

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2024

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:26 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, Lynn Sidabras of 1217 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St. addressed the Village Board. Mr. Sidabras pulled a permit for a water heater replacement. He complained that Safebuilt requested a text picture of the water heater rather than an in-person inspection, due to the inspector's busy schedule. The inspector's name is Johnathan Fisher. Ultimately, Mr. Fischer came to Mr. Sidabras' residence to inspect the water heater, in-person.

Mr. Sidabras also stated that three (3) property violations require follow-up. He gave a list of the property addresses to President Stalewski and requested they be given to Property Maintenance Inspectors, Rick Durica and Joe Van Der Linden. Mr. Sidabras complained about barbed wire fencing at 4522 W. Greenfield Ave. He also complained that 1112 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. has a 30ft trailer parked in the rear yard around a century fence and a roof in disrepair at 1124 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St.

Resident, Richard Lewein of 1822 S. 54<sup>th</sup> St. addressed the Village Board. He stated that angle parking is not a viable option on National Ave. and predicted that accidents will be prevalent. His opinion is that angle parking is for low-traffic communities. He is also not in favor of turning off the streetlights during the Greenfield Ave. reconstruction project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, February 19, 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 award a bid to Genesis Excavators Inc. for \$26,640.00 to repair the pavement along Miller Park Way.

Discussion: Trustee Schuettke clarified that the project will fix the pavement and underlying box culvert expansion joints.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated February 23, 2024, through and including March 4, 2024, checks numbered 32996-33047 in the amount of \$56,396.00.

Discussion: Trustee Ragonese asked if the \$26,640 for Genesis Excavators Inc. was included in the vouchers. Administrator Egan explained that the check is not in the vouchers, yet. President Stalewski stated that the Village will not be billed for the pavement repairs until the Greenfield Avenue project is complete.

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 the biweekly payroll dated February 23, 2024, in the amount of \$125,181.36.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Ragonese, Hill, Greenfield, Schuettke, Edgar, 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 Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Licenses Committee to approve the Combination “Class A” Liquor Fermented Malt Beverage License for Jay Goga 1142 LLC d/b/a Martha’s Vineyard with Rashmil H. Patel as the agent at 1142 Miller Park Way West Milwaukee, WI 53214. The license is contingent upon Kunal Liquor LLC surrendering its license and receiving occupancy certificates.

Discussion: Trustee Schaefer stated that there was a typo in the agenda. The application is for a “Class A” Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License, not “Class B”.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Grade 1 Refuse Hauler License Renewal Application for Waste Management.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

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

Trustee Edgar reported that the Board of Health met on February 20, 2024, to discuss the 2023 annual report and accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. West Allis was the first municipal body in the nation to achieve level three (3) accreditation, which is the highest level. The process occurs every five (5) years.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint speed humps and traffic circle with the City of Milwaukee.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to hold agenda item b. the conceptual parking diagram for W. National Ave. between S. 56th St. and S. 48th St in committee.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that there is a public hearing tomorrow at the West Allis City Hall regarding the zoning for a proposed Department of Public Works facility, at 53<sup>rd</sup> and Burnham. The State of the County presentation is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and will require an RSVP to attend. President Stalewski is scheduled to meet next week with Sky Capriolo, the sole candidate to replace Peter Burgelis on the County Board. There is a retirement reception for three (3) long-term West Allis elected officials on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Clerk/Treasurer Schupp reported that the next election is scheduled for April 2, 2024. The Department of Revenue (DOR) revised liquor, cigarette, vaping, and tobacco license applications this year. Therefore, the liquor license applications will likely be on the Village Board agenda for approval at the first meeting in June. The new Badger Books were received and will be used for the upcoming election. President Stalewski asked if there is an official position for the clerks regarding new potential legislation to implement a state beverage operator license. Clerk/Treasurer Schupp is not aware of an official position. She further explained that a Board of Review meeting to adjourn must be scheduled within 45 days of the fourth Monday in April to fulfill the requirements of the upcoming assessment. Another Board of Review meeting will be scheduled for some time in July, as well.

DPW Foreman, Jason Jourdan reported that the department is down two (2) people as the two newest hires did not work out. In the last couple of weeks, there have been five (5) knockdowns throughout the Village. Trustee Schuettke asked if the Village can recoup any costs for the knockdowns. Jason explained that costs could be recovered for the stop sign hit at Beloit and Mitchell however, the other knockdowns were hit-and-runs, or the driver did not have insurance. Jason Jourdan will check to see if there is an accident report for the delineators on Greenfield Ave. Trustee Ragonese asked about the cameras along Miller Park Way. Chief Dennis Nasci explained that the delineators were knocked down by an accident involving stolen vehicles, and the hit-and-run knockdown was not within range of the camera view.

Police Chief Dennis Nasci reported that the three (3) new hires are in the FTO phase of training and are doing well.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator Egan reported that there is a Plan Commission meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> and a Tourism Commission meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The DOT plans to do a mailing to the properties affected by the Greenfield Ave. reconstruction project. Due to weather, the DOT is ahead of schedule and may begin the project sooner than expected. Administrator Egan and President Stalewski met with Dan Cowell, a representative for the Notre Dame School. The school currently has 100 students enrolled and plans to increase enrollment by 25 students annually over the next three (3) years. The school plans to apply for permanent occupancy. The Spring Cleanup is planned for Saturday, April 20, 2024.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.....Plan Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.....Tourism Commission Meeting  
Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.....Village Board Meeting  
Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6: 00p.m.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to adjourn. Time 7:57 p.m.

Voice vote.  
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant