

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2025

President Stalewski called the Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bryan Carroll, Support Services Division Chief for the Department of Veterans Affairs regional office, addressed the board. He stated that beginning May 5th, all VA regional office employees would begin reporting to the office five (5) days a week. Mr. Carroll requested assistance from the Village regarding parking, suggesting increasing the time limit for parking on National Avenue and side streets from 47th to 56th Street to four (4) hours. He also proposed implementing alternating street-side parking or offering paid parking passes. He estimated they will be about 250 parking spaces short.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes for Monday, March 17, 2025.

Trustee Schuettke mentioned a typo that should be fixed before finalizing the minutes.

Roll Call:

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

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 allocate the remaining TID 2 balance to the Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement budget for 2025.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Chairperson Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve the commercial vouchers dated March 24, 2025, through and including April 7, 2025, checks numbered 34307-34383 in the amount of \$634,733.25.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Edgar, Schuettke, Ragonese, Hill, Greenfield, 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 March 21, 2025, in the amount of \$132,799.86.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Edgar, Schuettke, Ragonese, Hill, Greenfield, 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 April 4, 2025, in the amount of \$121,687.11.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Edgar, Schuettke, Ragonese, Hill, Greenfield, 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 the Beverage Operator's License application for Richard Ottoson.

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar to approve the Liquor License application for Component Brewing for Thursday, June 12th and Thursday, July 17th Beer Gardens.

Chairperson Schaefer inquired if these were temporary licenses. Administrator Egan confirmed.

Roll Call:

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

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

No report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON TODD HILL

Chairperson Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Ragonese based on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to amend the Personnel Policy regarding the employee's accumulated comp time balances. DPW will be increased to 40 hours and dispatch will be reduced to 100 hours.

Roll Call:

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRPERSON JOHN STALEWSKI

Chairperson Stalewski stated that the consideration and possible action regarding amending the parking regulation on W. National Avenue and the surrounding Village side streets will be held for the next meeting to consider the comments made by Mr. Carroll.

Trustee Schuettke stated that getting input from businesses on National Avenue would be helpful.

Trustee Schuettke moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar based on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to approve the Certified Survey Map to combine parcels #457-1020-001 & #457-1009-007 located at 3900 W. Lincoln Avenue for Dickman/Palermo's Pizza (was 3830 W. Grant St.).

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski announced that the West Milwaukee Lions Club would be participating in an Easter brunch with Kegel's Inn on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He also mentioned receiving materials from a de-escalation training offered by the Metro Milwaukee Chamber.

President Stalewski reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 26th at 9 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

WEST MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WMCDA) REPORT

Administrative Assistant Kavanaugh mentioned that there is an application for the Strong Neighborhoods program under review.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Superintendent Jourdan reported on new equipment acquisitions, notably the new Ford F550, which was sent to Casper's Truck and Equipment to have the dump bed assembled. He also provided updates on new hires, mentioning that two (2) new equipment operators have recently started. One came to the Village with a CDL. Both new employees are reported to be working well.

Superintendent Jourdan also highlighted recent incidents involving damaged street infrastructure. On March 20th, streetlight poles on the 4200 block of National Avenue were knocked over between Komatsu and IHOP/McDonald's. Additionally, on the previous Saturday, a vehicle hit a streetlight pole on the 5000 block of West Mitchell Street while avoiding a squirrel.

Superintendent Jourdan has been dedicating Fridays to training new staff on handling specific equipment to ensure they understand how to operate it safely and efficiently. The training includes operating controls, loading trucks, and switching attachments, which is vital as some of the new staff have limited experience with this equipment. This foundational training is deemed essential for integrating new hires effectively into operations.

Chief Randolph announced that National Night Out was scheduled for August 22nd from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the school. She also reported that Sergeant Chic had been selected as a recipient of the 2025 Packers Protect and Service Award.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported several updates regarding Village activities and developments. She highlighted the successful lead abatement completed at 4708 West Beloit Road, noting that the Health Department had cleared the home, and the fines were resolved through the court. The recent election process had gone smoothly, with special acknowledgment extended to Clerk/Treasurer Baumgart, Deputy Clerk Anniuk, and all the poll workers for their efforts.

Administrator Egan also announced that two new businesses, Sofia's Kitchen and Taco Pros, have opened. Although these establishments have started serving food, neither has yet received its liquor license, which are anticipated to be addressed at the upcoming Village Board meeting. Sofia's Kitchen was additionally approved for outdoor storage of their food truck behind the building.

Regarding broader development prospects, Administrator Egan disclosed that there is a party interested in the Journal Sentinel site. The necessary zoning is appropriate for the proposed use, and plans include a potential new 230,000-square-foot building. As the plans are being finalized, they are expected to go before the Plan Commission, likely during the summer.

Administrator Egan informed the Board about the anticipated installation of a We Energies transformer set for April 16th, during which temporary stop signs will be posted. Additionally, President Stalewski and Administrator Egan are scheduled for a meeting with Congresswoman Gwen Moore on April 15th to discuss Village concerns. Lastly, she detailed approved changes to Wingstop's operating hours by the Plan Commission, now extending to 1 a.m. for takeout every day.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No new items discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~~Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.....Plan Commission Meeting~~
Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.....Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m.....Special Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.....WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the Village Board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to adjourn. Time 7:34 p.m.

Voice vote.
The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Kavanaugh, Administrative Assistant