

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2021

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, April 19, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Schaefer, Edgar, Hildenbrand, Stalewski

Present: LaMack, Greenfield

The motion carried.

Trustee LaMack, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, April 20, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated April 28, 2021 through May 3, 2021 the checks are numbered 29174-29217 and the amount is \$98,719.44.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve bi-weekly payroll dated April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$112,441.17.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to accept the January 2021 Treasurer's report.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hildenbrand to accept the February 2021 Treasurer's report.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Hildenbrand, Schaefer, Greenfield, Edgar, LaMack

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON ADRIANNA LAMACK

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

No Report.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee LaMack to approve the Grade 1 and Grade 2 Refuse Hauler Application for Badgerland Disposal and Royal Disposal. Badgerland

Administrator Egan explained that Badgerland Disposal and Royal Disposal are separate entities under one company. Badgerland supplies commercial haulers and plans to contract with Menard's for garbage pickup. Royal Disposal provides roll off rentals dumpsters for demolition projects, construction, etc. The Grade 1 Refuse Hauler fee was received but the front office is still waiting on payment for the Grade 2 fee. Administrator Egan suggested voting to approve the Grade 1 for Badgerland and waiting until payment is received for the Grade 2 license for Royal Disposal.

Chairperson Schaefer withdrew his previous motion.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee LaMack to approve the Grade 1 Refuse Hauler Application for Badgerland Disposal.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to table the Grade 2 Refuse Hauler Application for Royal Disposal.

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Beverage Operator License Applications for Paul Burgess, Ramon Gomez, Callie Coleman, Sarah Richter, Stephanie Reffruschinni, Jennifer Henry, Tracy Davis, Gregory Lazariotis, Merritte Keith Finch, Tracy Glass, Megan Nelson, Andrew Radjenovich, Maricella Garcia, Nicholas Boehnen, Soukhaseum Saengphachanh.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairperson Edgar explained number four in the packet is a statement from the West Allis Health regarding COVID-19. Trustee Schaefer asked if there are any recent or updated statements. Administrator Egan clarified that this was the most up to date guidance available. The guidance provided entails restricting gatherings to a maximum of 50 people and adherence to proper mitigation practices such as mask wearing, social distancing, washing hands and sanitizing.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON MARIEL HILDENBRAND

No Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

President Stalewski will not entertain a motion regarding consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee regarding community center rentals at this time. The motion will be held pending further discussion and guidance from Administrator Egan.

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee LaMack to approve the reappointment of Jennifer Andreas to the WMCDA.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski announced the Sprecher Beer Garden will open at West Milwaukee Park on May 19th.

President Stalewski met with Marty Lexmond, Superintendent of WAWM school district regarding a new restructuring plan due to declining enrollment numbers. The WAWM school district plans to condense students into two smaller high schools or one high school. Pershing and West Milwaukee schools have plans for expansion. Other grade schools in the area, including Longfellow, will likely be closing and be used as public resource buildings. For reference, just a few years ago West Allis Central had close to 1800 students now, between both high schools, there are barely 1800 students. There has been a significant drop in school age children and trends do not show this will be changing.

President Stalewski also noted that the WAWM Heroin/Opiate task force will be holding a charity gala this Saturday, May 8th. The majority of the board will be attending.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer explained that the CDA is working on framework and guidelines for the Strong Neighborhoods Program. The initial purpose of the program will be to help residents with outstanding property maintenance orders. There will be another WMCDA meeting in May or June.

He also noted that the CDA is looking to fill an open commissioner spot.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Nasci welcomed new Trustees Greenfield and LaMack. He also explained that written exams for police officer candidates will take place this weekend. There are about 15 police officer applicants that are still being processed. Additionally, an offer will be extended to fill the full-time dispatch position and possibly a part-time dispatch position.

Trustee Hildenbrand commended the West Milwaukee police officers being the first on scene for a rollover accident on Beloit Road. Paramedics and fire arrived approximately 15 minutes after the accident occurred. Chief Nasci explained that the officers extracted the man from the vehicle due to the delay in response from the fire department.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan and Len Roecker attended a meeting last week regarding the 2023/2024 City of Milwaukee National Avenue Project. They plan to attend future meetings to remain current on the city's plan for the reconstruction of National Ave.

The bid packets are out for the Community Center ramp, sidewalks and speed humps. Bids will be accepted until 10:00am on May 12th and will be awarded on Monday, May 17th.

Administrator Egan explained that there might be a Tourism Commission meeting on May 17th to discuss solar and electric options for a potential West Milwaukee sign on Lincoln Ave. There is a Plan Commission meeting

scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th to discuss Davis Seasonal’s application for new signage. There is a Village Board Meeting scheduled for July 5th however, the office will be closed on that day.

Trustee Ragonese mentioned that Clerk/Treasurer Susan Schupp asked if she could use the Tourism logo for a seal design. He does not have an issue with the logo being used. The original village design has too much detail. President Stalewski asked if the village logo can be simplified to remove the extraneous detail. Administrator Egan agreed that the design can be changed or simplified. She added that she plans to approach the Tourism Commission regarding rebranding of the village.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee LaMack would like to schedule a Public Safety Committee Meeting. President Stalewski directed Trustee LaMack to schedule the meeting with Administrator Egan or Administrative Assistant Kayla Fitzgerald.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to adjourn. Time 7:28p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant