

## Regular Meeting

January 3, 2023

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, West Salem Fire Protection District Chair Paul Degenhardt, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

### Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$2,472,205.90. Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

### Original Alcohol Beverage License

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the issuance of an Alcohol Beverage Retail License to Brothers Barbecue, LLC. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Resolution 2.23

The Village Board has identified that the current public safety funding is insufficient to meet the community's growing service demands and needs. For the past decade, the State of Wisconsin has frozen municipal tax levies, limiting levy growth to the percentage of net new construction value added in the previous year. Over the last five years, the value of the Village has increased \$21,900,000. Over that same five-year period, the State has only allowed the Village to increase taxes by \$66,700. A permanent increase of \$500,000 would provide the police department with three new police officers and provide the community with 24/7 police protection. The Village Board reviewed a Resolution approving a referendum for allowing the Village to exceed the State-imposed property tax limit by \$500,000. The Village Board also discussed the capital needs of the West Salem Fire Protection District and the Village's ability to fund fire department equipment and vehicle obligations out of the same referendum property tax increase.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to table Resolution No. 2.23 to the January 17, 2023, Village Board meeting in order to obtain additional information from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and consultation with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Ordinance No. 5.12

The Village Board reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 5.12, which, if adopted, will amend Section 6.05(1)(3) 48-Hour Parking on any public parking lot.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 5.12 for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, beginning at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator