

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2022

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

Roll Call:

Present: Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Hill, Ragonese, Schuettke, Stalewski

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, December 20, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Greenfield, Ragonese, Schuettke, Stalewski

Present: Hill, Edgar

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated December 22, 2021 through and including January 4, 2022 checks numbered 30062-30143 in the amount of \$92,048.94.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated December 30, 2021 in the amount of \$109,771.66.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

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 Edgar to approve the agent change for 4th Base LLC, doing business as 4th Base, 5117 West National Avenue to Andrew Radjenovich.

Discussion: Trustee Schaefer explained that nothing else is changing, the agent change is simply due to employment adjustments.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Used Auto Dealer License Application renewal for Variety Auto, Inc.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hill, Ragonese, Schuettke, Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Stalewski
The motion carried

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Second Hand Article Dealer License Application renewal for GameStop, Inc.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the three (3) Second Hand Article Dealer License Application renewals for ecoATM, LLC.

Discussion: Trustee Greenfield inquired about the applicant's business. Trustee Schaefer explained that the applications are for used electronics vending machines located in Walmart and Pick N' Save.

Roll Call:

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

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

Trustee Edgar reported that the Board of Health met on December 9th and discussed a program to address violence in West Allis. The program is health based rather than law enforcement based. May is mental health month. The COVID vaccination rate for residents 12 years and older is as follows; Wisconsin 56%, Milwaukee County 55%, West Allis 54% and West Milwaukee 48%.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON OPEN

No Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve a "Resolution Amendment to the Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Village Monies" (01-R-22)

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve a "Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper for the Village of West Milwaukee" (02-R-22)

Discussion: President Stalewski explained the West Allis NOW is the primary newspaper and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel is secondary.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve the appointment of Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members as attached hereto Exhibit A.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the reappointment of Susan Stalewski and Carl Knapp to the Plan Commission.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the reappointment of Joseph Van Der Linden to the Police Commission.

Discussion: Trustee Ragonese asked if the reappointment impacts his position on the WMCDA. President Stalewski clarified his reappointment to the Police Commission does not affect his position on the WMCDA.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Greenfield, Hill, Ragonese, Schuettke, Edgar, Stalewski
Nay: Schaefer
The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski commended DPW Superintendent Jim Stenzel for his handling of the recent snow storm. Trustee Schaefer asked if any issues were reported by DPW regarding snow removal and the speed bumps. President Stalewski explained there have been no issues reported.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported the CDA is still looking for members, there are currently three (3) open positions. Trustee Greenfield suggested that President Stalewski lead his Spring Newsletter message with an announcement regarding the vital openings. He also suggested promoting and rewriting the position description due to misperceptions surrounding the requirements of the position. Trustee Ragonese asked if the Village charter can be altered to address some of the issues with vacancies. Administrator Egan explained that state statute requires seven members on the Plan Commission but she will look to other communities for further guidance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp announced that the paperwork for anyone running for trustee on the April ballot was due today. Trustee Schaefer and Trustee Hill's paperwork was received. The drawing for name placement will be on January 11th.

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp commended the front office on their hard work processing tax payments. Additionally, the applicant for the Class A Quota Change, Vijai Pathak would like to reapply and requested he use the same paperwork as last time. He will make the appropriate updates to the paperwork prior to resubmission. There was a discussion regarding concerns with the Liquor License policy, specifically surrounding the definition of proximity and limitations on the square footage of store space allotted for alcohol products. President Stalewski stated that these concerns fall under zoning and occupancy.

Trustee Ragonese suggested the criteria for approving or denying quota increase requests be more clearly defined. The Board requested guidance from the attorney regarding the possibility of limiting alcohol products to a certain

square footage of the storefront through occupancy regulations. Administrator Egan will request that attorney, John Macy attend the next meeting to discuss the liquor license policy, as well as the zoning and occupancy limitations. Trustee Schafer stated the question for the attorney is; what percentage of alcohol product square footage would qualify as a liquor store and what percentage would qualify as a grocery store? Administrator Egan explained, for a grocery store with a liquor license, alcohol product square footage can be limited through their occupancy and plan of operations. Trustee Ragonese stated that this only limits how much alcohol is displayed, not sold.

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp also reported that she closed one Village Wells Fargo account. The money from that account was transferred to a main Village account, which will save money on monthly bank fees. She also reported that following the census results, the Village is now subject to bilingual election requirements. All election forms, documents and oral communication must be available in Spanish and English. Both languages will be on each ballot. Since there are no bilingual employees or poll workers, she will refer to the Village attorney for guidance on how to proceed. There was a brief discussion regarding translation services and the possibility of utilizing off duty bilingual police officers for translation purposes.

Chief Nasci reported that the three police officer candidates will be officially sworn in on Friday, January 7th before they begin the academy. There are a number of officers that are out sick so, there has been a lot of overtime.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that the front office has been busy with processing tax bills. The CDC has updated the quarantine guidelines to five (5) days after receiving a positive COVID-19 test.

Trustee Ragonese explained that a construction crew on his block destroyed pieces of concrete to lay wire and haphazardly patched the damaged areas. Trustee Schuettke explained that the patched areas are temporary and will be replaced with full slab replacements. President Stalewski added that ATT&T Fiber is being wired throughout the Village. There is a pause in 5G installation due to health concerns and conflicts with air traffic. Administrator Egan will look into the construction taking place by Trustee Ragonese’s house.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:47p.m.

Voice vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Fitzgerald
Administrator Assistant