

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:07p.m and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Matthew Pietz of 2457 S. 63rd St. in West Allis, WI addressed the Board. He expressed concerns with the use of personally purchased fireworks in the area. He asked the Board to modify how the Village observes the 4th of July holiday, specifically referencing the firework tent sales in the Menard's and Pick N' Save parking lot. President Stalewski explained, that the referenced firework tents are regulated and only sell a specific class of fireworks that do not explode. The fireworks that Matthew Pietz is referencing are bought outside of Milwaukee County and are actually illegal in West Milwaukee and West Allis. President Stalewski assured the citizen that West Milwaukee will continue to monitor the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, October 18, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve commercial vouchers dated October 21, 2021 through and including November 1, 2021 checks numbered 29803-29863 in the amount of \$144,419.62.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$112,636.42.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edgar, Greenfield, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Ragonese, 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 Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee regarding the bid award for the 2021/2022 tree planting of 60 trees.

Administrator Egan suggested naming the awarded company in the motion.

Trustee Greenfield amended his motion. Trustee Greenfield moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to award the 2021/2022 tree planting of 60 trees to Property Solutions Contracting, LLC for a bid total of \$21,425.

Roll Call:

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

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

No Report.

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

Chairperson Edgar highlighted the topics discussed at the recent Health Department meeting. She reported that the Health Department is experiencing labor shortages. A position on the Environmental Health Board was recently filled by Kevin Smith. The Village's contact for any environmental health concerns is Amy Lewis. Environmental health covers: food safety, lodging, pools and recreation, weights and measures, tattoo parlors, lead poisoning prevention and investigations, animal fancier permits, pet shops, sanitation, physical conditioning establishments, rooming houses, rodent infestations, hoarding, chemical issues, animal bites, dangerous dogs and rabies prevention.

Due to rat infestation issues, it is advised that residents do not to put food out for birds or squirrels. Chairperson Edgar also stated that dead animals should be double bagged and put into the garbage as burying dead animals will exacerbate rat infestation issues. If a dead crow, raven or blackbird is found, it should be reported to the Health Department as these species can carry West Nile.

DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel stated that there are rat hotspots at 56th and Lapham and 54th and Burnham. He noted that DPW continuously baits the storm sewers to help mitigate rat infestation.

Additionally, West Allis has a 52.2% COVID vaccination rate and West Milwaukee has 47%. 149 people in West Allis and West Milwaukee have died of COVID.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

No Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to appoint Dominic Greenfield to the West Milwaukee Community Development Authority.

President Stalewski announced that Trustee Greenfield has agreed to fill the elected position on the WMCDA.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski stated that Tim Carpenter is our state senator. He also announced that the Village is actively pursuing a .gov web address.

WMCDA REPORT

There will be a WMCDA on Monday, November 29th for updates.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel reported that a speed limit sign on 41st Street, a street light pole and stop sign at Greenfield and Beloit and a stop sign at 56th and Greenfield were struck. Additionally, there was a water lateral leak in the village and a large tree branch fell and damaged two parked cars.

Chief Nasci reported, there are seven (7) remaining candidates for the open Police Officer positions. The candidates are not yet certified and must go through the recruit school that begins in January at MATC. Additionally, one dispatcher resigned and another will be retiring in January.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Referencing numbers four (4) and five (5) in the packet, Administrator Egan announced that there will be minor changes to the tax bill formatting. The state tax line was eliminated.

A Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th. There are tentatively two items on the agenda including GE’s expansion into the Interstate Partners building and Target’s proposed 15,000 square foot expansion on the north side of the building. Prior to the Plan Commission meeting on November 9th at 6:00 p.m., Graef representatives will be available in Community Centre lobby for the Public Involvement meeting regarding the Greenfield Ave. reconstruction meeting.

A Tourism Commission meeting was held Tuesday, October 26th. The Tourism Commission will aid the Beautification Committee in purchasing yard signs for first, second and third place winners of their Holiday Display Competition. Trustee Hildenbrand drafted a letter to solicit donations from local business for prizes. Additionally, the Tourism Commission provided the MIAD student ideas for designing the new banner designs.

The annual Joint Review Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th at 12pm. The office will be closed November 25th and 26th.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Edgar and other members of the Board received spam emails from fake accounts linked to John Stalewski and Craig Schaefer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

President Stalewski and Sue Stalewski will not be present at the Plan Commission meeting on November 9th. This meeting may need to be rescheduled to the following Tuesday due to not having a quorum.

Tuesday, November 9th at 4:00pm.....W. Greenfield Ave. Public Involvement Meeting
Tuesday, November 9th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 10th at 12:00pm.....JRB Meeting
Monday, November 29th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to adjourn. Time 7:35p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant