

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:14p.m and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

President Stalewski moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the Proclamation for Lynn Willett.

Discussion: Item 7c. Consideration and possible action regarding the Proclamation for Lynn Willett, was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

President Stalewski presented the Proclamation to Lynn Willett and thanked her for her service. Lynn Willett expressed her gratitude for her twenty year career with the Village of West Milwaukee.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, December 6, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

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 the utilization of ARPA funds for the expenditures totaling \$18,445.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated December 7, 2021 through and including December 20, 2021 checks numbered 30013-30061 in the amount of \$984,848.39.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$110,503.96.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

No Report.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the Beverage Operator License for Alysa Stark.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the Auto Salvage License Application for Suttner Industries.

Discussion: President Stalewski asked the d/b/a to which Trustee Schaefer replied Ace Auto Salvage.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the Auto Salvage License Application for Aussem's Auto Salvage, L.L.C. d/b/a Burnham Auto Salvage.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

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

No Report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Trustee Hildenbrand moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the appointment of Todd Hill to the West Milwaukee Village Board.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

Trustee Hildenbrand explained that the signs and gift certificates were distributed to the holiday display contest winners. Four entries were submitted and four signs were distributed to the participants.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve a “Resolution Authorizing Tax Incremental District (TID) #3 Affordable Housing Extension” (15-R-21)

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the appointment of the inspectors of elections.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Edgar

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that last Saturday, the Lions Club distributed Christmas dinners to deserving families in the area. He explained that the majority of the recipients were residents of the Village however, there were recipients in other communities, as well.

President Stalewski thanked Trustee Hildenbrand for her service and great ideas. He wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported the CDA is looking for members, there are currently three (3) open positions. The CDA meeting scheduled for December 27, 2021 is cancelled. President Stalewski mentioned boosting the advertisement for the open CDA positions on Facebook. Trustee Schuettke suggested advertising that being a member of the CDA is only a small time commitment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Assistant Police Chief Randolph reported that nine (9) vehicles were vandalized by concrete bricks being thrown through the windows. Nothing was taken from the cars. Shop with a Cop was a great success. Twenty-kids, along with their families attended. Each child received \$150 to spend at Target.

Trustee Ragonese asked about the progress with cameras. Assistant Chief Randolph explained that Baycom has taken over the installation and management of the cameras at Miller Park and National, 54th and National and by the hotel. The department is in the process of ordering more cameras. They will be located at targeted locations determined by the police department throughout the Village. Trustee Ragonese suggested mobile cameras.

The Board discussed having more police presence through cameras and additional officers. Assistant Chief Randolph added that hiring and retention has been a challenge for the department and explained that if candidates are not offered enough, they go somewhere else that will offer more.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan thanked Trustee Hildenbrand for her service on the Board. She announced there is a retirement reception for Lynn Willett’s last day tomorrow at 11:00a.m in the Community Centre. The December Plan Commission Meeting was canceled.

Additionally, Mr. Escobar closed Chula’s as of December 9th. They are looking to rebrand, from a club atmosphere to more of a restaurant. They will submit a Plan of Operation, Occupancy and work with the PD to come up with a plan moving forward. Trustee Schuettke asked if they plan to reopen prior to New Year’s Eve. Assistant Chief Randolph explained they had no plans to reopen prior to New Years.

Administrator Egan explained a Tourism Meeting will be scheduled to talk about the street banner designs, cameras and identifying signage on Lincoln Ave. The office will be closed December 24th, 27th, 31st and January 3rd. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4th.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Hildenbrand expressed that serving on the Village Board has been a rewarding and meaningful experience and she is proud of the projects the Board has accomplished. She thanked the Village Staff and Board for their tremendous support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, January 24th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn. Time 7:47p.m.

Voice vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant