

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2024

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Resident Alice Zyniecki of 1427 S. 53rd St. addressed the Village Board regarding parking and littering issues on 53rd and 54th Streets. She stated that violators often park in posted “No Parking” areas along Greenfield Avenue at 53rd St. She also raised concerns about speeding vehicles. She reported that the Barber’s Company may be violating their occupancy and working outside of their specified hours. She stated that Barber’s Company employees and funeral home visitors park in front of her house for extended periods of time and suggested that parking permits be required.

Alice Zyniecki requested a “No Parking 1-2 Hour” sign with the hours of 9:00a.m to 6:00p.m. in front of her residence. She also suggested that the Village ask residents along S. 53rd and S. 54th if they would like the same sign. If more time is needed for guests patronizing the nearby establishments, she suggested that businesses be required to provide Village issued parking permits. She also requested a trash container near the corner of 53rd and Greenfield due to increased litter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, March 4, 2024.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS, AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the sanitary sewer user charges as presented in the Finance Committee Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a “Resolution Establishing the Village of West Milwaukee User Fee Rate for the Purpose of Management of the Storm Water User System” (04-R-24)

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated March 7, 2024, through and including March 18, 2024, checks numbered 33048-33099 in the amount of \$229,346.62.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated March 8, 2024, in the amount of \$131,656.42.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Licenses Committee to approve the new Massage Therapist License for Amanda Ortiz.

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Grade 1 Refuse Hauler License Renewal Application for GFL Environmental Muskego.

Roll Call:

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

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

Trustee Edgar reported that there is a Board of Health meeting scheduled for March 28, 2024.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve a "Resolution Terminating Tax Incremental District (TID) #2" (03-R-24).

Roll Call:

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

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve the appointment of the 2024-2025 Election Inspectors.

Discussion: Trustee Schaefer inquired if the Village has enough bilingual election inspectors. It was determined that there are several bilingual election inspectors indicated on the list.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that Sky Capriolo, the sole candidate for District 15 County Supervisor, attended the Tourism Commission meeting on March 13th. The proposed pickle ball court renovations at West Milwaukee Park are moving forward through the Milwaukee County Parks System and should be completed before the Village's first beer garden in June. President Stalewski plans to attend the State of the County address tomorrow.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported that the WMCDA is looking for three (3) commission members.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Dennis Nasci reported that the three (3) new hires are in the FTO phase of training and are doing well. The modified FTO recruit has been released on his own. The department is still down one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time dispatcher. The Community Service Officer (CSO) position has been difficult to fill.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that there was a Plan Commission meeting on March 12th where the occupancy for a new auto repair business at 4701 W. Electric, FVO Auto was approved. The Plan Commission recommended to the Village Board a request to rezone the miscellaneous triangular parcel adjacent to the Fairfield Inn at 4222 W. National Ave. to a B-4 PUD. The Plan Commission also recommended the elimination of cross access from the hotel to the multi-tenant building to the south. Both will come before the Village Board for review and approval/denial. The Tourism Commission met on March 13th where decisions were made regarding entertainment for the June and July beer gardens. The Tourism Commission also hired OnMilwaukee for marketing purposes.

There have been several public and preconstruction meetings regarding the Greenfield Avenue reconstruction project. Construction is expected to begin on Monday, March 25, 2024, and will continue through October 2024. Village Engineer, Len Roecker and Greenfield Avenue reconstruction contractor, Leland Construction, discussed the previously suggested cost saving ideas. It was determined that closing the corridor to traffic and eliminating street lighting would not result in significant cost savings due to additional costs associated with signage redesign and road closures. Due to a tight timeline and minimal cost savings, one lane of travel will remain open, and the lighting will remain on as originally planned. Lastly, Administrator Egan reported that the spring newsletter was published and mailed last week. The spring election is Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Trustee Schuettke inquired about the elimination of access between the Fairfield and southern multi-tenant building. Trustee Hill explained that it is requested that vehicular access is eliminated, and pedestrian access remains available via a key fob gate accessible by hotel room keys. The intention of eliminating access for the hotel to reduce costs associated with security and eliminate the occurrences of car break-in and theft.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Schaefer requested the Public Safety Committee schedule a meeting independent of the Village Board meeting. He suggested the Committee indicate target traffic calming areas on a map and produce a plan to present to the Village Board for approval. President Stalewski explained that a traffic calming plan has been established. Trustee Schaefer also suggested including parking amendments to the map and plan. Trustee Schaefer further stated that no decisions were made regarding the National Avenue proposed traffic calming and parking changes. Administrator Egan explained that Village Engineer, Len Roecker is discussing the alternatives with the DOT, as National Avenue is a connecting highway. President Stalewski also stated that the Village has a parking ordinance. Trustee Schaefer argued that with the current ordinance, the Board has received several parking complaints specifically related to visibility. President Stalewski suggested the Village Engineer investigate streetscape plans that would prevent people from parking in areas where visibility is a concern, without restricting the lane. Trustee Ragonese recommended that the police department is included in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, March 25th at 6: 00p.m..... WMCDA Meeting
Monday, April 1st at 7: 00p.m..... Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th at 6: 00p.m..... Plan Commission Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to adjourn.
Time 7:30 p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant