

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 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: Schuettke, Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Ragonese, Stalewski

Excused: Hill

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Alan Murphy of 1442 S. 54th St. expressed concerns with vehicles parking in front of the fire hydrant outside of his home and requested a No Parking sign to be installed. There is a No Parking sign in front of another hydrant on 54th St. Trustee Schaefer suggested increasing the budget for parking enforcement as an option. President Stalewski also suggested painting the curb in front of hydrants yellow as opposed to installing signage. President Stalewski will discuss the most effective and low-cost options with DPW Superintendent, James Stenzel. Mr. Murphy stated that the police have been responsive in either locating the owner of the vehicle or ticketing when he calls. He further stated that there was a village vehicle (leaf collector) parked in front of the hydrant for over an hour which was not ticketed. Mr. Murphy requested a follow up email or call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, October 17, 2022.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

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 commercial vouchers dated October 21, 2022, through and including November 7, 2022, checks numbered 31183-31253 in the amount of \$117,443.65.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated October 21, 2022, in the amount of \$124,403.43.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated November 4, 2022, in the amount of \$127,660.62.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's report.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

Trustee Greenfield reported that the 2023 DPW calendar has been posted. He also stated that Diane Mansel contacted the Village Board to express concerns regarding the intersection at National Ave. and Miller Park Way and widening left hand turn lanes. Administrator Egan will review and respond to her email.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the agent change for Target Corporation doing business as Target Store T-1895, 1501 Miller Park Way, Alexander Brown, agent.

Discussion: Trustee Edgar inquired about the boxes checked for federal, state, and local law violations. The form later indicates that he has not been convicted of any of the previously listed law violations. The application was reviewed and approved by Assistant Chief Randolph. Administrator Egan will double check with Susan as it could be an error, or the applicant has violations that do not affect the licensing. It was agreed to move forward with the motion for approval.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the 2023 Grade 1 and Grade 2 Refuse Hauler Renewal Application for Badgerland Disposal.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

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

Trustee Edgar reported that there was a Board of Health meeting last Thursday. There will be no November meeting.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

Trustee Hill is excused. Trustee Ragonese asked if there is any information available regarding the police department contract. Administrator Egan explained there are no updates yet. Trustee Ragonese suggested asking the Village Attorney if the Village can require negotiation discussions to happen ahead of contract expirations.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve a "Resolution Setting the Compensation for Elected Officials for the Village of West Milwaukee" (12-R-22)

Discussion: The pay increase goes into effect with a new term. Trustee Schaefer asked for President Stalewski's opinion on the amount of the increase. He stated that the increase is not huge, but fair for the duties of the Board. Trustee Schaefer stated that the Board settled on an amount that was lower than what was originally suggested.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Schuettke, Edgar, Greenfield, Stalewski

Nay: Schaefer

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the appointments of Inspectors of Elections.

Discussion: Administrator Egan explained that there are three new inspectors listed, all of which are bilingual, one was referred by Trustee Schuettke.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Hill

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that he was contacted by Vera Curry who runs a veteran's support group at St. Johns Lutheran Church. The building has been sold to another congregation who told her that they are not interested in supporting her mission and will need to relocate. President Stalewski inquired with St. Florian's however, they are not capable to take it on at this time. St. Florian's forwarded Vera's information to the Holy Assumption who is eager to meet with her. The Lion's Club will be doing holiday food basket distributions with Pershing on November 19th at 9am in the West Milwaukee Community Centre.

President Stalewski reported that an instrumental community member, Mrs. Janet Omick is not in good health and suffered from two strokes over the past week.

WMCDA REPORT

The November and December CDA meetings will be canceled. The Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting is scheduled for December 13th. A public member is needed for the JRB.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

No department heads were present.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that Mark Trinko will retire in January of 2023. Zoning Administrative Assistant, Teri Anniuk and Administrator Egan were invited to tour the Hunger Task Force facility which was very organized and immaculate. Trustee Ragonese and Administrator Egan plan to attend the Visit Milwaukee Republican National Convention Information Session on Monday, November 14th. The Village received the CDBG reimbursement check for the Community Centre retaining wall. We are still waiting for the carpeting reimbursement and paperwork has been submitted for reimbursement for the other projects. President Stalewski and Trustee Schuettke attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening for Buffalo Wild Wings Go. Taco Bell is now open but, they did not hold a grand opening event. Plan Commission has been rescheduled to Monday, November 14th due to the election.

The Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting is scheduled for December 13th.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Schaefer asked if the citizen comment from tonight's meeting should be submitted to a committee for discussion. President Stalewski directed the Public Works chairperson, Trustee Greenfield to contact DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel regarding the citizen request.

Trustee Schuettke asked if police officers stop to give out parking tickets when they are patrolling the neighborhoods. He stated that he has watched the police drive by blatant parking violations. President Stalewski mentioned a vehicle that parks over the crosswalk on 54th and Lapham every day and never receives a ticket. Trustee Schuettke also mentioned a truck that parks on the sidewalk at the corner of 53rd and Greenfield every night.

Trustee Ragonese stated that he is in favor of painting the curbs in front of fire hydrants red. He would also be in a favor of an ordinance that states if a vehicle is parked in front of a hydrant it is considered an automatic tow away zone. Trustee Ragonese also inquired about Judge Jodi attending a Board meeting. He would like to know how many cases the courts are seeing and what kind of fines are being levied. Administrator Egan stated that Judge Jodi plans to attend the November 21st meeting. Trustee Schuettke asked if there were plans to bring court back in person. Administrator Egan is unsure if Judge Jodi has plans to reintroduce in-person court. Trustee Ragonese asked if the Board can force in-person court.

Trustees Greenfield and Schuettke will not attend the November 21st meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, November 14th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm.Village Board Meeting
~~Monday, November 28th at 6:00pmWMCDA Meeting~~

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to adjourn. Time 7:39p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Fitzgerald, Administrator Assistant