VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

President Stalewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Hill, Trustee Ragonese, President Stalewski.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing

CITIZEN COMMENTS

President Stalewski stated that one citizen, Gerald Sormrude, wished to address the board, and he invited Mr. Sormrude to the podium.

Mr. Sormrude spoke regarding the West Milwaukee Historical Society. He stated that before he and Craig Omick became involved in 2025, the society had held no meetings or activities for years. He credited Mr. Omick with spending "countless hours" organizing and setting up the society's room in the Community Centre, which he described as "a very inviting, interesting room." He described Mr. Omick's enthusiasm and dedication as "amazing and inspiring."

Mr. Sormrude reported that the society had needed to straighten out matters at Landmark Credit Union because someone had created a different EIN number for the society. He said they are working with the Wisconsin Historical Society to update its bylaws and were awaiting the next level of approval. Two (2) new members had been brought in and had begun scanning documents. Mr. Omick had also worked with the authors of the West Milwaukee Fire Department book. Mr. Sormrude listed planned and completed outreach, including a presentation at West Milwaukee Middle School and a CBS 58 appearance regarding Liberace, after which he believed CBS 58 visited the Historical Society. He stated that in about a year and a half more had been accomplished than in the previous decade.

Mr. Sormrude then expressed concern that "some members of this board are hell bent on usurping everything that has been and is being accomplished," which he called "very interesting and quite baffling." He stated that at a prior board meeting Mrs. Stalewski had made it sound as though the society had been secretive and closed to new members. He disagreed and noted that the society is listed on the Village website. He said President Stalewski, Mrs. Stalewski, and Trustees Ragonese and Trustee Schaefer had attended one meeting, and that in early 2026 President Stalewski, Mrs. Stalewski, and Trustee Ragonese had attended another meeting, but had not returned. He stated that Mrs. Stalewski declined the secretary’s position because she probably could not attend every month. He said Mr. Omick then received a letter from the Village Attorney regarding membership, which "sounds like intimidation."

Mr. Sormrude stated that the board should be pleased the society is active again rather than "obsessing about absorbing it into the West Milwaukee Tourism Bureau." He referred to the Tourism Bureau as the organization that paid $41,805.00 of taxpayer dollars to a grading company for Froedtert Malt artifacts. He stated that anyone who wishes to participate is welcome to become a member or patron, and that no request to join had ever been turned down. He suggested the board "shed what seems to be a control obsession" and allow the Historical Society to continue as a grassroots volunteer organization. He closed by thanking the board for pressing some residents to clean up their yards.

President Stalewski thanked Mr. Sormrude and concluded citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Hill, to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, October 5, 2026.

Roll Call:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES, Chairperson John Ragonese

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the commercial vouchers dated October 7, 2026, through and including October 19, 2026, checks number 36065 through and including 36128, in the amount of $149,853.17.

Roll Call:

Aye: Trustee Hill, Trustee Ragonese, Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Greenfield, President Stalewski

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the bi-weekly payroll dated October 16, 2026, in the amount of $134,898.50

Roll Call:

Aye: Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Hill, Trustee Ragonese, Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, President Stalewski

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

No report was given.

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

Trustee Hill moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the Certified Survey Map to split parcel #457-1008-003 located at 2101 S. 37th Street into two parcels, subject to the condition that an easement be required as a condition for approval.

Roll Call:

Aye: Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Hill, Trustee Ragonese, Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Edgar, President Stalewski

President Stalewski moved, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve the inclusion of the cost for private voucher schools in the WAWM School District tax levy as a separate insert with the tax bill rather than as a line on the tax bill.

Roll Call:

Aye: Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Hill, Trustee Ragonese, Trustee Schuettke, President Stalewski

Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Greenfield, to accept the reappointments of Gerald Lemmermann to the Board of Appeals, John Ragonese to the Board of Review, and Todd Hill to the Plan Commission, as listed.

Roll Call:

Aye: Trustee Schuettke, Trustee Edgar, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Greenfield, Trustee Ragonese, President Stalewski

Present: Trustee Hill

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that he had met with the facilities manager at the new animal hospital, West Milwaukee Veterinary Care, at 42nd and Greenfield. He described it as a "beautiful facility" and a welcome addition to the Village. A grand opening with a ribbon cutting is planned for Friday, November 6, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. All board members were invited, and information is to be posted on Facebook and the Village website.

WMCDA REPORT, Chairperson Craig Schaefer

Administrator Egan reported that three (3) more Strong Neighborhood applications had recently been received but did not appear complete or qualified. Staff were reviewing them and would notify the CDA if a meeting became necessary.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Village Clerk / Treasurer Paul Baumgart reported that the election is taking place in about two (2) weeks. In-person absentee voting begins the next day, October 20, and runs through Friday, October 30. As of that day, 112 absentee ballots had been mailed out. He noted that statewide mailed absentee numbers appeared to be down, which might reflect more in-person absentee voting, though participation remains to be seen. Trustee Hill asked if there were enough voting volunteers. Clerk Baumgart responded that they were all set up with the same group as the last election, which helps with consistency. He reminded the board that there is training next Friday for those who could participate.

Police Chief Shaundra Randolph had numerous updates for the Board.

The department participated in a trunk-or-treat with the rescue group over the weekend, with good turnout and weather. Sergeant Munoz set up a squad vehicle and van for children to walk through. Pershing Elementary's trunk-or-treat, postponed because of heavy rain, was rescheduled for October 29 and will proceed rain or shine, with an indoor option in the gym. The department will participate.

In the March hit–and–run involving a death at 54th and National, the defendant pled guilty last Friday to one count of knowingly operating without a license causing death and one count of hit and run involving death. She was sentenced the same day to six (6) years: three (3) years of initial confinement and three (3) years of supervision, with

credit for 221 days served. Chief Randolph called this a good outcome as the defendant accepted responsibility rather than going to trial.

Chief Randolph did not anticipate a major problem for the Village for the World Series preparations. The stadium would open its parking lots four (4) hours early. She stated that Friday traffic may be affected by rush hour, and one (1) or two (2) officers would likely be held over for Friday. Saturday, being a weekend, typically sees less traffic impact. In response to President Stalewski asking about National Avenue traffic, it would be no worse than it is currently.

The department received a complaint, presumably from the VA, that employees have difficulty exiting onto National Avenue from the 47th Street light, particularly those turning east toward Mill Park Way, where eastbound National Ave traffic and impatient drivers cause congestion. Trustee Schaefer asked whether to forward complaints to the DOT. Chief Randolph said she wished the turn-out and east movement would be closed, forcing drivers west toward Bluemound Road.

Trustee Edgar asked about shots fired at Walmart. Chief Randolph reported that a citizen got into a verbal argument with a Walmart employee. Outside on the north side of the building, the suspect fired three (3) rounds into the air and fled. The suspect has not been identified; no one was hurt, and Brewers fans parked at Walmart did not appear to be affected. Trustee Ragonese asked whether there had been a conversation with Walmart management about how the incident happened. Chief Randolph stated there had been no additional conversation with Walmart, noting that Walmart has cameras that are “not great, but that the department could not control individuals’ behavior or detect concealed weapons unless Walmart would utilize metal detectors.

Trustee Schuettke relayed a constituent’s concern that a potential Game 7 of the World Series at 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 31, would coincide with trick-or-treat hours, creating pedestrian and child safety concerns near crosswalks. Chief Randolph replied that the department’s primary response would be increased patrols.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported on a recent Plan Commission meeting. The commission approved 24-hour operation for a daycare center at 5412 West Burnham, to serve parents working evening shifts, such as in law enforcement or hospitals. The commission also approved new exterior signs, some new awnings, and color changes for the combined Applebee's and IHOP concept, which will not otherwise change the building's interior or exterior. The next Plan Commission meeting cannot be held on the second Tuesdayin November, and a date of Wednesday, November 18, was proposed. A notice would be sent to confirm a quorum.

She reported that staff would meet with a group from the Pershing school regarding parking conflicts. The street near the school is posted no parking, while the school has signs designating drop-off areas, which has led to officers talking with parents and to conflicting signage. If any changes are requested, the matter would return to the board.

She added that staff continues to work on the budget.

Administrator Egan described attending the planning association convention in Madison with Zoning Administrator Teri Anniuk, calling it "probably the best conference I've attended." Sessions included walking tours in Middleton on its redevelopment and public space, sessions in separate tracks on signage and zoning, and a Madison tour on State Street's closure to vehicles and related efforts for development, traffic and walking, bus, and bike access. The last tour was rained out.

Trustee Schaefer asked whether others had received an email from Jack Albright of the Journal Sentinel regarding the proposed Applebee's and IHOP location. He stated that he received it the previous Wednesday, had no further information, and did not respond. Administrator Egan stated that Zoning Administrator Teri Anniuk had received open records requests, including a request for the meeting recording from media, and asked that Trustee Schaefer

forward the email to her or Zoning Administrator Anniuk so staff could check whether it was the same reporter. Trustee Schaefer said the individual identified himself as a new reporter covering West Milwaukee and other southwestern suburbs. No other trustee reported receiving an email, and President Stalewski remarked he did not know how the reporter had picked him out.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No new items were raised for future committee deliberation.

Upcoming Meetings

WMCDA on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 PM

Plan Commission, date to be determined at 6:00 PM, and most likely to be rescheduled to Wednesday, November 18

Village Board on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Assistant Administrator

Kayla Casto