

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 7:02p.m.

President Stalewski opened and introduced the three public hearings to 1.)Create a zoning district in Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance titled B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District to the West Milwaukee zoning code, 2.)the rezone of the Gateway District to B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District including the following Parcel Numbers: 436-1006-001, 436-1005-002, 436-1131-000, 436-1130-000, 436-1132-000, 436-1134-001, 436-1135-000, 436-1136-000, 436-2006-000, 436-1002-000, 436-1139-000, 436-1158-000, 436-1140-000, 436-1157-000, 436-1141-000, 436-1156-000, 436-1142-000, 436-1155-000, 436-1143-000, 436-1154-000, 436-1144-000, 436-1153-000, 436-1145-000, 436-1152-000, 436-2007-000, 436-1148-001, 436-1151-000,436-1003-000 (UP/CP Rail Road) and 3.) to repeal and recreate Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance; Article III Zoning Districts; Section 98-61.5 through 98-90 of the Municipal Code of the Village of West Milwaukee. This is to renumber sections in the code.

Resident, James Nicholas of 4018 W. National asked if the rezone is for the current Komatsu site. President Stalewski confirmed. Resident, James Nicholas asked what the rezone meant and if he would be effected. President Stalewski requested the advice of Village attorney, Stan Riffle and Village Engineer, Len Roecker.

Stan Riffle explained that the proposal is designed to put in place the law that follows the municipal plan to change the area from industrial to mixed residential and business. While the Village has heard that the company will be moving, the Village is unsure of what will happen as far as redevelopments. With this proposal, the Village is looking to ensure that another large industrial company will not take over the space.

Village Engineer, Len Roecker confirmed that the resident's property is within the district to be rezoned.

Craig Schaefer added that he would like language in the ordinance revised.

Stan Riffle advised that if there are no further comments from the public, the public hearing should be closed and discussion on language revision should take place under item seven.

There were no further questions or comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:12p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lewein, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, March 1, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RICHARD LEWEIN.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the new sewer user charges.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve "A Resolution Establishing the Village of West Milwaukee User Fee Rate for the purpose of Management of the Storm Water User System" (06-R-21).

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated March 10, 2021 through March 15, 2021 the checks are numbered 28992-29043 and the amount is \$95,626.93.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$117,763.06.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JANE EDGAR

Chairperson Edgar announced that there will be a virtual WIS DOT meeting on March 16, 2021 at 6pm regarding I94 changes. This meeting can be accessed at wisdot.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON STEVEN SCHUETTKE

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to approve the purchase of a 2021 Refuse Truck.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Beverage Operator License for Brianna Lipinski.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

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

No Report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

Trustee Hildenbrand stated there is a Spring Cleanup flyer located in the front of the packet and requested the trustees share it within their networks.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Lewein moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission to create a zoning district in Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance titled B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District to the West Milwaukee zoning code.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schaefer stated that he would like the language under section two in ordinance (1-O-21) revised. Stan Riffle recommended that the board allow Trustee Schaefer to voice his concerns and motion to amend the aforementioned ordinance.

Trustees Schaefer and Schuettke expressed concerns with the language of the ordinance and determining traffic corridors before knowing the redevelopment plans. Village Engineer, Len Roecker suggested adding that the traffic corridors within the district are conceptually defined. From an engineering perspective, the general corridors listed in the ordinance would align with the existing village street system and there is value in conceptually listing these corridors in the ordinance.

Trustee Schaefer stated that item (a) in paragraph two in ordinance (1-O-21) is too narrowly defined and creates a traffic corridor through existing buildings. Items (b) and (c) are acceptable as written. He requested item (a) be eliminated and the rest amended to include the term conceptual.

Amended Motion:

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to amend and strike the phrase “to connect W. National Avenue to Fredrick Miller Way” from Section (a) in the previously approved Ordinance To Create Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance; Article III Zoning Districts; Section 98-63 B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District of the Municipal Code of the Village of West Milwaukee (1-O-21).

