SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

President Stalewski called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call:
Present: Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Ragonese, President Stalewski
Excused: Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Greenfield
Absent: Trustee Hill

PUBLIC HEARING
No public hearing

CITIZEN COMMENTS
No citizen comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
No minutes to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES, Chairperson John Ragonese
No report was given.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT, Chairperson Steve Schuettke
No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES, Chairperson Dominic Greenfield
No report was given.

LICENSES, ZONING, PARKS, AND BUILDINGS, Chairperson Craig Schaefer
Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the premises extensions for establishments on National Avenue for the purposes of the Milwaukee Brewers World Series.

Discussion followed after the motion. The extension of premise applications were for 4th Base and Cesar's Inn.

Trustee Schaefer outlined the extension of premise application for 4th Base. The application stated that 4th Base wants to extend into the alley or parking lot next to its building. The establishment wants to place a barrier and assumed they would have a bar, some tables, and a large screen to watch the party. On the Cesar's Inn application, the "describe event area" section contained a hand-drawn sketch of the Cesar's Inn property and National Avenue.

President Stalewski said Cesar's did not appear to be planning a large event. They have many televisions inside and would basically place a table outside by the stairs and do some grilling.

Administrator Egan explained why the agenda was worded in this way. 4th Base came in the previous Thursday and completed all of the paperwork. She called President Stalewski, who asked whether the item could be left open and whether she could reach out to Cesar's. Staff went to Cesar's, took them an application, and asked whether they were interested. They completed the application, but the agenda had to go to the media by 9:30 A.M. The establishments expect overflow crowds because of the anticipated turnout. They want patrons to be able to step outside with their cocktails onto the establishment's own property.

Trustee Edgar said her main concern was sidewalk access, with regular people walking up and down National Avenue. Trustee Schaefer explained that extensions were for the establishments' own property. Trustee Edgar asked, "So the sidewalks will be clear?" and was told yes. She said she was good with that.

Administrator Egan directed the board to Attachment No. 5 in the packet and summarized the list of recommended conditions that had been developed, including: The application requires the hours and date of the event to be stated. No outdoor service is permitted outside of the approved hours. The temporary approval may be revoked if operational or safety concerns arise. Alcohol must be consumed solely within the approved premises, with no alcohol carried beyond the approved boundaries. Servers must comply with Wisconsin Law, and servers and bartenders must be licensed. No self-service stations are permitted. The extension area must be clearly marked with barricades or barriers. The area must not obstruct sidewalks, accessible routes, fire lanes, or building exits. A site plan showing the proposed boundaries may be required, and she said 4th Base had submitted a good one. She described the conditions as a basic outline intended to keep public access clear, allow alcohol service outside the regular buildings, and ensure compliance with licensing rules.

Trustee Ragonese said he favored the proposal given how quickly it was being done. He asked which authority would have to revoke the permit. He asked whether the motion should provide that the police department could revoke it. He reasoned that if officers asked an establishment to contain an area and ran into noncompliance, the police should be able to say, "Fine. Revoke it and be done with it." He noted that the period was short, potentially several days. Administrator Egan confirmed that the permit dates covered up to seven dates, one for each of the potential playoff games, because the establishments might also host a watch party. She said she had included all dates in Attachment No. 5 because 4th Base had talked about returning if there were two final games, which would avoid the need for another special meeting.

Administrator Egan noted that the draft conditions already stated that the police department may require adjustments to the setup if safety or traffic concerns arise. She offered to add language so that the permit could be discontinued by the police department if violations or safety concerns were not promptly corrected. Trustee Ragonese said he would like something that would make enforcement "pretty swift," and that he hoped the Chief would sign off. Members agreed that establishments that got out of line would know they would be shut down and noticed. Administrator Egan added that each establishment would sign and date the conditions, so they would be bound by them.

Trustee Schaefer said he was hopeful it would go well and did not expect it to get out of hand, and Trustee Edgar noted, "they're gonna be pretty excited." Administrator Egan told the board that one of the owner-operators described the event as a trial run. They might want to do it again on opening day if there were another run or a big game the following year. President Stalewski and others voiced support for the establishments' expansion of business and for bringing people into West Milwaukee.

Trustee Schaefer modified his motion, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to include the Administrator’s comments, giving the police the additional authority to control, monitor, withhold, or revoke the permit.

Roll Call:
Aye: Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Ragonese, President Stalewski
Excused: Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Schuettke
Absent: Trustee Hill

HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND RECREATION, Chairperson Jane Edgar
No report was given.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY, Chairperson Todd Hill
No report was given.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, Chairperson John Stalewski
No report was given.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was given.

WMCDA REPORT, Chairperson Craig Schaefer

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
No report was given.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
No report was given.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION
No new items were raised for future committee deliberation.

Upcoming Meetings. The following meetings were announced:
Monday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m……..……. ……..WMCDA Meeting
TBD at 6:00 p.m.…..……...……..….Plan Commission Meeting
Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m……..……..…….…….Village Board Meeting

Adjournment
Motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to adjourn at 10:10 AM. Motion carried unanimously by voice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Administrative Assistant
Ann Olson