

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 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, Schaefer, Greenfield, Hill, Stalewski

Excused: Edgar, Ragonese

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Schaefer 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 4, 2023.
- b. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the License Committee regarding an Application for a License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors” for Alexis Adamek, Brandon George, Kristin Kodaski, Lisa Casper, Lizbeth Nunez, and Jose Rodriguez Arzate.
- c. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the commercial vouchers dated December 6, 2023, through December 18, 2023, checks numbered 32717 – 32769 in the amount of \$234,041.79.
- d. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the bi-weekly payroll for December 15, 2023, in the amount of \$119,112.04.
- e. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the Treasurer’s Report for October 2023.

Discussion: Trustee Schaefer asked why the application for Jose Rodriguez Arzate was originally denied and later approved by the police department. Assistant Chief Randolph explained that the applicant had an outstanding citation that has since been paid.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Greenfield, Schuettke, Schaefer, Hill, Stalewski

Excused: Edgar, Ragonese

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to approve the “On-Street Residential Handicapped Parking Zone Application for Teresa Davis at 1438 South 55th Street as submitted.

Discussion: Trustee Schuettke explained that the original application was rejected in September 2023. Amendments to the On-Street Handicapped Parking Policy have been made since, which allow the Board to review the application as it was originally submitted.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Hill, Greenfield, Schuettke, Stalewski

Excused: Ragonese, Edgar

The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

No report.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the License Committee to approve the Used Automobile Dealer License for Variety Auto located at 1651 S. 44th Street contingent upon satisfying inspections for the outstanding items discussed in Committee.

Trustee Schaefer amended the motion:

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the License Committee to approve the Used Automobile Dealer License for Variety Auto located at 1651 S. 44th Street contingent upon satisfying inspections for the outstanding items discussed in Committee by January 15, 2024.

Discussion: The motion is contingent only upon the existing list of conditions and current open permits.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the 2024-2025 Election Inspectors list.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Hill, Greenfield, Schuettke, Stalewski
Excused: Ragonese, Edgar
The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that he attended the most recent ICC meeting where the topic of sustainability was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the City of Milwaukee pooling resources to aid smaller surrounding communities that do not have specified sustainability staff.

The Republicans in the State Legislature have interest in legislation that would require every municipality in the state to allow for the keeping of chickens and other fowl. There is also discussion regarding a bipartisan bill that would allow for easier creation of neighborhood improvement districts.

President Stalewski announced that there are open positions on the WMCDA, Police Commission, Board of Review and Board of Appeals. Administrative Assistant, Kayla Casto will post the open positions on the website.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

The WMCDA plans to meet again in January 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Assistant Police Chief, Shaundra Randolph summarized the Shop with a Cop event. 29 officers from various agencies and 23 children and their families participated in the event. The event was a great success.

Concerns regarding traffic by West Milwaukee Intermediate were discussed. Officer Gutierrez and Police Chief Nasci have discussed the potential closure of 52nd St. (Southbound onto Greenfield Ave.) during pickup time. The school also hired crossing guards for the area of 54th and Greenfield. Officer Gutierrez is also outside during dismissal time.

There was discussion regarding the closure of Greenfield Ave. from 56th to Beloit Rd. during the repaving process to shorten construction time and ensure worker safety. Trustee Greenfield requested clarification from Village Engineer, Len Roecker on whether the road will be closed entirely or one lane of traffic at a time.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Egan was excused from the meeting. Administrative Assistant, Kayla Casto reported that Carl Knapp's written notice of retirement was received. He will be retiring in early January. The Health Department gave the Village free COVID tests. Two (2) tests were given to each trustee and the rest are available for residents to take from the front office. The office is closed

December 22nd, 25th, 29th and January 1st. The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2nd. The front office has been busy processing tax payments.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, December 25th at 6: 00p.m..... WMCDA Meeting
Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00pm..... Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to adjourn. Time 7:28p.m.

Voice vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant