

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 21, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
Darien Village Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin St.  
Darien, WI 53114**

1. **Call to Order.** Village President Jane Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Darien Village Hall and via Zoom Teleconference.
2. **Roll Call.** Village President Jane Stiles and Trustees Kevin Atkinson, Elizabeth Baumann, Cheryl Kaufenberg (via Zoom), Ken Truckey, and Will Volmar (via Zoom) were present. Also present was Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lindsey Peterson, Attorney Keith Venema, Public Works Superintendent Greg Epping, and Public Works Operator Mike Veley.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Acknowledgement of petitions, memorials, or other communications**
  - A. **Reminder of the Tuesday, April 5, 2022 election.** President Stiles provided a reminder that the Spring election would be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Darien Village Hall.
  - B. **Announcement of the Tuesday, April 19, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Darien Village Hall.** President Stiles announced the Reorganizational Meeting to take place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.
5. **Citizen Comment –**

Sandy Anderson of N2605 Wise Road, Darien, stated she wanted to ask the Village Board how they would feel if the NewCold building was built behind their property. She stated the proposed building had caused one of her neighbors to move after living there for 30 years. She stated she hopes that the Village Board keeps Darien, Darien.

Christina Green of Sweet & Maier, Elkhorn, stated she knows the Village Board is going into closed session and discussing incentives for NewCold. She stated she wanted the Village Board to know that if they are giving NewCold a TID, then all the money they think they are getting to build a 15-story building they are not getting for 10 to 20 years. She said she wanted them to keep in mind that the taxes they are getting are down the road. She said NewCold has a bad history for employment per the Town of Darien meeting, and is promising 75 jobs. She said she really wanted the Village Board to think hard before they give NewCold incentives to build a skyscraper in the middle of a cornfield.

Riley Dunn of W8565 County Road X, Darien, he stated it is not his land to sell or build on, but he is concerned that the proposed development is so close. He said that as Christina Green said, Birds Eye and Cold Storage already cannot find people to fill low paying jobs and the jobs NewCold is proposing are high paying, technical jobs. He wanted to know where they were going to find people to do these jobs. He said this is a farm community and he just bought his place 3 years ago and has been working on it and now he hears they are going to build a big concrete building behind him. He is concerned about his horses and dogs and the creek behind his property. He stated this is not Darien.

## 6. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Village Board meeting of February 21, 2022.

Trustee Kaufenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Village Board meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Truckey seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

## 7. Public Hearings, Ordinances, Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 2022-06 a resolution authorizing the execution of a warranty deed for transfer of property, 2 N. Wisconsin St. (QFR 00022).** Ms. Peterson explained that the Village's Attorney recommended the Village Board adopt this resolution to establish authority for signing all closing documents related to the sale of 2 N. Wisconsin St. property. Attorney Venema stated that this would be presented to the title company as they would ask to see proof that the individuals(s) present at closing had authority to be signing documents. President Stiles made a motion to approve resolution No. 2022-06. Trustee Atkinson seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

## 8. Reports from Committees

### A. Finance Committee, Trustee Baumann

- 1) **Review and possible action relating to Contractual Invoices.** Trustee Baumann presented the contractual invoices from Finance Committee. Trustee Kaufenberg made a motion to approve the contractual invoices. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 2) **Review and possible action relating to Invoices over \$500.** Trustee Baumann presented the invoices over \$500. Trustee Kaufenberg made a motion to approve the invoices. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 3) **Review and possible action relating to the Treasurer's Report, Monthly Invoices, Prepaid Bills, and Regular Bills.** Trustee Baumann presented the report. Trustee Baumann presented the Treasurer's Report, Monthly Invoices, Prepaid Bills and Regular Bills. Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the report, invoices and bills. Trustee Atkinson seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 4) *Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. at Village Hall*

### B. Public Works, Streets, Water & Sewer Systems Committee, Trustee Kaufenberg

- 1) **Discussion and possible action on a quote from EPG Companies, Inc. for the Sharon Street Lift Station Replacement Panel, estimated cost \$21,738.** President Stiles presented the invoice. Mr. Veley stated this is the replacement panel for the Sharon Street lift station and that the increased cost will make the panel compatible with the entire system replacement being recommended by the Village's engineer. President Stiles made a motion to approve the quote. Trustee Baumann seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 2) **Discussion and possible action on an updated quote from Sorg Electric, Inc. For Sharon Street Lift Station Replacement, estimated cost \$11,700.** Mr. Veley stated that this quote is for the labor and supplies for replacing the panel noted in the previous agenda item. Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the quote. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.
- 1) **Discussion and possible action on a on a quote from Grainger for a Mi-T-M Heavy Duty Pressure Washer, estimated cost \$4,511.82.** Mr. Veley stated the pump on the Village's pressure washer went out and will be expensive to replace. Public Works is requesting the purchase of a new pressure washer, this time with heat.

