

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2023

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:02p.m and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, February 20, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

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 February 1, 2023, through and including February 6, 2023, checks numbered 31686-31750 in the amount of \$311,205.39.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated February 24, 2023, in the amount of \$108,720.42.

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

No report.

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

Chairperson Edgar reported the Board of Health met February 23, 2023. As of February 2023, there have been 421 confirmed COVID cases, not including positive cases identified by at-home tests. Governor Evers' budget will dedicate \$18 million to local health departments. There is \$10 million in communicable disease grants and another \$30 million for local departments to address health gaps such as, not enough nurses in schools. Health Commissioner, Bob Leischow explained Governor Evers plans to apply much of the historic budget surplus to invest in Wisconsin behavioral health, public health, emergency response and long-term care systems. Governor Evers is also urging Medicaid expansion to an additional 89,700 people which would generate \$1.6 billion in state savings over the upcoming biennial. He also wants to invest an additional \$500 million into expanding access to mental and behavioral healthcare throughout the state. For years, Wisconsin has fallen short in funding public health mandates. The amount proposed by Governor Evers is the highest the state has ever seen. One of the most acute problems is the emergency health system. The funding will be used to hire more emergency service providers and support workers.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

Chairperson Hill reported that the Personnel Committee met this afternoon to discuss the police union contract. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No report.

West Milwaukee Community Development Authority (WMCDA) REPORT

Administrator Egan explained that there is a joint West Milwaukee Community Development Authority (WMCDA), Plan Commission, and Village Board meeting scheduled for April 11th at 5:00p.m. regarding a development proposal for the Malteurop site. The development would split the lot into two (2) large multitenant buildings. The developer will be requesting a Tax Increment District (TID) Pay Go. Administrator Egan added, there are improvements for the area that can be included in the TID. The developer will present and there will be opportunity for feedback and questions at the April 11th meeting. The March 27th WMCDA meeting will be canceled. Trustee Ragonese asked if a Pay Go is negotiable so emergency services within the TID are not costing taxpayers additional money. Administrator Egan explained that special legislation is required to charge a TID for police services. However, a developer’s agreement will be negotiated. Phil Cosson from Ehlers will also attend the April 11th meeting to answer financial questions regarding the district. The developer, Sam Dickman is estimating the value of the new buildings to be \$30 million.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Nasci reported that the new dispatcher is still in training. One (1) officer candidate was given the psychological exam this weekend and another officer candidate from the Green Bay academy passed the written exam and will continue with the next steps of the hiring process. The police department plans to look at the Kenosha, Racine, and Appleton tech colleges academy programs for their recruitment efforts. Trustee Greenfield asked what occurred at West Milwaukee Intermediate School. Chief Nasci explained there was a fight at the school that is being investigated.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that the Johnson Bank development on the empty lot neat the Fairfield Inn is moving forward. Planning documents will be presented to the Plan Commission at the April 11th meeting. A Tourism Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th at 4:00pm regarding the beer garden events and the Malteurop historical items. The cost to remove the frieze was \$11,800 bringing the total to \$41,805 for the Malteurop historical items. The 2023 sewer rates will be on the next Village Board agenda.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 14 th at 4:00pm.....	Tourism Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 14 th at 6:00pm.....	Plan Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 16 th at 12:30pm.....	Personnel Committee Meeting (Closed Session)
Monday, March 20 th at 7:00pm.....	Village Board Meeting
Monday, March 27th at 6:00pm.....	WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:22p.m.

Voice vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Fitzgerald, Administrator Assistant