

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

PUBLIC HEARING

No report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Lisa Carl stated that she would like to discuss the lack of communication between the Village attorneys and property inspectors. Ms. Carl stated that she met with the attorney on July 25th, and per the recommendation of the attorney, she called the property inspector the next day. The inspector did not show up until a month later to inspect her property. Ms. Carl added that when she spoke with the property inspector, they were unaware that she had been granted an extension on the work requested. Ms. Carl stated that she had to meet with the attorney again in August, and there were issues with the property inspector submitting paperwork on time. Following this, she met with the Village attorneys again but there was a different attorney this time than the past times. Additionally, the new attorney did not have the proper paperwork. Ms. Carl stated that she believed she should have met the same attorney every time. Ms. Carl added that she received a fine for \$124 for fading garage aluminum siding.

Ms. Charlotte Fleischmann stated that she has not received a response to her statements at the Village Board meetings on October 21st and November 4th. Ms. Fleischmann stated that she would like to know how to specifically receive an extension. She stated that she received a citation after requesting an extension and not being informed that the extension was not granted. Ms. Fleischmann stated that she paid the citation but is requesting the Village Board to reimburse her citation payment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, November 4, 2019.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Commissioner Hildenbrand moved, seconded by Commissioner Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers 27176-27237 dated November 5, 2019 to November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$580,219.45.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hildenbrand moved, seconded by Commissioner Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the bi-weekly payroll dated November 8, 2019 in the amount of \$112,239.76.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

The motion carried.

Commissioner Hildenbrand moved, seconded by Commissioner Ragonese to approve the September 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON STEVEN SCHUETTKE

No report.

President Stalewski asked if it may be helpful to have a discussion regarding the equipment requests such as the garbage truck. Chairperson Schuettke stated that it would. Administrator Egan stated that there is a 5-year planning document in the back of the budget. It includes expenses over the next 5 years, and many years, expenses are shifted depending on the available funds. Administrator Egan added that the garbage truck has already been delayed for several years and is currently projected for purchase in 2021. Chairperson Schuettke stated that it was important to not delay the purchase much further. Administrator Egan stated that she planned for Superintendent James Stenzel and Village Engineer Len Roecker to attend a Village Board meeting in early 2020 to discuss equipment.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Commissioner Edgar to approve the Beverage Operators license for Chelsey S. Wilkins.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein.

The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer added that he had confirmed approval and attendance by the Wisconsin Historical Society to discuss Historical Preservation Commissions at the next Village Board meeting on December 2nd.

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

No report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

No report.

Chairperson Hildenbrand stated that if anyone would like to participate in the upcoming parade, attendance must be confirmed by November 25th. Chairperson Hildenbrand added that she would like to create a banner for West Milwaukee to allow greater participation and recognition in local events such as the parade.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski stated that he had attended a meeting with the Milwaukee Fire Department with Police Chief Dennis Nasci and Administrator Egan to discuss issues at the firehouse. President Stalewski stated that he thinks the Village is currently in a good place for the relationship with the firehouse. Trustee Schuettke asked if things have calmed at the firehouse. President Stalewski stated that he thought things had.

President Stalewski added that the Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving will be happening on November 25th, and the Village usually has a few representatives. President Stalewski invited all Trustees to attend.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer asked Administrator Egan if a quorum would be met for the upcoming WMCDA meeting. Administrator Egan stated that it would.

Chairperson Schaefer stated the next meeting's agenda would involve the vacant lot located at 4809 W. National Avenue. Administrator Egan added that the TID 2 updates are being certified by the state at the moment, and the Village should know very soon of its certification. Chairperson Schaefer added that the next Village Board meeting would involve the updates on the Comprehensive Plan and a public hearing.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Police Chief Nasci stated that the open position is posted and submissions will be closed in December. One new recruit has graduated and had his first day. Another recruit is in Phase 2 on the early shift and is moving forward. Chief Nasci added that the police department is working on reorganization of management personnel within the department.

Trustee Schuettke asked if the reorganization was to create more presence in the field. Chief Nasci stated that the reorganization was just for management personnel for training purposes and succession planning. Trustee Hildenbrand asked if a date was picked for Shop With A Cop yet. Chief Nasci stated that it will be on December 13th.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan stated that the Village was organizing an employee coat collection and invited Trustees to participate.

The Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is inviting Milwaukee communities to their next board meeting with a public hearing on Thursday, December 12th. The meeting will focus on the diverse impact on psychiatric crises and the redesigning of behavioral health services. It will be at the Zoofari Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. Administrator Egan invited the Trustees to attend if they are interested.

There is an application for the Planning Commission for a new business in the Greywolf buildings. The application is for the Azara Hookah Zone (2086 Miller Park Way) which involves tobacco sales and is permitted in the zoning. They will likely be coming before the Planning Commission for signage.

Administrator Egan stated that 30 tickets have been sold for the Golden Ager's Holiday Party on Friday, December 20th. Administrator Egan invited Trustees to invite anyone they knew who may like to participate, as tickets will only be sold until Friday, November 22nd. Administrator Egan added that the Village has received around \$1,300 in donations for the event. Trustee Schuettke asked how many tickets were sold for the last Golden Ager's party. Administrator Egan estimated that ticket sales had been in the upper 60's. Trustee Hildenbrand asked if participants had to be West Milwaukee residents. Administrator Egan stated that participants had to be West Milwaukee residents or have a long history with West Milwaukee.

Village offices are closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

At the previous ICC meeting, there was discussion on the countywide sales tax, and it may be a referendum on the next ballot. They are working on clarifying the impacts on expenditure restraints, levy limits, and TIF districts.

Administrator Egan added that she had been contacted by Laura Temke from the West Allis Health Department, and Ms. Temke had informed her of a church that organizes a large distribution of goods to needy families. Distribution will take place in West Milwaukee on December 16th.

Trustee Schuettke asked if the coat donations was on the Village website. Administrator Egan stated that it was only an internal coat collection, so it would not be included on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. WMCDA Meeting
Monday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Joint Plan Commission and Village Board Meeting, Public Hearing
Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Village Board Meeting, Public Hearing
Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Plan Commission Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maggie Vlaj
Administrative Assistant