

Regular Meeting

February 15, 2022

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Officers Zachary Shenderovsky and Tilmer Thompson, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Public Comment

Anthony Kress appeared before the Village Board to contest the recent snow clearing bill sent to him on January 27, 2022. Mr. Kress does not dispute the sidewalk was not shoveled, but he objects to the high amount of the bill. He is asking for a reduction of the statement. The Village Board agreed to include this matter on a future Street Committee meeting agenda.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$2,304,118.23
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$28,007.36
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$62,867.76
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$5,703.29

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the February 10, 2022, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, i.e., West Salem Police Contract. In open session, the Committee agreed to review materials supplied by Chief Holzhausen and schedule a meeting for Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

President Schumacher reported on the February 15, 2022, Planning Commission public hearing and meeting. The public hearing concerned a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by La Crosse Sign Company on behalf of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in order to construct an electronic changeable copy message center monument sign in an R-1 Single Family Residential District at 500 Park Street. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the Conditional Use Permit Application. The Commission received two letters from residents in support of the Conditional Use Permit Application. Carl Rick, Co-Chair of the Christ Lutheran School, discussed the age and condition of the present sign and how the new sign would be an improvement to the area and more efficient for message changing. The Planning Commission meeting was then called to order. The Commission reviewed the Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by La Crosse Sign Company. The following conditions were proposed by Village Attorney Bryant Klos:

1. The exact location of the freestanding monument sign with the upper portion being an internally illuminated name sign and the lower portion being an electronic message display sign within the legal found as Exhibit B would be as located on City Highway 16 as shown on Exhibit C-1 as a replacement for the existing freestanding monument sign;
2. The east and west sides of the sign would allow for electronic message display as shown on Exhibit D-1; and
3. The size of the top portion freestanding monument sign with the upper portion being an internally illuminated name sign is 4 feet high and 9.6 feet wide and the lower portion being an electronic message display sign electronic message display shall be no larger than 31 inches high and 9.6 feet long.

The Planning Commission recommended the Village Board approve the Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by La Crosse Sign Company on behalf of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church with relevant conditions incorporated therein.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on February 15, 2022, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 49 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

West Salem Police Officer Tilmer Thompson was officially sworn in by President Schumacher to perform his new duties for the West Salem Police Department.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator