

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2024

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Schuettke, Schaefer, Greenfield, Hill, Stalewski

Excused: Ragonese

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marshall Maney, owner of 4916 W. Greenfield Ave. addressed the Village Board with complaints regarding the Greenfield Avenue Reconstruction Project. He raised safety concerns, stating that iron rebar was not capped and a 14-inch plank along a trench with several feet drops on either side was installed to access his building during construction. Additionally, he expressed future traffic speed concerns with the grade increase at Greenfield Ave. and Beloit Rd. intersection. He stated that surveys were done incorrectly, resulting in a part of the sidewalk being poured onto his property. He further said the concrete was poured incorrectly and not sealed against his building. Felt was not installed between the concrete and his building and a broom was dropped into the fresh concrete sidewalk, leaving an imprint. He also expressed concerns regarding elevation discrepancies. He explained, there was previously a step-up to get into his building, which is now flush with the building. Window wells are being installed since concrete cannot be poured up to his glass-block basement windows and sidewalk elevations are not continuous which poses a tripping hazard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, June 3, 2024.

Roll Call:

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

Present: Edgar

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS, AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Greenfield moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated June 4, 2024, through and including June 17, 2024, checks numbered 33355-33410 in the amount of \$205,463.37.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

Trustee Greenfield moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated June 14, 2024, in the amount of \$138,106.65

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

Trustee Greenfield moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the April 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

Chairperson Schuettke inquired about the 38th Street and Scott Street area traffic calming project. Administrator Egan explained that the project has been bid out by the City of Milwaukee and should start shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

Trustee Schuettke inquired if a DPW representative would attend a Village Board meeting to discuss staffing concerns. President Stalewski confirmed that the attendance of a DPW representative was requested. President Stalewski will make a call to the Public Works Department Head. Administrator Egan stated one new DPW employee has been hired and another is going through the hiring process.

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Beverage Operator License applications for Daniel Cruz Crispin, Jammie Townes, and Rebecca Bilot.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

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

Chairperson Edgar reported that there is a Board of Health meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 27th.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield to approve the Proclamation for Police Chief Dennis Nasci's retirement.

President Stalewski read the proclamation and congratulated Chief Nasci on his retirement.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Ragonese

The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that there are upcoming DOT I94 Freeway Project public involvement meetings on Tuesday, June 24th from 4-7 pm at the Washington Park Senior Center and Wednesday, June 25th from 4-7 pm at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center. There is also a DOT I94 Freeway Project virtual meeting for elected officials on Friday, June 21st. President Stalewski and Trustee Schaefer plan to attend, the rest of the Board is welcome. The Tourism Commission's first beer garden event is Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. There is also a pinning ceremony for the Police Department at the Community Centre at 3:00 p.m. on June 20th.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported that the WMCDA will meet on June 24th. There will be a Public Hearing for the creation of TID 5.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Dennis Nasci made the Board aware that a Notice of Claim was filed approximately one (1) month ago by an employee of Potawatomi. The Notice of Claim is in reference to an individual who requested a ride to Potawatomi after the Police Department asked him to leave an apartment building in the Village. There was a restraining order filed by Potawatomi against the individual, however, it had not been entered into the system yet. The Police Department was unaware of the restraining order at the time the individual requested the ride.

The Notice of Claim was investigated by Associated Claims and forwarded to Attorney Joseph Wirth of Wirth and Baynard who recommended that the Village disallow the claim. The Village can disallow the claim by the required method of voting on the notice disallowing a claim, which then establishes a six-month deadline by which the claimant must bring her lawsuit. The Board can vote to disallow the claim with the information available to them or invite Attorney Wirth to attend a meeting to answer any questions. Either way, the disallowance of the claim should be voted on at an upcoming meeting. President Stalewski requested more information. Chief Nasci will forward the email from Attorney Wirth that summarizes his recommendations.

Chief Nasci thanked the Village for a great 17 years. He reflected on the collaborative efforts and relationships among the staff and has thoroughly enjoyed his tenure as the Village of West Milwaukee's Police Chief.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan thanked Chief Nasci for his 17 years of dedicated service. She stated that it has been a pleasure working with Chief Nasci over the years and reflected on how well the staff has worked together throughout his time with the Village. Police Chief Nasci has dedicated a significant amount of time to the Village, making it his home away from home.

Administrator Egan reported that an introductory meeting was held with a new CDA member, Demetrius Tann. Johnson Bank's grand opening was last week. Verizon will backfill the old Johnson Bank space. The Joint Review Board meets on Monday at noon and the CDA meets the same day at 6:00 pm where there will be a Public Hearing regarding the potential creation of TID No. 5.

A preconstruction meeting for the CDBG Firehouse Improvement Project was held and electrical updates to the building will begin soon. The summer newsletter was submitted to the publisher and should be arriving within the next day or two. The Greenfield Ave. Reconstruction Project traffic pattern will switch to the north side of Greenfield Ave. this week.

The Village received a request to allow Lime Scooters in the Village. Lime is currently working with Wauwatosa and West Allis to permit the scooters. Administrator Egan requested feedback from the Board regarding whether they would like to allow or disallow the scooters. Administrator Egan will gather information on the scooter policies for surrounding communities. The scooters are geofenced and should shut down automatically when entering a restricted area. Chairperson Schaefer raised concerns regarding abandoned scooters and safety issues on the Village's main thoroughfares.

The Plan Commission approved two (2) firework tents at Pick N Save and Wal-Mart and new signage for the Notre Dame School. Taco Pros, a new business in the Village, will fill the vacant suite next to Dunkin' on Miller Park Way. The Historical Preservation Ordinance passed at the Plan Commission level and will be on a future Village Board agenda for approval.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Hill raised quality concerns regarding the Greenfield Avenue Reconstruction Project. President Stalewski agreed and expressed that residents were not considered during the project's design phase. Trustee Hill and President Stalewski stated there are significant changes in elevation between the current and the previous sidewalks which will be dangerous with ice and snow buildup. Trustee Hill stated that the sidewalk at the northwest corner of 50th and Greenfield is barely higher than the street.

Trustee Schaefer expressed that the project borderline ends just before his property. No acquisitions were executed for Trustee Schaefer's property; however, the project encroached further than the original boundaries and onto his property. Construction debris including, lunchboxes and spray paint cans have been left in his yard and portions of his property have been torn up. Additionally, work happens outside of quiet hours, as early as 6 am.

Trustee Hill also commented that a light pole was relocated directly outside of a resident's window on Greenfield Ave. which should be addressed. Administrator Egan will schedule a walkthrough of the project with the Village Engineer, Project Manager and Trustees.

Trustee Schuettke would like to discuss the potential amendment of the Community Centre Rental fees. The Community Centre rentals result in a time-consuming process and the fees should be reflective of the workload. The discussion was referred to the Licenses Committee for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, June 24th at 12: 00p.m.....Joint Review Board Meeting
Monday, June 24th at 6:00p.m..... WMCDA Meeting
Monday, July 1st at 7:00p.m..... Village Board Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:51 p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant