

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2024

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, Hill, Ragonese, Stalewski

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Edgar requested that item a. Consideration and possible action regarding the Village Board meeting minutes for Monday, December 18, 2023, be removed from the consent agenda. She was not present at the December 18, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Consideration and possible action regarding the Village Board meeting minutes for Monday, December 18, 2023. (See separate action item below)
- b. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the commercial vouchers.
- c. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the bi-weekly payroll.
- d. Consideration and possible action regarding the Auto Salvage License Renewal Application for Ausseems Auto Salvage LLC located at 4907 W. Burnham St.
- e. Consideration and possible action regarding the Transient Merchant Permits for Leticia Munoz Hernandez, Rene Golpe Campechano, and Marco Cardenos Isidoro.

Discussion: Trustee Ragonese inquired about check number 32085, in the amount of \$27,628 for Public Official Liability insurance. He stated that the amount seems high and would like more information.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to approve the Village Board meeting minutes for Monday, December 18, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Present: Edgar

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

No report.

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

Trustee Edgar reported that there is a Board of Health meeting scheduled for the end of January.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve a “Resolution Amendment to the Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Village Monies” (01-R-24)

Discussion: Trustee Hill stated that Wells Fargo is the worst bank in the nation and is no longer accredited by the Better Business Bureau. Clerk/Treasurer Susan Schupp will be notified to investigate the consideration of alternative institutions. Trustee Schuettke noted, other banking institutions within the Village including Johnson Bank, Guardian Bank, Huntington Bank, and Tri City Bank can be considered.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve a “Resolution Designating the Official Newspaper for the Village of West Milwaukee” (02-R-24)

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese to approve the proclamation for Carl Knapp’s retirement.

Discussion: Carl Knapp explained he is blessed to have worked and lived in the Village for most of his life. He has enjoyed working alongside his neighbors and making the Village a little better. The Village Board thanked Carl for his service.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski extended happy new year wishes to everyone in the Village.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported that the WMCDA is looking for two (2) commission members.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent, Jim Stenzel reported that the department is hiring for two (2) open Equipment Operator/Laborer positions. Trustee Schuettke asked how many trash receptacles the DPW maintains throughout the Village. Jim Stenzel responded, approximately ten (10). Trustee Schuettke explained he was approached by a resident requesting an additional public trash receptacle. Trustee Schuettke told her that there are very few public receptacles in the Village, as they are labor intensive to maintain. Trustee Hill inquired about the wobbly slab on Miller Park Way. Jim Stenzel explained that he has not had enough personnel to investigate the issue. He noted that there is another slab by the post office on Miller Park Way doing the same thing. Lastly, Jim Stenzel thanked Carl Knapp for his service to the Village.

Assistant Police Chief Randolph reported that the Milwaukee Police Academy adjusted the graduation date to February 1, 2024. However, the new hires will continue their training and will not start with the Village until after February 15th. Once Milwaukee Police Academy training is complete, the three (3) new hires will complete three (3) phases of training with the West Milwaukee Police Department. All three (3) new hires will be full-time employees and are expected to start independently in May or June 2024. A lateral hire from Big Bend started on January 1, 2024.

Trustee Schuettke inquired about an incident near 45th Street and Scott where the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and U.S. Marshalls breached a residence. Assistant Police Chief Randolph explained that when outside agencies conduct search warrants within the Village the police department is typically notified. In this case, the outside agencies requested assistance from the WMPD. Trustee Schuettke asked if there are any safety concerns. Assistant Chief Randolph explained that it was an isolated incident where the target’s location happened to be within the Village.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator Egan congratulated Carl Knapp on his retirement. She reported that the Clerk’s department is busy processing tax bills. She also noted the flyer in the front of the packet for upcoming COVID vaccine clinics. The cash registers in the police and clerk’s departments have been adjusted to reflect the new county sales tax as of January 1, 2024.

President Stalewski welcomed back Administrative Assistant, Kayla Casto from maternity leave and thanked her for coming in to help process tax bills.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, January 22nd at 6: 00p.m.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to adjourn. Time 7:24p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant