



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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 of Allegiance recited.
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Vander Zanden, Stutzman, Schinke, Heckner, Rietveld, and Ponto. Board members absent – None. Village staff present – Public Works Director Swick, Fire/EMS Chief Wiedenbauer and Administrator Shampo-Giese. Others present – families of retiring firefighters, firefighters and several other residents.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** Residents of Richard Street asked the trustees for an update on the condition of the house at 517 Richard Street, which has had the windows and doors boarded up since a police incident in February 2023. They believe that the condition of this house is affecting the value of their own homes. Village President Neumeier explained that the homeowner has been working to get back into the house and replace the doors and windows. The homeowner is otherwise maintaining the property by removing snow and keeping the grass cut. The Village’s attorney has advised the Administrator that there is not much the Village can do to make the process move along quicker. The residents asked to receive updates as they are known.
 - 2. Recognition of retiring firefighters:** Chief Wiedenbauer presented Bob Sewall, Steve Eiting and Pete Zoromski with plaques commemorating their retirement from the fire department. He and Village President Neumeier thanked them for their service and dedication. The Village is grateful for their service.
 - 3. Fire Chief 2023 report:** Chief Wiedenbauer provided an overview of the department’s 2023 activities. He highlighted trainings, cooperative efforts with Buchanan, Kimberly and Kaukauna, call volume, and recruitment.
 - 4. Review curbside tire collection policy; consider collection fee:** The Administrator and Public Works Director reviewed the tire collection changes expected for 2024. A free tire disposal week had been offered by Outagamie County Recycling and Solid Waste twice per year for many years. Notification of the cancellation of free tire disposal weeks was received a couple of months ago. A discounted tire disposal fee is now being offered in its place. Staff reviewed the tonnage of tires disposed in 2022 and 2023. Staff recommendation is that the service can still be provided to our residents if a \$10 per tire fee is charged – much like the appliance disposal fee. It was noted that the fee is intended only for 20” or smaller tires, as that aligns with the discounted disposal rate being offered at the landfill. The matter was discussed. The consensus of trustee opinion was to move forward with continuing the service by charging the \$10 per tire fee. The Administrator will draft the ordinance for review and approval at the 02/06/24 meeting.
 - 5. TID 3 amendment update:** The Administrator provided an update on the TID 3 amendment request. The Joint Review Board was postponed due to an oversight by the financial advisor. There was not enough time to adjust all of the maps and documentation ahead of the 01/10/24 scheduled meeting, so it was postponed. The developer has taken this unexpected delay as an opportunity to consider constructing apartment buildings as part of the residential development. More information will be shared with the trustees as it becomes available.

6. **Other business, updates and future agenda items**
 - a) **No need for February election**
7. **Consider motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, AND per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**
Employee performance review and contracted services: T. Stutzman made a motion to move into closed session. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
8. **Consider motion to return to open session; action if appropriate:** J. Ponto made a motion to return to open session. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
9. **Adjourn:** M. Rietveld made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Vander Zanden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.