

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2023

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:14p.m and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Community Development Block Grant funded Firehouse Improvement Project not to exceed \$95,000.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to direct administration to move forward with the proposed 2024 pay raises for non-represented employees, as presented in Committee.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

Milwaukee County will be holding a public engagement “Safe Streets Roadshow” at National Night Out on August 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation’s Complete Communities Transportation Planning Project. It was requested that a representative from the Village be available for any resident questions or comments. Chairperson Schuettke may be unable to attend. Trustee Ragonese volunteered to be available if Chairperson Schuettke is not.

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 Ragonese, to approve the Beverage Operator License applications for Zackary Everard, Doris Banks, Erika Torres, and Alexi Vincent.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Schaefer

The motion carried.

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

No report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that the new School District Superintendent, Dr. Robinson, and Business Manager, Mr. Aaron Norris will attend the October 2, 2023, Village Board meeting. Trustee Greenfield indicated that Dr. Robinson will also attend National Night Out at the request of West Milwaukee's Parent Teacher Student Association.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

DPW Foreman, Jason Jourdan reported two (2) pole knockdowns and two (2) lateral leaks in the Village between July 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> which have all been addressed. There was also a tree knocked down at National Avenue and Miller Park Way over the weekend. Submissions have been made for reimbursement. The Village received a \$400,000 80/20 split Carbon Reduction Grant. The Village contribution will be \$100,000. The grant will allow the Village to replace 46 existing luminaires with LED luminaires, 29 30-foot light poles and two (2) deteriorating street light cabinets. The grant will also allow the Village to install 32 street light poles with dual lights along Miller Park Way. Trustee Ragonese asked where the \$100,000 Village contribution will come from. Administrator Egan explained that DPW Superintendent, Jim Stenzel budgeted \$50,000 this year to replace a control cabinet, which will be put on hold to use the \$50,000 toward the Village's contribution for the grant. Next year, it is estimated that approximately \$40,000 will be needed for engineering costs and the rest of the cost will not be needed until 2026.

Trustee Schuettke asked if the streetlight on the southwest corner of 56<sup>th</sup> and Beloit Rd. will be replaced. Jason Jourdan will check to see if the replacement of this streetlight is part of the plan. Jason Jourdan also confirmed that replacing the old streetlights should reduce the Village's electric bill. The contractor that will be installing the new streetlights anticipates that work will be completed in 2025. Trustee Hill asked what color or temperature the lights will be. Jason Jourdan stated that the lights will be 4,000k. Trustee Hill strongly suggested a warmer color that is more bird friendly. He stated that there is ample research suggesting LED lighting is not good for birds, animals, and people. The research recommends 3,000k or less. Jason Jourdan will inquire with the Village Engineer to see if a warmer color can be utilized, especially for residential side streets.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that National Night Out is August 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-9p.m, where Milwaukee County will hold their Safe Streets Roadshow. West Allis Health Contract revisions should be on the next Village Board agenda for review. Plan Commission will meet August 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss two (2) extension requests for the temporary cell phone towers on Malteurop and Stomper's Concrete Conditional Use. The Village received additional CDBG funding for the upper and lower-level flooring asbestos abatement. Abatement will begin on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> on the first floor. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, asbestos abatement on the lower level will begin and flooring will be installed on the upper level. Once asbestos abatement is completed on the lower level, flooring will be installed. It is estimated that the project will be about a three (3) or four (4) week process.

Sanitary, storm, water, hydrants, and valves for the Greenfield Ave. reconstruction project will be go out for bid in August. The work is anticipated to begin in late winter or early spring 2024. President Stalewski, Trustee Ragonese and Administrator Egan met with Milwaukee County Parks to discuss West Milwaukee Park improvements. Milwaukee County Parks wants to transfer the money allocated for the tennis courts to conduct a study that will determine the best options for the park. Currently, there are no improvement plans for West Milwaukee Park for the next five (5) years.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Greenfield stated that he will not attend the August 21, 2023, Village Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm..... Plan Commission Meeting  
Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00p.m..... Village Board Meeting  
Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm..... WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn. Time 7:44p.m.

Voice vote.  
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kayla Fitzgerald, Administrator Assistant