The muffler on the truck is not repairable, and he has been informed businesses cannot legally replace the muffler with the same type on this truck. A new muffler could cost \$5,000. There is a bad switch on the vehicle that no one can seem to locate, and if it is not turned off, the battery is drained. There is a large hole in the major brace for the wing, and it is rusted through. Mr. Halbrucker stated the truck was never designed to clear municipal streets. The 1994 Ford tandem has over 500,000 miles on it, and it also has several mechanical issues. Mr. Halbrucker stated there are tandem trucks available, but the plows do not turn on the trucks he has located so far. He believes he can find a used, replacement tandem for \$30,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Halbrucker then reported one of the 20-foot wide garage doors at the Village Shop needs to be replaced. The garage doors are 35 years old, weigh over 1,000 pounds, and the

nonfunctioning door is now a major safety concern and all repair options have been exhausted. The doors must be closed so that the sewer vacuum truck and other equipment do not become damaged due to the cold temperatures. If a new door is authorized, it will take at least four weeks before it arrives and can be installed. The Committee directed Mr. Halbrucker to locate a single-axle truck with a wing, plow, and sander now in order to continue this winter's snow clearing activities and continue searching for a tandem truck to replace the present one. He was also directed to order a new 20-foot wide garage door as soon as possible.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2016, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Deal to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Administrator Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village