

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Lewein, Ragonese, Edgar, Schaefer, Hildenbrand, Schuettke, and Stalewski.

PUBLIC HEARING

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

President Stalewski presented a letter written by Gregg Juleen and Steven Bruggink. Mr. Juleen and Mr. Bruggink wrote that they were writing in regards to property inspections, specifically stating that they experienced unfair, contradictory, and disrespectful treatment. Mr. Juleen and Mr. Bruggink cited contradictory zoning laws and contradictory issuances of citations for noxious weeds & trash. Mr. Juleen and Mr. Bruggink also stated that the Village should enact laws that prevent owners or renters from using their garages for storage in order to prevent parking cars in alleyways. They also stated that there were parking violations near fire hydrants that would go un-ticketed and that the Village should consider putting speed bumps on 49th Street and 50th Street to prevent dangerous driving.

Resident Sharon Fish stated that she felt that she was treated unfairly by property inspectors. She stated that her property needed painting in 2016. Property Inspector Mark Gregory granted her extra time from April 8th to May 15th of 2017, which Ms. Fish stated was a rainy period. In that time, Ms. Fish had not been able to finish her painting. In April 2017, Ms. Fish wrote a letter to Moe Goodman with her complaints regarding Mr. Gregory, and Ms. Goodman directed Ms. Fish back to Mr. Gregory. Ms. Fish stated that she expected to have spoken with Administrator Kim Egan and felt that there needs to be a level of appeal for complaints. President Stalewski thanked Ms. Fish for her comments.

Resident Teresa Rechlicz stated that she had a positive experience with property inspectors and encouraged people to be more tolerant towards property inspectors. Ms. Rechlicz stated that she sympathized with those who struggle to keep up with property maintenance, but she encouraged people to seek out financial help, advice, and other forms of aid. President Stalewski thanked Ms. Rechlicz for her comments.

Resident Ruth Kressel stated that she did not think complaints regarding property inspectors should be made public, such as at the Village Board meeting. Ms. Kressel asked if there were a union for property inspectors and stated that the union should get involved. President Stalewski thanked Ms. Kressel for her comments and stated that there was no union.

Resident David Mokros stated that his son had received a compliance notice, and Mr. Mokros had met with Property Inspector Joe Van Der Linden on behalf of his son. Mr. Mokros stated that he had been threatened by Mr. Van Der Linden three (3) times in their meeting. Mr. Mokros stated that he had a positive experience with Mr. Gregory that included discussion and agreement. Mr. Mokros stated that Mr. Van Der Linden's citations were based off of his subjective opinion. Mr. Mokros also stated that he would like there to be a discounted permit for property maintenance requested by the Village. Mr. Mokros added that he would be interested in joining a citizen committee to review the issue.

Resident Charlotte Fleischman explained that she owns a property that had received a citation, but that she had never received the first notice. Ms. Fleischman explained that she met with Mr. Van Der Linden to tell him that she had never received the first notice and that she believed the time that he had granted her to complete the maintenance was not enough. Ms. Fleischman added that the maintenance requested, painting, was not possible in October. Ms. Fleischman also stated that she received a citation dated May 31st which she received on June 24th. Ms. Fleischman spoke with the Village Attorney and stated that there was no middle ground to make her complaints. Ms. Fleischman also stated that she had received a notice that her own home must be inspected by a civil engineer for soundness. President Stalewski thanked Ms. Fleischman for her comments and efforts, and stated that she had passed the

allotted time for comment (3 minutes). Ms. Fleischman lastly requested to know the requirements of the property inspector position.

Resident Leann Van Der Linden stated that she understood the concerns regarding property inspection, but she stated that the Village has a large spectrum of homes either well taken care of or left in disarray. Mrs. Van Der Linden explained that the Village has guidelines and that they should be followed. Mrs. Van Der Linden sympathized with experiencing hardships. However, she requested that people respect their properties. Mrs. Van Der Linden added that respect was a two-way street, stating that she knew Mr. Van Der Linden also experienced disrespect from residents. President Stalewski thanked Mrs. Van Der Linden for her comments and stated that she had passed the allotted time for comment.

Resident James McCann explained that there had been a shooting on 49th Street the night before. Mr. McCann stated that he loved West Milwaukee for its welcoming community but stated that he was also disturbed by certain aspects, specifically drug transactions he has seen take place at the apartment complex behind the police station. He stated that he did not know if the shooting the night before was connected at all to the apartment complex but expressed concern nonetheless.

No further citizen comments were raised. President Stalewski thanked all for their comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildenbrand, Lewein, Ragonese, Schaefer, Schuettke, Edgar and Stalewski.

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Chairperson Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers 26935-26985 dated September 4, 2019 to September 16, 2019 in the amount of \$106,004.74.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schuettke, Edgar, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Lewein, and Stalewski.

The motion carried.

