

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:47p.m and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:49p.m.

President Stalewski opened and introduced the public hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

There were no questions or comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:49p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, November 15, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the Special Village Board Meeting minutes for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Greenfield, Hildenbrand, Schuettke, Edgar, Stalewski

Here: Ragonese

Present: Schaefer

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a "Resolution Determining the Tax Levy" (13-R-21)

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a "Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Calendar Year 2022 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan" (14-R-21)

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 tuition reimbursement for employee Kayla Fitzgerald.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated November 17, 2021 through and including December 6, 2021 checks numbered 29957-30012 in the amount of \$89,334.56.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated November 19, 2021 in the amount of \$115,897.38.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated December 3, 2021 in the amount of \$158,572.62.

Discussion:

Trustee Schuettke asked if there was a lot of vacation paid out. Clerk/Treasurer Schupp explained the payroll amount is higher due to holiday pay for the police and dispatch.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON OPEN

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

Trustee Greenfield moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve Alternative One (1) for the east end of the W. Greenfield Ave. Reconstruction Project to include a raised median and additional bump outs on the west end of the W. Greenfield Ave. Reconstruction Project.

Discussion:

Trustee Schuettke asked if this will included the raised median on the west end of the project, as well. President Stalewski and Trustee Schaefer confirmed the raised median on the west end of the project is already part of the plan.

Roll Call:

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

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

Trustee Schaefer explained the applicant for the new Combination “Class B” Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License for Ya-Ma Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Chula’s, Miguel A. Martinez withdrew his application. No action will be taken on the agenda item.

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

Trustee Edgar announced the next Health Department meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Trustee Hildenbrand reported that the West Milwaukee Beautification Committee has a posting on the Village website regarding the Holiday Yard Decorating Contest. Trustee Hildenbrand encouraged the Board members to spread the word with their neighbors.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to deny the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance claim involving William Hinkforth.

Discussion:

Administrator Egan explained that the claim is regarding vehicle damage caused by a fallen Village tree limb. Any time a claim is filed, the Village Attorney recommends that the Village deny the claim. The disallowance will shorten the statute of limitations period to six (6) months. President Stalewski clarified that the motion will begin the six (6) month period.

Trustee Hildenbrand asked why the claim is being denied and the cost. Administrator Egan explained that the denial is based on the fact that the investigation revealed no liability on behalf of the Village and is consider “an act of God.” This just starts the process for reviewing the claim. President Stalewski added, there was no knowledge of internal damage that would have caused the limb failure. This motion starts the clock for the insurance evaluation.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski reported he will be meeting with Jen Ellis from the Heroin Opiate Task Force tomorrow, December 7, 2021. The Heroin Opiate Task Force will be functioning as a replacement for the county mental health hospital. They will also do community outreach.

President Stalewski participated in the West Allis Christmas Parade. He thanked the Assistant Chief and Officer Reyes for driving him in a squad car through the parade route.

President Stalewski will be out of town and will miss the ICC meeting scheduled for Monday, December 13th. Shop with a Cop is scheduled for Friday, December 10th at 6:00p.m. He also mentioned the DOT Informational Meetings scheduled for December 8th and 9th.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported there is one too many elected members on the CDA. Trustee Schuettke or Greenfield will have to relinquish their spot leaving three (3) open positions that will need to be filled. There must be seven (7) members, two (2) of which can be a trustee.

President Stalewski announced that he will also miss the Plan Commission on December 14th. Administrator Egan stated that the December Plan Commission meeting can be canceled.

President Stalewski explained that he “boosted” his Facebook post for the vacant trustee position and summarized the engagement the post received. He also suggested an official Village Facebook page.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Assistant Police Chief Randolph reported there were shots fired at the funeral home on Greenfield Ave. on November 24th at 11:45a.m. According to witnesses, there was a physical altercation outside of the funeral home and an unknown male fired rounds in the air to try and break up the fight. There were no injuries.

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp reported that the preliminary audit took place on November 18th and 19th. The final audit will happen in April. The information regarding the open trustee position and non-candidacy is up on the website. The deadline to submit the non-candidacy form is December 24, 2021. Trustee Hildebrand’s non-candidacy form has been received.

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp is working on tax bills. She mentioned there have been challenges with the tax software company due to staffing on their end.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reminded the Board of the DOT informational meetings and encouraged their attendance. She reported that Mad Rooster has reopened following their kitchen fire. The Plan Commission approved the approximate 13,000 square foot Target expansion. The expansion will be mainly for curbside pick-up parking areas and storage. The Plan Commission also approved the revised site plan for GE at 4775 Electric Avenue. The office will be closed on December 24th and 27th for the Christmas holiday.

President Stalewski thanked Administrator Egan for her work on the budget. He noted that this is the fourth consecutive year that village residents have seen a reduction in their tax bill and overall property tax rate.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, December 20th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 27th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn. Time 8:17p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant