

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

President Stalewski called the 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, President Stalewski.

Others in Attendance: Administrator Kim Egan; Police Chief Shaundra Randolph; DPW Superintendent Jason Jourdan; and Assistant Administrator Kayla Casto

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m.

President Stalewski opened the Public Hearing for discussion of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Administrator Egan provided an overview of the 2026 budget. She explained that the mill rate would remain the same at 23.63 for 2025. The school credit changed slightly, and the sales tax credit dropped; the levy after credits is about 18 cents higher per thousand, resulting in a minimal increase on tax bills.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from Monday, November 17, 2025

Roll Call:

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

Present: Hill

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke to approve the "Resolution Determining the Tax Levy" (09-R-25)

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the "Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the Calendar Year 2026 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan" (10-R-25)

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the commercial vouchers dated November 20, 2025, through November 26, 2025, checks numbered 35071 through 35079 in the amount of \$197,204.03.

Discussion: Trustee Schaefer inquired about the voided checks. Administrator Egan explained that sometimes, when printing checks, other print jobs can interfere, causing checks to be voided and reprinted in the next batch.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve commercial vouchers dated December 1, 2025, checks numbered 35097 through 35131 in the amount of \$321,830.41

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the biweekly payroll dated November 28, 2025, in the amount of \$131,532.69.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the October 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING, AND UTILITIES

Chairperson Greenfield reported that he met with DPW Superintendent Jourdan to learn about potential alley refurbishment projects and capital expenditures for garbage truck equipment.

LICENSES, ZONING, PARKS, AND BUILDINGS

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the new Beverage Operator License applications for Susan Kroll and Adrian Cantu.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND RECREATION

Chairperson Edgar reported that the Health Board met on November 20th but had nothing significant to report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY

Chairperson Hill reported that Trustee Ragonese is working with administration to discuss amendments to the WMPPA union contract.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that he attended the Wisconsin Policy Forum luncheon as a guest of the City of West Allis. The event featured awards based on a "Salute to Local Government" theme.

On November 20th, the President and other Alliance Club members learned of the pending closure of the Best Western hotel. In a subsequent conversation with Jeff Minken from Minken Management, he discovered the hotel was losing money due to pre-COVID financing issues exacerbated by the pandemic. The hotel will operate through November 30th. The restaurant closed, effective immediately, on November 18th. There is a potential buyer for the operation, and the apartment building will remain open. The closure will mean a loss of tourism revenue for the Village.

The West Milwaukee Lions Club conducted Thanksgiving food distributions, helping fifteen (15) families in the area who were referred by school staff. A similar distribution is planned for Christmas.

President Stalewski attended the soft opening for the newly remodeled Central Field House, which features new bleachers and a wooden basketball floor. He also received information about the opening of a recreation department fitness center at 1300 S 109th Street, with an open house scheduled for December 10th beginning at 5:30 p.m. The fitness center will offer membership options for Village residents and employees.

WMCDA REPORT

Chairperson Schaefer reported that there are a couple of Strong Neighborhood applications that need to be processed. There was discussion about finding a date that would work for a December WMCDA meeting, possibly December 17th or 22nd, due to holiday scheduling challenges.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Superintendent Jordan reported on several projects. The plowing operation from Saturday to Sunday resulted in long hours for the DPW staff. The CDBG project at the Community Center is almost complete, with only one kitchen switch remaining to be replaced. The Burnham Street cement project is done except for landscaping, which will be completed in the spring. The National Avenue/54th Street alley project is complete. We Energies will be providing power to the traffic control cabinets at 48th and 47th Street intersections on National Avenue next week. The temporary lighting system at National Avenue and Miller Parkway has been replaced with a permanent traffic signal system that is functioning well. Trustee Schaefer noted that the change in signal timing at National and Miller Parkway has improved traffic flow significantly.

Chief Randolph reminded the Board about the upcoming "Shop with a Cop" event next Friday and encouraged them to attend. The Chief also provided an update on fundraising for police dog Kane, noting that a very generous donation has pushed them over their initial goal, allowing them to outfit the squad car and acquire necessary equipment while the dog is in training.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that a fundraiser for K9 Kane is underway, with raffle tickets available at the Clerk's Office. The Plan Commission has recommended two (2) Certified Survey Maps to the Village Board. The Public Hearings will be held at the December 15th Village Board meeting. The CDA has two applications for Strong Neighborhoods grants to be processed at the next CDA meeting. The spring 2026 tree planting bid is out and will be funded through the Green Infrastructure grant program at MMSD. CDBG projects are wrapping up, and costs will be submitted for reimbursement. The Village will not participate in the West Allis Christmas parade, as there was not enough interest.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M.....Village Board Meeting
Monday, December 22nd at 6:00 P.M.....WMCDA Meeting

Monday, January 5th at 7:00 P.M.....Village Board Meeting

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Hill to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Voice Vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Casto, Assistant Administrator