

Regular Meeting

April 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Stephen Cohen, Jed Olson, Assistant Fire Chief Greg Hutson, West Salem Fire Protection District Secretary/Treasurer David Tauscher, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on April 5, 2022, as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$63,679.09
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$12,924.72
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$28,060.15
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$1,620.78

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

June Dairy Days

The June Dairy Days Committee has requested use of the Village parks for its annual event scheduled for June 3 through June 5, 2022. There was no one present to speak regarding the event and details.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve use of the Village Parks for the annual June Dairy Days event scheduled for Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5, 2022. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

West Salem Wheeled Playground Update

Jed Olson, Executive Director of Outdoor Recreation Alliance, and Stephen Cohen appeared before the Board to give an update on the progress of a proposed bike pump park recreation area and linear trail. On April 13, 2022, the Recreation Committee reviewed a concept plan for the new recreation area to be located at Lewis Point Park. A final detailed plan and associated costs are not complete yet. Mr. Cohen is requesting Village Board approval to move forward with the planning of the new bike recreation area.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to encourage the Outdoor Recreation Alliance group to move forward with a concept plan at Lewis Point Park. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

West Salem Community Shelter Use Agreement

The Village Board reviewed a proposed West Salem Community Shelter Use Agreement Between Village of West Salem and Friends of West Salem Baseball, Inc. setting forth terms and conditions associated with the Friends of West Salem Baseball's conversion of approximately half of the community shelter into a recreation multi-use turf facility.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the shelter use agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

East Hamilton Street Upgrade Project

Village Engineer Dave Sauer prepared a Bid Analysis for the Hamilton Street Upgrade project. Mathy Construction and Pember Companies submitted bids to reconstruct Hamilton Street between Mill and Rose Streets. The project includes removal of the existing street materials, removal of curb on both sides of the street, and existing sidewalk and driveway aprons and replacement with all new. Mathy Construction is the low bidder at \$83,985.25, and Mathy guarantees the project will be complete prior to the annual June Dairy Days event. This project is funded in part with Local Road Improvement Funds. The engineer's cost estimate for this project was \$81,500.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Curtis to accept the low bid from Mathy Construction Co. in the amount of \$83,985.25. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the April 5, 2022, Law Enforcement Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board two Applications to Exceed Pet Limit. The first Application was submitted by Harvey L. Ferris to allow the addition of a third dog. Mr. Ferris has a 14-year old aging dog, a 4-year old dog, and he has just added a puppy to his home. All three dogs are up to date with their vaccinations, and the Village has received no complaints regarding the dogs at the Ferris residence. The Committee recommended approval of this Application. The second Application was submitted by Whitney Seckman. Ms. Seckman moved to West Salem from La Crosse, and she was not aware of the two-dog limit. Therefore, she is requesting her three dogs be allowed. She is installing a six-foot privacy fence soon. The dogs are kept primarily indoors. All three dogs are up-to-date on vaccinations, and all three dogs are altered. The Committee recommended approval of this Application.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to recommend approval of the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the issuance of permits to exceed pet limit to Harvey Ferris and to Whitney Seckman. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the April 11, 2022, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review upcoming West Salem Fire Protection District budget concerns and equipment and vehicle itemizations. The Committee was to discuss a funding commitment request from the West Salem Fire Protection District for additional annual funding from the Village. The District submitted a two-page list of equipment and vehicles, required replacement deadlines, estimated costs of replacement, and anticipated costs to replace damaged turnout gear or acquiring new gear for new members. The current roster is between 32 and 40 members. The District has no update on the status or costs to rehabilitate a tanker versus the purchase of new. The current total Fire District annual levy for 2021-2022 was \$217,943.30. The Fire District is requesting an additional \$60,000 in annual funding from the three member municipalities, \$31,800 of that additional funding would be from the Village of West Salem. The Towns of Barre and Hamilton have agreed to commit their shares of the \$60,000. The Committee unanimously recommended to the Village Board that the Village handle the Fire Protection District annual budget as it is submitted and the truck replacements be treated as separate items for the Village Board to address at the time a proposal is submitted.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to affirm and confirm the Finance and Personnel Committee recommendation. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Request from West Salem Fire Protection

Trustee Hennessey addressed the Village Board regarding a request from the West Salem Fire Protection District to commit to the purchase of a new Pierce elliptical tender tanker truck. The present tanker truck is over 30 years old, and the tank leaks water. It is to the point that it must either be fixed or replaced. Delivery of new tanker truck is anywhere from 18 to 20 months out, and the Fire District has been made aware the prices will increase after May 1, 2022, and estimated delivery dates after that are pushed way out into the future. The purchase price today is \$342,929, and the Village's share of the purchase price will be \$181,752. Trustee Lautz stated this request should have been referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee for review and recommendation to the Village Board with legal counsel present. In the future, he would like to have this procedure followed.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Twining that the Village commit in an agreement with the Towns of Hamilton and Barre on details and costs to fund its share of the costs and the Village's share will be paid at the time of delivery of the new tanker truck. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Recreation Committee

Trustee Curtis reported on the April 13, 2022, Recreation Committee meeting. The Committee elected member Stephen Cohen as the chair of the Committee. The Committee then heard a presentation by Outdoor Recreation Alliance executive director Jed Olson and Stephen Cohen regarding a proposed bike recreation area and linear trail at Lewis Point Park. Outdoor Recreation Alliance is a non-profit organization that looks to help build and maintain trails with a focus on providing outdoor opportunities for all. The proposed project at Lewis Point Park is estimated to total \$200,000 and will provide two trails and a bicycle playground. Outdoor Recreation will provide the first 10 percent seed money to begin the project, and the remaining funds needed will come from fundraising, grants, and donations. Maintenance of the completed project will be done by volunteers trained by Outdoor Recreation Alliance. The plan is to extend trails to Shorewood Addition off Linse Road to connect neighborhoods and create more biking opportunities for Village residents. Possible concerns discussed by the Committee were parking, signage, and vehicle hazards. The Committee unanimously recommended pursuing the bike recreation area and linear trail to the Village Board.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, Recreation Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Leicht to convene in closed session at 7:59 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who either orally or in writing will advise the governmental body on strategy to be adopted with respect to current or likely litigation, i.e., police union grievance. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to reconvene in open session at 8:18 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Lautz to file an appeal to the Court of Appeals on Judge Todd Bjerke's decision regarding the Officer Jacob Donley police union grievance. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator