



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
DATE: Tuesday, July 18, 2023
TIME: 6:30pm
LOCATION: Combined Locks Civic Center,
Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street

MINUTES

- A. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Neumeier at 6:30pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge recited
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Vander Zanden, Ponto, Rietveld, Heckner, Schinke, and Stutzman. Board members absent – none. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Swick and LES Van Berkel. Others present – Rick and Lori Strick, David Hopfensperger, Kari Bern, Andrew Lindsey, and Todd Finch.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** Rick Strick addressed the trustees with a request to make sure that retired firefighters are recognized during the 100 Year Anniversary of the Fire Department. A Fire Centennial Celebration is being planned along with the Light the Lights and Village Corn Roast. The Administrator assured Mr. Strick that plans are in place for the recognition as well as an invitation to the retired firefighters to attend a Village picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. Todd Finch addressed the trustees with a concern about some possible homeless people living at Lindberg Park. He also reported some suspicious activity at the park as well as an incident on his property. Sgt. Van Berkel explained that she and other Deputies have made contact with the people who appear to be homeless. She has provided information for resources that might be helpful to them and reminded them that the park closes at 11:00pm. She and the Deputies will continue to be vigilant in monitoring Lindberg and other Village parks.
 - 2. Review and consider approval of minutes and bills:** C. Vander Zanden made a motion to approve the minutes as provided. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. Administrator, Public Works Director and Law Enforcement reports – accept and file:** The Administrator, Public Works Director, and LES reviewed the activities within the Village for the previous and current month. All reports were accepted and are on file in the Clerk's Office.
 - 4. Review draft of proposed ordinance language allowing chicken keeping in the Village; action if appropriate:** The Village President recapped the previous discussions regarding the proposed ordinance language to allow chicken keeping. Trustees and residents openly discussed the proposal. J. Ponto called for a survey of the trustees to determine if more effort should be put forward to allow chicken keeping. M. Rietveld seconded the request for the survey. Via a roll call vote of 4-3, there will not be any further effort to create an ordinance allowing chicken keeping. The nay votes were: J. Neumeier, B. Schinke, K. Heckner, and C. Vander Zanden. The aye votes (favoring additional effort to create the chicken keeping ordinance) were: M. Rietveld, J. Ponto and T. Stutzman.
 - 5. Review Annual Reports for TID 2 and TID 3:** The Administrator reviewed the reports with the trustees and explained that she met with the Joint Review Boards for each TID. The information provided at the JRB meeting was also reviewed by the trustees.

- 6. Discuss preliminary audit results and fund balances:** The Administrator reviewed the preliminary audit results and 12/31/22 fund balances with the trustees. The reserve fund balances fell a little short of the budgeted amounts due to extra expenses for Van Zeeland Park. The consensus of trustee opinion was to accept the lower balances instead of creating a loan between funds as had been previously discussed.
- 7. Review and consider approval of operator license for A. Osswald:** B. Schinke made a motion to approve the operator license. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 8. Other business, updates and future agenda items**
 - a) League Conference, October 18-20 in Green Bay:** K. Heckner and M. Rietveld expressed interest in attending the conference this year.
- 9. Consider motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *Contracted services and leases:*** T. Stutzman made a motion to move into closed session. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 10. Consider motion to return to open session; action if appropriate:** B. Schinke made a motion to return to open session. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. No action was initiated.
- 11. Adjourn:** J. Ponto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.