

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Ragonese, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, December 21, 2020.

Trustee Edgar noted a correction in the spelling of resident name Sharon Schroeder.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated December 29, 2020 - January 4, 2021, checks numbered 28670-28750 in the amount of \$63,573.22

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$102,902.33.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

There was a discussion on enhancing the one-way signage at 47th and National. President Stalewski referenced the MUTCD document in the packet to explain that signage at that intersection can be enhanced. The board discussed adding one way street signs and another no left turn sign to the left side of the road above the do not enter signs. Trustee Schaefer added that painting no left turn on the road could be beneficial as well.

Administrator Egan will follow up with DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel and the board can revisit this at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON STEVEN SCHUETTKE

The Board recognized DPW for their hard work plowing despite difficulties with cars parked on both sides of the streets. DPW is currently short staffed due to one positive COVID-19 case. Additionally, the signal at 43rd and National was struck by a drunk driver but has already been fixed.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the Beverage Operator's License for Jennifer Henry and Stacy Porath.

Roll Call:

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

Lewein: Excused

The motion carried.

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

Chairperson Ragonese stated that COVID numbers are declining.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Chairperson Hildenbrand moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Personnel and Publicity Committee to approve a "Resolution Setting Forth Wages and Working Conditions of the Sergeant, Lieutenant(s), and Assistant Chief of Police of the West Milwaukee Police Department for 2021 and Years Thereafter" (04-R-21) This resolution adds the position of Sergeant of police to the resolution outlining working conditions of non-union police personnel.

Roll Call: Schaefer, Edgar, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Schuettke, Stalewski

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve a "Resolution Extending the Public Health Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus" (3-R-21)

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve a "Resolution Amendment to the Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Village Monies" (01-R-21)

Roll Call: Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Edgar, Schuettke, Stalewski

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to approve a "Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper for the Village of West Milwaukee" (02-R-21)

President Stalewski added that these newspapers are the West Allis Now or the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Roll Call: Schuettke, Edgar, Schaefer, Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Stalewski

Excused: Lewein

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski recognized DPW for their excellent work with snow removal. There was a brief discussion on why the sidewalks on 48th and Beloit were not plowed. This could have been due to the amount of snow accumulation and staffing.

WMCDA REPORT

Trustee Schaefer noted he found a typographical error on the website and noticed that commissioner Adrianna LaMack’s name was missing from the Commissions page. The error will be corrected and Adrianna’s name will be added.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Chief Nasci explained that there was an interaction with an officer posted on social media that generated some reactions and feedback to the department.

Trustee Schuettke inquired if there is any concern with the Jacob Blake decision being released. Dennis explained he has received no information to cause for concern.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan stated that the front office has been busy processing tax payments. She also noted that we have been working on a narrative for the Home Beautification Program and should have more information to pass on to Trustee Hildenbrand at the next meeting. She explained that the police department did a surprise toy drop to Just Like Mommy Daycare on December 18th. They handed out approximately sixty gifts and surprised selected families with holiday meals and presents.

Two candidates have filled out the paperwork to get on the ballot for the open Trustee positions. Trustee Lewein’s position and Trustee Schuttke’s positions will be up in 2021. She confirmed that there will be two open positions and three candidates. The deadline to take out papers for this is tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, January 18th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, January 25th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn. Time 7:34p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant