

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Greenfield, Hill, Ragonese, Stalewski

Excused: Schaefer

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Rob Lewis of 1426 S. 54th St. explained he is experiencing issues with rats. He provided video footage of several rats moving between his and his neighbor's property throughout the night. He stated that his neighbor has several large bird feeders that have led to the increase of rat presence. He has noticed, rats are eating the fruit that fall from his apple and pear trees. Last year, he went through 9.5 lbs. of rat poison and has incurred over \$1,000 of rat damage to one of his vehicles. He has been working with Property Maintenance Inspectors, Joe Van Der Linden and Rick Durica. He appreciates their help and feels that they do what they can within their authority, but he questions if the laws here are restrictive enough. He mentioned that the West Allis Health Commissioner can remove bird feeders if deemed necessary. He asked the West Milwaukee Board to consider reevaluating the code to make regulations on bird feeders more restrictive and allow property inspectors to remove bird feeders if necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, August 15, 2022.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Ragonese, Schuettke, Greenfield, Hill, Stalewski

Present: Edgar

Excused: Schaefer

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 purchase the electronic poll book system, Badger Books.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese stated that items; b. the cost for Associated Appraisal to conduct an Interim Market Update Reevaluation and c. the purchase of a new postage machine will be tabled until a future meeting.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated August 18, 2022, through and including September 6, 2022, checks numbered 30948-31022 in the amount of \$329,356.80

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated August 26, 2022, in the amount of \$122,741.60.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

Chairperson Schuettke reported that there is a tentative Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled to discuss preliminary planning for speed control.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

No report.

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

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Beverage Operator License for Kathleen Glowing and Jenna Moskol.

Discussion: Trustee Schuettke asked if the applications were signed off by the Police Chief. Chief Nasci confirmed.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

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

Chairperson Edgar stated that she missed the last Board of Health meeting on August 26, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of September.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that Employ Milwaukee, which is the Workforce Development Board in Milwaukee County will hold their first annual fundraiser on October 13th at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the University Club of Milwaukee County Country Club at 7401 North 43rd St. Single tickets are \$125 and a table of eight (8) is \$1,000.

WMCDA REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that a CDA meeting was held at the end of August. At this meeting, the three (3) new members were introduced, they reviewed the TIF districts and there was discussion regarding the Strong Neighborhoods Program.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Chief Nasci reported that the new dispatcher is in their final stages of the training process. The two (2) new officers have also completed training and are working on their own. An official pinning will take place on September 26th. Chief Nasci also reported that two (2) suspects have been arrested in relation to the January homicide. President Stalewski inquired about car thefts and break ins. Chief Nasci stated that issues with car break ins and thefts has remained consistent. Additionally, a West Milwaukee detective will be conducting officer interviews in relation to an officer involved shooting in Milwaukee on Friday night.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that her and President Stalewski attended the Chief Executive's Workshop on August 18th and 19th where they discussed recruiting and retention ideas. During the workshop, Milwaukee County discussed the consideration of a 1% sales tax to help close their funding gap. However, legislators expressed they would likely

not vote in favor. The City of Milwaukee explained that they could be insolvent by the end of 2023. State levy limits restrict how much municipalities and other local governments can increase their levies, which are often not enough to cover the cost of budget increases.

A complaint was received that Smoker’s Hub was selling illegal single cigarettes and neglecting to document the purchase of tobacco. A meeting was held with Smoker’s Hub, where they were informed that if another complaint is received their cigarette license will be pulled. Village Attorney, Stan Riffle recommended amending the ordinance to adopt Section 139 and give the Village ability to write local citations. Mr. Riffle is preparing the ordinance amendments that will be brought before the Board at an upcoming meeting.

A meeting was held to conduct introductions with the new West Allis Health Department staff. Additionally, the Community Centre wall replacement project has been completed and is being prepared for reimbursement through CDBG. The new gateway sign on Lincoln Ave. has been installed.

Administrator Egan spoke with Jeremy Lucas at the Milwaukee County Parks. The potential of West Milwaukee Park getting new softball fields was discussed however, Jeremy stated that this will most likely not be moving forward. He stated that they are conducting an aquatic study to determine which parks will be considered for splash pads. Attendants are not required at splash pads. Jeremy Lucas explained that projects are better funded if support contributions are provided by the local entity. He stated that the cost to repair the tennis courts is \$500,000. The County Parks were very happy with the Beer Garden event sales. There are plans to repair the sidewalk path that runs through the park. Administrator Egan recommended that the Board provide public input regarding West Milwaukee Park at the budget meetings that the county is hosting. Lastly, there is a flu clinic scheduled on October 11, 2022, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Community Centre.

President Stalewski added, he had a conversation with Jeremy Lucas after he spoke with Administrator Egan. President Stalewski explained that Jeremy quoted the \$500,000 cost estimate, assuming that the West Milwaukee tennis courts were made of asphalt and needed to be completely repaired. President Stalewski informed him that the courts were concrete and have only minor surface imperfections. President Stalewski explained that the courts only need a surface finishing and a recoating. In that case, Jeremy Lucas said he would have a further discussion with the County Parks and follow up with updates.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, September 19th at 7:00pm.Village Board Meeting
Monday, September 26th at 6:00pm.....WMCDA Meeting

Trustee Schuettke stated that he will not attend the September 19th meeting.

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to adjourn. Time 7:27p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Fitzgerald, Administrator Assistant