Trustee Baumann asked what heat is used for. Mr. Veley stated heat is necessary when pressure washing grease. Cold water pressure washing will not remove grease. Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the purchase of the pressure washer with heat. Trustee Atkinson seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

2) *Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at Village Hall*

**C. Library Board Report, Trustee Baumann.** Trustee stated there were no updates to bring before the Village Board at this time.

1) *Next meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Darien Public Library*

**D. Plan Commission, President Stiles.** President Stiles stated the Plan Commission did not meet in March and the next meeting was not currently scheduled.

1) *Next meeting not currently scheduled*

**E. Public Safety, Police, Fire, and Building Regulation Committee, Trustee Truckey.** Trustee Truckey stated the Committee had not met, and the next meeting was not scheduled.

1) *Next meeting not currently scheduled*

**F. City of Delavan General Operations Committee Updates, Trustee Truckey.** Trustee Truckey stated the Committee did not meet in March. The next meeting was pushed back a week due to the Spring election.

1) **Review of February 2022 Police Department Monthly Report.** Trustee Truckey stated the report was in the packet.

2) *Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Delavan City Hall*

**G. Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Committee Report**

1) **Review and possible recommendation to the Village Board on a request from Pat Long to waive the Senior Center damage deposit for the Darien Women's Club Cookie Walk event taking place on December 10, 2022.** President Stiles stated the Parks Committee had been discussing the need to revisit the requests to waive fees and damage deposits for events. When the Village waives fees at the Senior Center or the West Park shelter, the Village still incurs costs for opening/closing the facility and in the case of the West Park Shelter, for Public Works time cleaning up afterward. Additionally, when the Village waives the damage deposit for events, there is a concern that damage may occur and the Village will not have the deposit to cover the cost of the damage. Ms. Peterson stated that when the damage deposit is waived for civic/non-profit/community groups, that means nothing is paid at all. Additionally, if a damage deposit is paid and there is no damage, then the group is refunded its deposit. President Stiles made a motion to waive the damage deposit for the Darien Women's Club Cookie Walk on December 10, 2022 and also to discuss in Parks Committee how to handle these requests moving forward. Trustee Truckey seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

2) **Review and possible recommendation to the Village Board on a request from Ron Bigelow to waive the West Park Shelter fees and damage deposit for the Delavan-Darien FFA Benefit Auction taking place on May 17, 2022.** President Stiles stated the Parks Committee had discussed potentially encouraging FFA to complete some service projects in the Village when approving the request from Mr. Ron Bigelow. Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the request to waive the West Park Shelter fees and damage deposit for the Delavan-Darien FFA Benefit Auction on May

17, 2022 and encourage the FFA to complete service projects in the Village of Darien. Trustee Baumann seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

3) *Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall*

**H. Personnel Committee, President Stiles.** President Stiles stated the Committee had not met and no meeting was scheduled.

1) *Next meeting not currently scheduled*

**I. Darien Fire/EMS Department Liaison Update, President Stiles.** President Stiles stated the Darien Fire/EMS Commission had appointed a new Fire/EMS Chief, Scott Fisher. His term will begin as of April 1, 2022.

1) *Next meeting: Monday, April 4th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Darien Fire/EMS Station*

2) *Next meeting of the Joint Commission of Fire and EMS Commissioners: Not currently scheduled*

## **9. Licenses**

**A. Review and possible action relating to a 2021-2022 Operator License Application for Karelíe Marquez.** Trustee Atkinson made a motion to approve the Operator License for Karelíe Marquez. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

**10. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Village of Darien to enter into an agreement with the Town of Darien for the joint ownership of Parcel No. QA456700003.** Ms. Peterson stated that this parcel was the last thing remaining in the Pelishek Trust. Attorney Rasmussen stated the parcel was being sold to completely close out the Trust. The Town of Darien had made an offer to Mr. Rasmussen to purchase the parcel for \$500. Ms. Peterson stated she had spoken with Town Chairperson Logterman and he had stated he thought it was a good idea that the Town and Village jointly own the parcel, much like the Fire Department property that it is attached to. Attorney Lochowicz is aware of the issue and has been talking to Attorney Howarth about an agreement to jointly own the parcel. The Village would pay for half of the purchase (\$250). Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve that the Village of Darien enter into an agreement with the Town of Darien for joint ownership of Parcel No. QA456700003. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

**11. The Village Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to negotiate the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business [Tax Increment District creation and consideration of Development Incentives-NewCold Darien, LLC].** Trustee Baumann made a motion to adjourn into closed session. Trustee Truckey seconded and at 7:35 p.m. the Village Board adjourned into closed session by unanimous roll call vote.

**12. The Village Board may remain in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has a jurisdiction or exercises responsibility [Performance Review for Administrator Clerk/Treasurer].**

**13. The Village Board will reconvene in open session and may take action regarding matters discussed in closed session.** At 8:49 p.m., President Stiles made a motion to return to open session. Trustee Truckey seconded, and the Village Board returned to open session after unanimous roll call vote. No action was taken on closed session items.

**14. Adjourn.** At 8:49 p.m., President Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Truckey seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Peterson, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Date Approved by the Village Board: April 18, 2022