Trustee Ragonese asked if the ordinance can be altered as the redevelopment evolves. Stan Riffle confirmed that the ordinance is amendable. Stan Riffle also stated that he will add language to the ordinance clarifying that the traffic corridors are conceptual. If the phrase listed above is struck from the ordinance it can still be added back at a future date.

Trustee Ragonese asked if the destruction of buildings is possible without Village approval. Stan Riffle stated that there are private property rights which is a topic separate from the zoning change on tonight’s agenda.

Village Attorney, Stan Riffle recommended the board amends the last motion to add the word conceptual to the preamble for clarification.

Amended Motion:

Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to amend the previously approved motion to include conceptual language in regards to the traffic corridors listed in ordinance (1-O-21) and to strike the phrase “to connect W. National Avenue to Fredrick Miller Way” from Section (a) in the previously approved Ordinance To Create Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance; Article III Zoning Districts; Section 98-63 B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District of the Municipal Code of the Village of West Milwaukee (1-O-21).

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission to rezone of the Gateway District to B-6 Mixed Residential and Business District including the following Parcel Numbers: 436-1006-001, 436-1005-002, 436-1131-000, 436-1130-000, 436-1132-000, 436-1134-001, 436-1135-000, 436-1136-000, 436-2006-000, 436-1002-000, 436-1139-000, 436-1158-000, 436-1140-000, 436-1157-000,

436-1141-000, 436-1156-000, 436-1142-000, 436-1155-000, 436-1143-000, 436-1154-000, 436-1144-000, 436-1153-000, 436-1145-000, 436-1152-000, 436-2007-000, 436-1148-001, 436-1151-000, 436-1003-000 (UP/CP Rail Road)

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission to repeal and recreate Chapter 98 Zoning Ordinance; Article III Zoning Districts; Section 98-61.5 through 98-90 of the Municipal Code of the Village of West Milwaukee. This is to renumber sections in the code.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

WMCDA REPORT

Trustee Schaefer stated that WMCDA meeting for March 22, 2021 will be canceled. The next meeting will take place in April.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel stated that there was a traffic signal knocked down at Miller Park Way and Westchester. Additionally, there was a water main leak at 40th and Greenfield which DPW was able to isolate. No homes were effected.

Police Chief, Dennis Nasci stated that there were seven applicants for the recently closed dispatch position. The department also has officer positions posted.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan announced that the Spring Newsletter is complete and will go out in the mail next week. The two new West Milwaukee gateway signs have been put in place. President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan, the latest federal COVID relief package. About \$65 billion will be allocated to local governments. The estimated payment for West Milwaukee is approximately \$400,000. Revenue replacement is an eligible item for reimbursement. Administrator Egan will follow up with the board with eligible reimbursements.

The Village is experiencing issues with servers and email exchange. The next Village Board Agenda will include West Allis IT for discussion on these issues.

West Milwaukee has been approved by the state as a delegated authority for building, HVAC, fire and components and commercial plumbing code for commercial buildings. Developers can submit applications, plans and fees directly to SafeBuilt. With this approval, the time to review plans will be reduced from approximately 16-17 weeks to approximately 10 days to 2 weeks. The Village will retain a portion of the fee that is charged for Plan Review.

West Allis will be doing a reconstruction of 56th St. from Beloit to Rogers this year. The intersection of 56th and W. Burnham St. will be closed. DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel and Police Chief Nasci are working with the village in regards to traffic rerouting plans. There will be temporary closings and openings through early October 2021.

Trustee Schuettke asked if West Milwaukee will be involved in the reconstruction. Administrator Egan clarified that the Village will only be working with West Allis in regards to traffic redirection since the entire area of construction is outside of West Milwaukee village limits.

Additionally, Graef will be doing traffic counts on Greenfield Ave. Trustee Schuettke asked if COVID-19 travel impacts will be taken into consideration with the traffic accounts. Village Engineer, Len Roecker confirmed that the decline in travel due to COVID-19 will be taken into consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, April 5th at 7:00pm..... Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00pm..... Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, April 19th at 7:00pm..... Village Board Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to adjourn. Time 7:53p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant