

VILLAGE BOARD
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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

Also in attendance were Village Administrator Racquel Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Ryan Swick and Judy Hebbe of the Times Villager.

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 the public hearing regarding the 2020 General Fund Budget and tax levy for municipal purposes. The Village President opened the public hearing, but there were no members of the public present. The Administrator summarized the General Fund Budget revenues, expenses and tax levy. At the Board's direction, the levy was set at \$1,512,560, which represents a levy equal to 2019 plus \$500 transferred from Outagamie County to the Village for outdoor warning sirens maintenance. This levy is \$24,806 less than the maximum allowable levy and equates to a tax rate of \$5.20 per \$1000 of assessed value. It was noted that this levy is slightly different from the levy published in the Times Villager for the public hearing notice. The changes include the reduced levy, reduced Municipal Court expenses due to abolishing the court, and increases in the reserve funds for future capital purchases and projects. The public hearing was then closed.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a motion to adopt the 2020 General Fund Budget and tax levy for municipal purposes. T. Stutzman made a motion to adopt the budget and tax levy as presented. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider repeal of Ordinance Section 2-3-12 an ordinance to abolish Combined Locks Municipal Court. The Administrator explained that the document had been drafted by the Village's Attorney based on the Board's 11/05 direction to move forward with abolishing Municipal Court. As proposed, the ordinance to abolish the court is effective 05/01/2020, which reflects the end of the current Municipal Judge's term. The matter was discussed briefly. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve Ordinance Section 2-3-12 as presented. J. Neumeier seconded the motion, and it passed in a roll call vote with six (6) ayes and one absence (C. Vander Zanden).

The next item on the agenda was to consider a motion to adopt the 2020 Storm Water Fund Budget. It was noted that the budget had been reviewed at the 11/05/19 meeting, and the ERU rate is increased to \$130 from \$120. J. Krueger made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to consider a motion to adopt the 2020 Solid Waste Fund Budget. It was noted that the budget had been reviewed at the 11/05/19 meeting, and the special charges are increased to \$110 and \$157 from \$100 and \$147. J. Ponto made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. K. Vander Wielen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the proposed 2020 Water Utility Budget. The Administrator and Public Works Director reviewed the proposed budget with the trustees and noted that the revenues and expenses reflect the new water rates. No main replacement projects will be undertaken in 2020. The budget will be on the 12/03/19 agenda for approval.

The next item on the agenda was to review the proposed 2020 Sanitary Sewer Budget. The Administrator and Public Works Director reviewed the proposed budget with the trustees and noted that the expenses include additional funds to scan and repair or replace manholes. No replacement projects will be undertaken in 2020.

The next item on the agenda was to review and consider approval of operator licenses. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve licenses for M. Portman, D. Thomson and G. Guthrie. J. Krueger seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. J. Krueger made a motion to deny a license for J. Hills. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In other general business, the Administrator provided a brief update of the FEMA documentation meetings, and explained that she will find out the status of the Fire Services Study RFP and report back. President Neumeier then thanked all the employees for their work on the 2020 budgets and for being mindful of how taxpayer dollars are spent.

J. Ponto made a motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees of the Village of Combined Locks. T. Stutzman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was expected.

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

The Board members then went to the Fire Department to see the new support truck and discuss future building needs.

J. Krueger made a motion to adjourn. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.