Chairperson Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the bi-weekly payroll dated September 13, 2019 in the amount of \$108,385.37.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schuettke, Edgar, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Lewein, and Stalewski.

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON STEVEN SCHUETTKE

Chairperson Schuettke stated that he would like for there to be quarterly reporting of all Village department heads. Trustee Schaefer agreed and stated that he would like to see more participation from all departments. Mr. Schaefer added that the large participation by citizens at the meeting showed the importance of having more communication between the Village citizens and employees.

LICENSES, ZONING, PARKS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON CRAIG SCHAEFER

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Lewein based on the recommendation of the License Committee to approve the special events permit application for MaltEurop's Harvest Fest.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Edgar, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Lewein, Schuettke, and Stalewski.
The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the License Committee to approve waiving the special events permit application fee for MaltEurop's Harvest Fest.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Edgar, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Lewein, Schuettke, and Stalewski.
The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the License Committee to approve the "Class B" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for Paraiso Hospitality Group, d/b/a Tasty Taco 2sday.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Lewein, Edgar, Schuettke, Schaefer, Hildenbrand, and Stalewski.
The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to approve the application for Beverage Operator Licenses for Modesto Melendez-Alvarez and Johana A. Ontiveros Ibarra.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildenbrand, Edgar, Schuettke, Schaefer, Lewein, Ragonese, and Stalewski.
The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer added that the court window had arrived to the Community Centre' and they were only waiting on installation.

HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Chairperson Ragonese stated that the West Allis Health Department had published its 2019 Fall Highlights, which included an introduction of Bob Leischow, the new West Allis Health Commissioner. Mr. Ragonese added that he was still waiting for a meeting to be scheduled for the Health Committee. Chairperson Ragonese also reminded everyone that flu shot season was soon and to expect a schedule for flu shots in the future.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve "Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 2, Village of West Milwaukee, Wisconsin" (Resolution No. 09-R-19).

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Schuettke, Edgar, Hildenbrand, Lewein, Schaefer, and Stalewski.
The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski stated that the Village Board should review the Comprehensive Plan and provide feedback to Administrative Assistant Vlaj by Tuesday, September 24th. The feedback will be incorporated into the version presented at the Joint Plan Commission/WMCDA meeting on Tuesday, October 8th.

The CDA meeting scheduled for Monday, September 23rd has been cancelled. The next Joint Review Board meeting will take place on Monday, September 30th at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review annual PE-300

reports for the ER TID No. 1, TID No. 2, and TID No. 3 to comply with the annual meeting requirement and to approve Tax Incremental District No. 2's Amendment.

President Stalewski added that the old Sendik's will be going before the Plan Commission for plan review for their vacant space next to the new Aldi's. Sendik's has a signed lease with Skechers for the vacant space. Aldi's is on track to open November 1st.

The ICC's special meeting regarding an update on the 1 cent sales tax legislation on Monday, September 23rd at 1:00 p.m. has been cancelled. Comments on the legislation will be taken at the regularly scheduled October ICC. President Stalewski added that he will take any comments on the matter.

The Plan Commission reviewed the draft of the Comprehensive Plan and the signage for PetIQ at their last meeting.

President Stalewski added that he had attended the 402 Training Incident Command System for Executives and Senior Officials on September 11th with Administrator Egan and Trustees Edgar and Schuettke. Trustee Schuettke stated that he had found the training very enlightening, and Trustee Edgar agreed and stated that she was very impressed with the training.

Lastly, President Stalewski stated that the Street Improvement Project at Miller Park Way & the Pick n' Save and Deutsch & Sons intersection has been published and bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd at the Village Hall. This is a TID 2 expense and the construction will take place in spring of 2020.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer repeated that the upcoming CDA meeting was cancelled.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp stated MYE Bar had turned in their license so R Bar would get their license and occupancy certificate following inspections. Ms. Schupp added that Applebee's also had upcoming changes regarding its liquor license.

Police Chief Nasci stated that there had been a death near the West Milwaukee Intermediate School. The death was not suspicious and unrelated to the school, and no children were in danger. Chief Nasci added that the principal was very cooperative and helpful. Chief Nasci also stated that there had been a shooting the night prior and the police department was still working on the case to figure out the details and identify vehicles. Mr. Nasci also included that there were some changes within the police department staff, and that there was a process in the upcoming weekend to run some applicants through interviews and background checks.

Trustee Schuettke asked how citizen concerns regarding suspect drug activity were handled in the police department. Chief Nasci stated that any sightings of criminal activity should be reported directly to the police department and included that activity often goes unreported. Trustee Schuettke stated that it was also important for citizens to know to not directly get involved themselves and to instead direct the issue to the proper authorities.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, September 30th at 11:30 a.m. Joint Review Board Meeting
Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. Committee Meeting
Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. Joint Plan Commission and WMCDA Meeting
Monday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. Joint Plan Commission and Village Board Meeting, Public Hearing

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn. Time 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maggie Vlaj
Administrative Assistant