

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2024

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:11 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

Resident Lynn Sidabras of 1217 S. 48th St. addressed the Board and requested that the Village Board consider an amendment to the code of ordinances to ban barbed wire fencing. Specifically, he complained of barbed wire fencing on a commercial property located at 4520 W. Greenfield Ave. Lynn Sidabras also requested annual property maintenance inspections be completed for all properties located in the Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer 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.

FINANCE, CLAIMS, AND PURCHASES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOHN RAGONESE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated July 18, 2024, through and including August 5, 2024, checks numbered 333479-33551 in the amount of \$210,947.16.

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 July 26, 2024, in the amount of \$161,824.38.

Discussion: Trustee Schuettke inquired about the increase for this pay period. Administrator Egan explained that banked vacation and sick time was paid out for two (2) retirees.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve and accept the June 2024 Treasurer's Report.

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 Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve a Resolution Amending the Community Centre Rental Fee (11-R-24).

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Schaefer stated that item b. Consideration and possible action based on the recommendation of the Licenses Committee regarding a policy outlining the standard operating procedure and denial guidelines for Beverage Operator Licenses will be held in Committee until it is reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Beverage Operator License applications for Jessica Mullins, Elvira Rockwell, and Akshaykumar Patel.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairperson Edgar reported that the Southwest Suburban Health Department made the Village aware that as of 2025 the Village must become a full member, rather than a contracting of the Health Department to maintain a voting member on the Board of Health, unless it becomes a full member rather than a contracted member. At previous Board of Health meetings, there was no mention that West Milwaukee would lose its voting member status with the merger.

Before 2025, the Village must decide whether it wants to become a full member of the Southwest Suburban Health Department. The Village needs more information regarding details of the partnership and associated fees before a decision can be made. President Stalewski reasoned that becoming a member may be beneficial for the Village. Administrator Egan stated that the current contract runs through 2025.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to approve an “Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 – Administration; Article V. Public Records; Section 2-351-358 Regarding Records Retention” (04-O-24)

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski stated the Beer Garden event went well, and he is looks forward to Village Board participation at National Night Out.

He reported that the tax reassessment process is complete, and letters are being received by residents.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported there was a CDA meeting in July where an application for the Strong Neighborhood Program was approved unanimously. It was suggested that the program language be amended to require two (2) project cost estimates for future applications.

Administrator Egan stated that TID #5 has been created and submitted to the Department of Revenue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Shaundra Randolph introduced Lucas Roth who was recently promoted to Corporal, and Skyler Feuerstein who was recently promoted to Detective. Chief Randolph also reported that the department is still hiring. One candidate was dropped after the background check, and the other did not prepare timely enough for the Academy.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that the Village is signed up for the Christmas parade in West Allis. National Night Out is August 16th from 5-9 p.m.

She informed that the 2023 audit is complete, and Baker Tilly will review the audit with the Village Board at the August 19th meeting. Advertising for bids has begun for the street lighting grant project. It will be brought before the Board in September or October.

Community Development Block Grant applications were due July 31st. Four applications were submitted. The Village received reimbursement for all CDBG projects completed in 2023.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 13th at 6: 00p.m.....Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, August 19th at 7: 00p.m..... Village Board Meeting
Monday, August 26th at 6: 00p.m.....Community Development Authority Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn. Time 7:39 p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Administrator Assistant