

Public Hearing  
2021 Operating Plan

December 1, 2020

Public hearing called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

The public hearing was scheduled to hear public comment regarding the proposed 2021 Operating Plan. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the proposed 2021 Operating Plan.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to close the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator

Regular Meeting

December 1, 2020

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Brown – abstain; remainder of Board - aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

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| <u>General Fund:</u>        | \$6,262.13  |
| <u>Water Utility:</u>       | \$83,140.77 |
| <u>Sewer Utility:</u>       | \$11,735.83 |
| <u>Storm Water Utility:</u> | \$313.68    |

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

### 2021 Operating Plan

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the 2021 Operating Plan, which calls for total expenditures of \$2,952,102 and a levy of \$1,564,443. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Resolution 8.20

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve Resolution 8.20 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$7,029,332 Joint Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, and Providing for Other Detail and Covenants with Respect Thereto. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Maintenance Agreement

The Village Board reviewed a proposed Maintenance Agreement for a new multi-use path bridge over the La Crosse River to be constructed by La Crosse County under the Transportation Enhancements Program through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Village Administrator DeLong reported the proposed agreement is identical to the agreement the Village entered into with the County for the present pedestrian/bike trail from Veteran's Memorial Park to the City of Onalaska. La Crosse County Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain explained that La Crosse County cannot enter into agreements with the Department of Transportation until the Village and County have signed the Maintenance Agreement. If the Village does not accept the structure and associated maintenance, the County will have to decline the grant, and the bridge project will not be constructed. This Agreement entitles the Village to be a part of the process of choosing a management consultant, interviewing a design engineer, and to be a part of the entire process. Mr. Chamberlain will provide a copy of the signed agreement between the DOT and the County. Design of this bridge has not begun yet, but he assumes the bridge will be constructed out of concrete or steel. The life expectancy of the new bridge is 75 years, and during that 75 years, painting will probably have to be done only once. The bridge will have the same winter maintenance requirements as the present pedestrian path, which is none. The bridge will not have to be shoveled in the winter. He predicts the most the Village would have to do is maybe sweep off loose pebbles, maintenance of rip-rap, and removal of debris. This bridge will require bi-annual inspection by certified bridge inspectors employed at the County Highway Department. The County then submits the information into the State database, and the State will review and come back with any maintenance required. The County would charge the Village \$100 for these inspections.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the Bridge Maintenance Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Leicht shared with the Board the review and discussion had by the Finance and Personnel Committee prior to this Village Board meeting. The Committee met to review proposals received for purchase of laptop computers for issuance to Village Board members. The Committee felt the investment is a possibility, but there are more questions and details that would have to be worked out. Trustee Leicht requested input from the Village Board on this investment before further discussions took place. In the

interim, Attorney Klos was directed to review the possibility of having Village Board Trustees participate in Board meetings via speaker telephone.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to cancel the December 15, 2020, Village Board meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator