

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 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: Hill, Schaefer, Edgar, Ragonese, Schuettke, Greenfield, Stalewski

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, October 21, 2024.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schuettke, Greenfield, Schaefer, Ragonese, Stalewski

Present: Hill, Edgar

The motion carried.

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 October 30, 2024, through and including November 4, 2024, checks numbered 33809-33855 in the amount of \$73,538.13.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the biweekly payroll dated November 1, 2024, in the amount of \$121,739.96.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON SCHUETTKE

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON DOMINIC GREENFIELD

Chairperson Greenfield stated that an Equipment Operator from Department of Public Works put in his two week notice on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> will be his last day with the Village. Trustee Schuettke inquired about who turned in the resignation. Chairperson Greenfield stated it was Eric Grosz.

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

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to the Beverage Operator License applications for Mikalah Holcomb-Davis and Brittany Langston.

Roll Call:

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

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

Chairperson Edgar stated there was a Health Department meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It was stated at the beginning of the meeting that the Village's revised contract was on hold and would not be discussed during the meeting. The revised contract will change who we get our services from. We were getting our services from West Allis Health Department; the Village will now receive services from Southwest Suburban Health Department. There were other significant changes made. The Village attorney, Stan Riffle, will be reviewing the contract.

President Stalewski inquired if the structure has changed. Chairperson Edgar stated that Greendale is also contracting services but they are only contracting environmental services. She further clarified that the Village contracts full services.

Trustee Hill stated that the contract the Village has with the health department should be similar to the contract West Allis has with health department. President Stalewski stated that he believes it is the same contract, it just considers the amount of representation and cost based off of population and services.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Moved by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to alter the compensation for the Village Administrator, Kim Egan, to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, in the amount of \$125,000 per year.

Roll Call:

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

Discussion: Trustee Ragonese inquired about when the raises that were already approved will go into effect. Administrator Egan stated it will be in effect for the first payroll in January.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski stated he participated in the ribbon cutting for the soft opening of the pickleball courts. The West Allis Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Village has walked in the parade in the past and participation this year is encouraged.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer stated that the WMCDA has received a new applicant that is a good fit for the committee. The next step will be for the applicant to come to a meeting to introduce herself. It was agreed upon that the WMCDA meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> is to be canceled.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Police Chief Shaundra Randolph stated there was a homicide on Sunday night at 5433 National Avenue. It was an argument that led to shots being fired. The victim passed away in the hospital. The Police Department has identified the suspect and is working on finding him. Detective Chic is working on compiling reports and evidence to take to the District Attorney's office. West Allis and State Patrol were a large help. They heard the call on the radio and were on the scene as quickly as possible. There was an error in the press release. The press release stated the call happened at 11:59, it actually happened at 10:59. The early and the late shift officers were present at the time of the call. There is no danger to the citizens of the Village. President Stalewski inquired about the press release stating the

involved parties were residents of the City of Milwaukee. Chief Randolph stated the victim was a resident of the apartment complex. The victim wasn't directly involved, he involved himself in an argument which was what resulted in his injuries.

Chief Randolph stated she thought the Police Department was headed in the right direction with the current candidate. Chief Randolph stated she doesn't believe that West Milwaukee is the right fit for this candidate, because we are unique in the way we function. The candidate will not be moving forward, the Police Department will be posting for more candidates.

Chief Randolph stated she would like to recognize the citizen that assisted with a recent house fire before a board meeting. She inquired about which board meeting would be the most appropriate to do that at. President Stalewski stated that board meeting agendas will be adjusted accordingly to recognize the citizen. The consensus was to ask the citizen which meeting date in December works best for their schedule.

Chief Randolph stated that Lead Dispatcher Holly Young mentioned that the collecting program for outstanding citations is back up and running. Tax intercept will be started. It was clarified that in the transition between systems, some things didn't happen as they should have.

Trustee Ragonese expressed his gratitude for the information of the press release being sent to the Trustees and inquired if that was going to continue. Chief Randolph stated that it would be easy to continue. President Stalewski continued to express the gratitude for receiving that information.

Clerk/Treasurer Paul Baumgart stated that everything is ready for the election. In-person early absentee voting went smoothly. Voting numbers are comparable to 2020. There were 560 total absentee voters including both mail-in and in-person. There were about 300 in-person absentee voters. There were more mail-in absentee voters in 2020 but in-person was similar. Trustee Ragonese inquired about how many registered voters are in the Village. Mr. Baumgart stated there are 1,813 registered voters. He is anticipating a couple hundred more registered voters at the polls. He stated that there were 1,708 votes in 2020. Trustee Ragonese inquired about the time the polls are opened and what happens if someone is in line at the time of closing. Mr. Baumgart stated polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. As long as someone is in line at 8:00 pm, they will be welcome to vote. He further explained that this is the first general election the Village has had Badger Books. President Stalewski inquired if registering through Badger Books is easy. Mr. Baumgart stated it is easy, and it expedites the process efficiently. Trustee Greenfield inquired if election observers have to register in advance. Mr. Baumgart stated they do not have to register, but they are expected to check-in upon arrival.

Mr. Baumgart stated that the Clerk's office will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan stated there will be a Plan Commission meeting next Tuesday. Notre Dame is planning to do exterior changes and Wingstop is requesting extended hours. There is also a PUD request for 4831 W National Ave.

WeEnergies attempted to set-up the signals and lights on Greenfield Avenue on Monday but couldn't get a crew. They will attempt again next Monday. There will be a temporary outage to the apartment complex for several hours.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

Trustee Schaefer inquired if the Trustee's salaries were discussed. President Stalewski stated that everyone should be caught up. Trustee Schaefer stated the end of the three (3) year period for review has been reached and it should go under review again. It was agreed to address it at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.....Plan Commission Meeting  
Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.....Village Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.....WMCDA Meeting

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

Voice vote.  
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allison Kavanaugh, Administrative Assistant