

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

CITIZEN COMMENTS

President Stalewski shared citizen comments that were left on his voicemail. Lynn Sidabras at 1217 S. 48th St., Mike Kulas at 1804 S. 53rd St. and an anonymous caller from the 1500 block of 56th St., complimented the DPW on a great job plowing and removing snow throughout the village.

Trustee Hildenbrand asked if the citizen complaint from the last meeting was addressed. President Stalewski stated that it was.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Trustee Lewein indicated that the majority of the voucher payments are for the yearly fire department rental.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated January 20, 2021- February 1, 2021, checks numbered 28820-28873 in the amount of \$1,021,539.56.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated January 29, 2021 in the amount of \$108,388.00.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON STEVEN SCHUETTKE

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Chairperson Hildenbrand made the board aware that the Beautification Committee flyer is on the website.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the underground utility work as written in the memo.

Administrator Egan clarified that the village will have to come up with \$400,000-\$500,000 if the motion is approved. The village will be reimbursed for anything covered by the grant, which could be up to \$500,000, and \$500,000 can be transferred from TID 2.

President Stalewski reiterated that Trustee Lewein's motion indicates that we will do the water main project along with the grant funded lead lateral project this year (2021). President Stalewski recalled Len Roecker's recommendation to do all of the major underground work together in 2023 prior to the 2024 roadwork project. It was suggested to use the \$500,000 in grant money to complete the lead laterals from the curb to the homes this year (2021).

Trustees Lewein and Hildenbrand are in favor of using the grant money, even if it means splitting up the projects. Trustee Schaefer stated that he is in favor of doing the laterals this year but waiting to complete the remainder of the project, as it will be too much of a burden on 2021's budget.

Trustee Lewin, moved seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the modified motion to approve completion of the lead lateral service replacements from 56th to 49th using the \$500,000 grant in 2021, replacement of the water main relay, sanitary sewer mains and sewer lateral rehabilitation in 2023 and completing the W. Greenfield Avenue roadway pavement replacement project from S. 56th Street to Miller Park Way in 2024.

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

Excused: Ragonese

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski announced that lifelong resident of the village, Elaine Kroft passed away on January 24, 2021. He also noted that Lion's Club has raffle tickets for sale.

WMCDA REPORT

Trustee Schaefer noted that the January CDA meeting was canceled and the next CDA meeting is scheduled for February. He explained that the CDA will be looking for new members after the April election

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Nasci stated that the department plans to hire community service officers to help relieve some pressure. He also stated there have been multiple car break-in and carjacking incidents in the area. He explained that the footage of the suspect submitted from Trustee Schaefer's camera system was helpful.

Trustee Schuettke asked what the procedure is for cars that do not follow the snow emergency parking rules. Chief Nasci explained that the department first tries to make contact with the owner of the vehicle if they are unable to make contact and the car is still not moved they issue citations. After citations are issued they follow up with the vehicle owner, if the car still has not moved it is tagged and towed. Chief Nasci will advise his crew to follow up on the cars that need to be tagged.

President Stalewski questioned if the village called a snow emergency during the last storm. Chief Nasci was unsure. DPW Superintendent Jim Stenzel and the Village Administrator are responsible for calling snow emergencies.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan congratulated Trustee Lewein on his retirement.

During COVID-19 the library opened access for West Milwaukee residents to the Overdrive App giving them permission to use eBooks and audiobooks. Milwaukee County Federate Library (MCFL) made a recent correction to settings on Overdrive that has since prevented access to eBooks and audiobooks for West Milwaukee residents since this service is not provided in the current contract. MCFL has agreed to open access to electronic resources for 2021 and we will work on an addendum to our contract to continue the service moving forward. The MCFL Board needs to approve the access so there may be a slight delay before residents can again access to the service again.

A summary of becoming an elected official sourced from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities was posted on the website for interested candidates.

Administrator Egan added that West Milwaukee Park is on the Summer 2021 schedule for the traveling beer garden however, the dates are not yet finalized. Once the schedule is received she will pass it on to the board. She also stated that she will do more research on the financial aspect of West Milwaukee Park and bring it to a future board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00p.m.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, February 15th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, February 22nd at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to adjourn. Time 7:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant