

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 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, Edgar, Schaefer, Greenfield, Hill, Ragonese, Stalewski

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, July 15, 2024.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Discussion: Detective Skyler Feuerstein's name was misspelled and should be corrected.

FINANCE, CLAIMS, AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated August 7, 2024, through and including August 19, 2024, checks numbered 33352-33604 in the amount of \$257,501.82.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated August 9, 2024, in the amount of \$146,311.52.

Discussion: Trustee Schuettke inquired about the total increase for this pay period. Administrative Assistant Casto explained the first pay period of the month, includes insurance buyouts. Additionally, this payroll included police overtime hours for the Republican National Convention and an overtime payout for the School Resource Officer.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the 2023 audit with Baker Tilly.

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve a Massage Therapist License for Jennifer Sullivan.

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve a Used Auto Dealer License for GDL Auto Sales, LLC.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion: The applicant, Maria Torres introduced herself to the Village Board. It was clarified that property was previously a used car lot however, the used car dealership that was occupying the building no longer exists. Trustee Ragonese inquired about Ms. Torres' experience in the car business. Ms. Torres explained that she has worked in the car business for ten years and has now decided to open her own business.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the Beverage Operator License applications for Sierra Clerc and Emerald Ortiz.

Roll Call:

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

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

The next Board of Health meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2024.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the reappointment of Alice Zyniecki to the West Milwaukee Police Commission.

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that National Night Out was a good event and well attended.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported that the August WMCDA meeting will be canceled.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Shaundra Randolph presented an idea of rebranding National Night Out as Community Night Out and partnering with the Beer Gardens. Tourism Chairperson Ragonese stated that the Tourism Commission will discuss the potential to combine the Beer Garden events and National Night Out. Chief Randolph further reported that Cop on a Rooftop was a successful event. Corporal Kevin Eade has submitted a letter of resignation. Trustee Ragonese inquired about exit interviews to understand why people leave for contract negotiating purposes. Chief Randolph acknowledged his concern stating many departures have been due to personal reasons. She is connecting with each

officer to help the department adjust to new leadership and gather feedback on their goals and suggestions for improvement.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan stated that the Transportation Utility Fee the board was discussing to help fund road projects was found it to be an illegal tax by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Prior to his retirement, Village Engineer, Len Roecker, suggested the Village consider a new police or fire station development in one of the properties slated for new development as part of a TIF district. in one of the currently empty buildings. Open book is scheduled for, 2024 August 21, 2024, from noon to 5:00p.m. The West Allis IT contract expires at the end of 2024 and a new contract will be discussed. The Palermo’s project is moving quickly. A resolution will come before the board regarding the amount for the state trust fund loan application that will help fund the developer incentive and public improvements.

Deputy Clerk Teri Anniuk and Clerk/Treasurer Paul Baumgart ran their first election, which ran smoothly. Administration is putting together giveaway items for the Back to School Bash which is scheduled for August 28, 2024. The Department of Public Works is still short staffed and is continuously interviewing. A promising candidate was moving through the hiring process however, failed the drug test. The Village Board agreed to move the next meeting, to Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~~Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.....Community Development Authority Meeting~~  
Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7: 00p.m.....Village Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.....Plan Commission Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:41 p.m.

Voice vote.  
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla Casto, Administrative Assistant