

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2021

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

Roll Call:

Present: Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Hildenbrand, Ragonese, LaMack, Stalewski

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee LaMack, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, August 2, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Schaefer, Edgar, Hildenbrand, Stalewski

Present: Greenfield

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated August 3, 2021 though and including August 16, 2021, check numbers 29529-29588 in the amount of \$304,482.73.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edgar, Greenfield, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, LaMack, Ragonese, Stalewski

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated August 13, 2021 in the amount of \$124,043.12.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Edgar, Greenfield, Ragonese, LaMack, Stalewski

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON ADRIANNA LAMACK

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

Chairperson Greenfield commended the DPW for their work following the storm. He noted a crew member was injured during storm damage cleanup.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Beverage Operator License applications for Erin Hafey.

Chairperson Schaefer noted the application says that proof of training is required. Administrative Assistant Kayla Fitzgerald, explained the applicant was a late renewal and her training is already on file from last year. An additional proof of training is not required.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hildenbrand, Greenfield, Ragonese, Edgar, Schaefer, LaMack, Stalewski
The motion carried

HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

Chairperson Edgar stated there will be a Board of Health meeting later in August.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Trustee Hildenbrand encouraged the trustees to submit a newsletter article before the September 10th deadline.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Month.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Ragonese, LaMack, Hildenbrand, Stalewski
The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski thanked the village for their kind words regarding his mother's passing. He encouraged the trustees to review the email that was sent out from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities regarding election reform bills that were pushed forward and the governor's veto. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has posted Final Equalized Values and TID Values.

He noted that Administrator Egan will attend the Chief Executive Workshop at the end of this week. There is a Local Government 101 learning session for board members that will take place in September in Waupaca that can be attended in person or virtually. The annual League conference is scheduled for October 20th-22nd in Green Bay.

WMCDA REPORT

Administrator Egan stated that GE would like to meet during the 2nd week of September to present planning documents and discuss a TIF district.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Chief Nasci reported that the number of police officer applicants has been dismal. There will be new job posting added to the website and the department will continue to take applications. For applicants that have not completed the academy, the next academy is not scheduled to take place until January.

The new supervisor squad car will be fully outfitted and on the road today. West Milwaukee detectives are involved with the Milwaukee area investigative team completing officer interviews following an officer involved shooting. Chief Nasci also recommended deadbolts for garages due to break-ins in the area. Additionally, a street pole was taken down this weekend on Miller Park Way and there was also a rollover crash that struck a power pole on Miller Park Way.

Trustee Greenfield's neighbors expressed concerns regarding potential drug activity on the block behind them. He asked how the West Milwaukee Police Department typically addresses these concerns. Chief Nasci stated the first step is getting the information and looking at potential targets. If the neighbors are all pointing to one location, the department will start to watch that location using an undercover vehicle. If there is enough evidence, a search warrant can be obtained. There have been approximately five (5) or six (6) locations they have retrieved enough evidence to obtain search warrants for this year. Trustee Greenfield asked about alleyways. Chief Nasci explained the alley ways can also be watched and department is working to put up a portable camera. He noted, many residents have cameras in their alleyways, if those cameras appear to catch what the department is looking for, they will try to enlist those.

Friday, August 20th the department will be at Dunkin's from 5am to 10am for Coffee with Champions.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan explained that the Police Department is looking for volunteers for National Night Out on Saturday, September 4th 11:00am-4:00pm. Administrator Egan, Administrative Assistant Kayla Fitzgerald and Deputy Treasurer, Paul Baumgart met with the CDBG people and got ideas for different applications that are due at the end of the month. She will meet with DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel to discuss projects that the Village can apply for. The sidewalk project is in progress. The Plan Commission met last week and approved the two (2) conditional use drive-thru permits for Scooters Coffee and Taco Johns. Next, they will submit their plans to the state and permitting will begin.

There were issues with the website that are currently being worked through. DPW power was out until today. There are large trees down throughout the village from the storms. The Village received the iPads and West Allis is working on setting them up. The next meeting is scheduled for Labor Day and will be rescheduled to Tuesday, September 7th. The previously discussed letter was mailed to the DOT, City of Milwaukee, etc. Village Engineer, Len Roecker is working with the contractor on the speed humps. The estimated cost to replace the deficient speed hump is \$7,500. She suggested any ideas regarding the street banners should be discussed at the next meeting.

Trustee Ragonese asked if DPW has generators. President Stalewski confirmed they have generators. It was suggested the phone system stay plugged into the generator. Administrator Egan explained it is a possibility. She is unsure if the phone lines are separate from the power. The DPW staff were not in the shop and were busy cleaning up following the storm. Administrator Egan will look into it and see if there is a way to connect the phone system to the generator.

Trustee Ragonese asked if the particular speed hump in question was installed properly. Administrator Egan explained that the speed hump at the south end of 48th Street was low at certain points. In a previous meeting, the board recommended that the speed hump be redone to correct the deficiency and increase the height of the hump to four (4) inches. Len Roecker is working with the contractor to find a solution. Trustee Ragonese added, since this was a mistake on the contractor, it should be corrected at no cost. He would not be in favor of paying them more money until the deficient speed hump issue is resolved. President Stalewski suggested, if the original contract was for a three (3) inch hump, the hump should be restored to the three (3) inch height at no charge. Once the speed hump is corrected, we can review the effectiveness and possibly increase the humps in the future. Trustee Schaefer suggested, the deficient hump should be corrected first. A discussion can then take place between the Village, RASmith and the contractor regarding the next steps because the engineers did not understand what the board was asking for initially. Administrator Egan will update Len Roecker.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, September 20th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting

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

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant