

March 20, 2017 (Village Board Meeting)

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017  
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Mleziva called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 118 East Main Street, Denmark, WI 54208

Present: Susan Selner, Vince Wertel, Milton Bielinski, Alan Schilke, Paul Hergarten, Mary Jo Bielinski, Gregory Mleziva

OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Clerk Sherri Konkol, Treasurer Kim Coogle, Director of Public Works Erika Sisel, DEO Jonathon Dzekute, DEO Dan Delebreaux, Village Attorney Terry Bouressa

REMARKS/COMMENTS BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Mleziva welcomed all present. He recapped the rules of an open meeting and cited the two opportunities outlined in the agenda where preregistered citizens or anyone present could speak.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Wanda Strouf, 430 Jorgensen Street, here to follow up on policing question she has brought to the Village Board the last several meetings. Strouf was wondering if one meeting could be changed from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., as she stated more people could attend the meeting if it was later because most people work and cannot make the 4:30 meeting.

- President Mleziva stated the Village Board will try to accommodate that.

Strouf asked about the school contract and what was happening with it.

- President Mleziva stated that we have a signed contract with the school district through the end of the school year.

Strouf stated that she started another site on Facebook called Denmark Supporting Denmark because the Denmark Helping Denmark is an uplifting site and not political.

Strouf asked who is paying for the gas for our DEO's to take their cars home, because officers were never allowed to take their cars home in the past.

- President Mleziva explained that the DEO's being allowed to take their cars home was approved by the Village Board after the Village Garage was sold.

Strouf asked if our DEO's were going to be in the Memorial Park when the weather gets better to mingle with the kids in the evening like the previous police officers did when Denmark had their own department.

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- President Mleziva stated our officers will absolutely interact with the kids in the park. Mleziva told Strouf that the village staffs accordingly, and schedules where the greatest need is in the Village. We do not promote a fixed schedule so everyone knows when the officers are on duty.

Strouf stated there are a lot of needs in the Village and a small town needs one on one interaction with the police officers. Strouf suggested a fundraiser for the police officers to interact with kids, and she would like to see more personable contact with the residents of the Village.

- President Mleziva stated the board continues to analyze and discuss the needs of the Village, and having our own police department is a huge liability to the Village that is now the responsibility of Brown County. Mleziva explained the Village Board takes the safety of the Village very seriously.

Strouf would like to see a town hall meeting put together at a later time like 6:00 so other concerned residents can come and voice their own concerns and do not have to go through her. Strouf stated she could have at least 34 people at a town hall meeting.

- President Mleziva stated that he will check into it to see what the Village can do to set up a town hall meeting.

Before approving the Consent Agenda, President Mleziva shared with the board that there was no action taken on the Plan Commission's recommendation to rezone Parcel VD-91-20, located at 217 North Wall Street, and there needs to be a vote on the recommendation. This will be an agenda item in April.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL ITEMS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED UPON BY ONE (1) MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A TRUSTEE SO REQUESTS IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED AND PUT ON THE REGULAR AGENDA AS DESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**Schilke/M. Bielinski moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

#### AUDIT PRESENTATION BY SCHENCK SC

Brian Grunewald of Schenck SC presented the audit report to the Village Board.

President Mleziva pointed out that there is not an agenda item to act on approving the audit report, and would like a motion to amend the agenda to include the audit report approval.

**Selner/Wertel moved to amend the agenda to include the audit report approval. Motion carried.**

**Selner/Wertel moved to approve the audit report as presented by Brian Grunewald, of Schenck SC. Motion carried.**

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BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID APPROVAL FOR PINE STREET CONSTRUCTION/WOODROW STREET SIDEWALK PROJECTS

President Mleziva stated that the board went into the bid process with the mindset to do the Woodrow Street sidewalks with the Pine Street Construction to keep cost low, and all bids for the sidewalks exceeded what was anticipated. Because of safety concerns, Mleziva said the sidewalks should be done, but would like to see them re-bid as a separate project.

Considerable discussion was had regarding using native material backfilling or gravel for the Pine Street project to avoid dips in the road.

**M. Bielinski/Wertel moved to accept Alternative Bid A Native Fill contract with additional compaction testing and take the Woodrow Street sidewalk project out of the bid. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Cooke stated there is a requirement in the process for applying for financial assistance from Rural Development that the intent to apply be recorded in the minutes.

**Wertel/M.J. Bielinski moved to approve the intent to file for financial assistance with USDA Rural Development for 2017 improvements which include Pine Street Reconstruction, Memorial Park Sanitary Sewer, Lynch Avenue Easement Sanitary Sewer, Well #2 Upgrade Project, Boiler Replacement at Wastewater Treatment Plant and 2018 improvements which include North Wall Street Water & Sanitary Sewer Replacements. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT

Attorney Bouressa explained that the amendment has not been reviewed by staff, and asked that the Building Code Amendment be tabled for a future meeting no later than 30 days.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE, POLICY, PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULE APPROVAL

Attorney Bouressa explained this ordinance was created to permit people to use our Right-of-Way for utilities.

**Hargarten/Schilke moved to adopt the Right-of-Way ordinance, policy, permit and fee schedule. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES TO ELIMINATE THE FEES WITHIN THE ORDINANCES AND REFER TO THE FEE SCHEDULE

Attorney Bouressa explained that all fee provisions will be extracted from the ordinances and put in a separate ordinance. This will make it more flexible as ordinances will not need to be amended anytime there is a fee modification.

**Wertel/Hargarten moved to adopt the amendment to ordinances to eliminate the fees within the ordinances and refer to the fee schedule.**

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Discussion

A question was raised as to some of the fees on the fee schedule. It was determined that the board will have to address the fees on a future agenda.

**Motion carried.**

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT

**Charles Collier** from The Denmark News asked what the total cost on the Pine Street bid was.

President Mleziva stated the total cost for the Pine Street bid is \$748,014.18 before an additional \$15,000 -\$20,000 for compaction testing.

**Scott Wagner**, 212 North Wall Street, feels there should be better notification of meetings, such as Planning Commission meetings that involve rezoning property.

President Mleziva explained to Wagner that we follow the State Statutes for meeting postings.

CLOSED SESSION

**Wertel/M.J. Bielinski** moved to convene into closed session pursuant to: **Conducting business with competitive or bargaining implications under Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats., specifically as to continued negotiations for construction of municipal garage and for conferring with legal counsel as to same and to consider potential litigation against the village related to drainage issues and specifically 888 Woodrow and claims made by the Schilkes, under Sec. 19.85 (1)(g) Wis. Stats.** **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS. STATUTE 19.85(2) TO TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM(S) IN CLOSED SESSION

**M.J. Bielinski/Wertel** moved to go back into open session

**M. Bielinski/Hargarten** moved to give Attorney Bouressa the authority to present the proposal to IPR as discussed in closed session. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURN

**M.J. Bielinski/Schilke** moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk