

VILLAGE BOARD
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The Village Board of Combined Locks was called to order by President John Neumeier. Trustees in attendance included: Cathy Vander Zanden, Jim Ponto, Ken Vander Wielen, Ruth Wulgaert, and Justin Krueger. Tim Stutzman was absent.

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Ryan Swick, Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager, and several Kimberly High School students and their parents.

The first item on the agenda was for public comment for matters not on the agenda. No public comments were received.

The next item on the agenda was to review the bids received for the 2019 Utility Projects and consider award of the project. The Administrator explained that the bids were opened on 02/06/19, and four bids were received ranging in price from \$712,646.65 to \$864,843.00. Donald Hietpas & Sons, Inc was the low bidder. The matter was discussed. J. Ponto made a motion to award the 2019 Utility Projects to Donald Hietpas & Sons, Inc for their bid of \$712,646.65. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and discuss potential changes to Ordinance Sections 8-1-11 through 8-1-12 to include the proposed addition of 8-1-13 regarding smoking, vaping and minors. The Administrator explained that she had reviewed other vaping ordinances recently adopted by other communities and had spoken with the Village's attorney. The Village's attorney has stated that the issue with vaping devices is that they can be used for nicotine and nicotine-free cartridges, and there is no easy way to discern if the cartridge contains nicotine or not. The matter was discussed at length with some trustees in favor of adopting an ordinance prohibiting minors from vaping on public property and other trustees believing we should wait for direction from the State of Wisconsin. The Administrator was asked to contact the League of Wisconsin Municipalities for an opinion on passing this type of ordinance.

The next item on the agenda was to review the potential impact of the water rate increase from Kimberly Water Department which is expected to be approved in the next month. The Administrator reviewed the 2019 Water Utility Budget using the expected rate increase for wholesale water. It was noted that the budget had been drafted with an expected 20% rate increase, but the overall increase is now expected to be 24%. It was also noted that there have been several water breaks in the Village since December. The budget and rate increase impacts were discussed. The Administrator explained that once the new rates are fully approved in Kimberly, Combined Locks has 90 days to apply for a Purchased Water Adjustment Clause. The consensus of trustee opinion was that we would move forward with the PWAC versus a Simplified Rate Case that only accounts for the cost of inflation.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of Resolution 2019-3 regarding a request to reduce the speed limit on a section of CHT CE. The Administrator reminded the Board of its direction to draft the resolution after the joint meeting with the Town of Buchanan and the Outagamie County Highway Commission. The request from both communities is to reduce the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on CTH CE from CTH HH west to Railroad Street. C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-3. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of a special event permit for the 2019 St. Pat's Run/Walk scheduled for 03/10/19. The Administrator reviewed the event details with the trustees and noted that this is roughly the fifth year the event passed through Combined Locks. The matter was discussed. J. Krueger made a motion to approve the special event permit. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In other general business, the Administrator reported that Judge Gill had approved the sale of Appleton Coated property, known as the mill farm property, to Appvion for \$595,000 at the 02/14/19 hearing, but the sale of the landfill parcels would be considered at the end of March after some contract language was changed. The Administrator gave each trustee a copy of the Fire Department Fire Service Study drafted by the Town of Buchanan to review, and reminded the trustees that the next Centennial Celebration Committee meeting is scheduled for 02/25/19. The Administrator also praised the Public Works employees for their extra efforts over the last month in dealing with snow plowing, snow removal and water break repairs in sub-zero temperatures. The crew has been doing an exemplary job even with a couple of employees on vacation and/or sick leave.

K. Vander Wielen made a motion to adjourn. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.