

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, January 4, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated January 5, 2020 - January 18, 2021, checks numbered 28751-28819 in the amount of \$281,388.55.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated January 15, 2021 in the amount of \$119,730.11.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the November 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

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.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Beverage Operator's License for Roxanne Goodman.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Grade 2 Refuse Hauler Renewal Application for Beeline Disposal Inc.

Roll Call:

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

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

Trustee Hildenbrand inquired if anything was done in regards to the citizen complaint with the apartment complex at 54th and National. Administrator Egan and Assistant Chief Randolph are working on it.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Chairperson Hildenbrand stated that she spoke with Joan Stevens from the Greenfield Beautification Committee. She has not received much interest from the community in regards to forming a West Milwaukee Beautification Committee.

A Beautification Committee flyer was created by Administrative Assistant, Kayla Fitzgerald and Administrator Egan. The flyer will be posted on the website and in the newsletter to advertise for the committee. Administrator Egan suggested that the Beautification Committee can spearhead events like the Village Clean Up in spring. Chairperson Hildenbrand stated that once the flyer is posted on the website she will also share it on social media.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

No Report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee Schaefer mentioned that President Stalewski was quoted in a Journal Sentinel Article over the weekend regarding the Miller Park Way name change. President Stalewski did not know the article was published but stated that he spoke with Bob Door from the Journal Sentinel to explain that the village has decided to keep Miller Park Way.

Trustee Schaefer inquired if we can contact the DOT or Mayor Barrett to see what they are able to do about signage. Administrator Egan stated that DOT told her, they must be petitioned by the community the road lies in. The Brewer's reached out to the City of Milwaukee and it was agreed to name the small stretch of road by the stadium, Brewer's Boulevard. Administrator Egan explained that one sign will remain Miller Park Way while the other will be changed to Brewer's Blvd.

Trustee Schuettke added that TCF Bank's address is listed as Frederick Miller Parkway on Google. Trustee Ragonese stated that Frederick Miller Park Way is the name of the road that goes around the stadium.

Trustee Schaefer questioned if it is possible to petition the DOT or the City of Milwaukee to go back to the Stadium South exit name on I94 signage. Administrator Egan explained that we would most likely have to request this from the City of Milwaukee. Trustee Ragonese suggested we could contact the DOT to add West Milwaukee informational signage on I94. Administrator Egan explained that the DOT has certain regulations on signage and are consistent throughout the state.

President Stalewski noted that the DOT will put informational signage but is unsure if there is a cost. Administrator Egan will reference back to her past emails with the DOT and contact Len Roecker to see what can be done and revisit the topic on the next agenda.

WMCDA REPORT

Trustee Schaefer reiterated that with the upcoming April election we will be looking for new commissioners and to shift current members around.

Administrator Egan explained that she will be out of the office on January 25th, so the CDA meeting can either be rescheduled to January 27th or bumped to the next scheduled February meeting. Trustee Schaefer explained he would be open to either. Administrator Egan will send out an email to see if we are able to get a quorum for January 27th, 2021 otherwise we will reschedule to February. Trustee Schaefer requested Administrator Egan to provide him with her availability so that he can be briefed on the meeting topics.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

DPW Superintendent Jim Stenzel explained that there were three hit and runs in the village, two signs were struck and one light pole. He also explained that DPW enhanced the one way signage at 47th and National. They added more one way signs and a no left turn sign.

Trustee Lewein inquired on the status of the truck that was ordered last year. DPW Superintendent Jim Stenzel stated that the truck is on the way however, there is no confirmed delivery date as of yet.

Police Chief Dennis stated that he was off for the past two weeks. He added that he has a full staff with no one on light duty.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan stated that the governor has extended the mask mandate for another sixty days. We should be receiving BCPL paperwork via Fed Ex tomorrow. Once the paperwork signed and returned we will have access to the money and pay off the unfunded pension balance. This must be done by January 25, 2021.

Administrator Egan explained that we filed the quarterly report for the Ready for Reuse Loan. She also stated that the Plan Commission met last Tuesday and discussed the creation of a new zoning district, B6 zoning. This would be to encompass a residential and commercial district and would be a district we can utilize when we develop large parcels in the future. Village Attorney Stan Riffle, plans to attend the next Village Board Meeting to review the B6 zoning with the board. Since this is an amendment to the zoning code, there will be a public hearing on a future Village Board agenda, if we decide to move forward.

Administrator Egan explained that the State of Wisconsin has vaccinated 240,000 people and 36,000 people have received the full two doses of the vaccination. The West Milwaukee police officers began vaccinations this week. The State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee meets tonight to see who will be in group B1.

Lastly, the village received the reimbursement for last year’s Community Development Block Grant project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting
Monday, February 1st at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, February 9th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to adjourn. Time 7:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant