Regular Meeting

October 19, 2021

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, Stephen Cohen, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on October 5, 2021, as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

General Fund: \$91,236.87

Water Utility: \$29,896.93

Sewer Utility: \$335,701.95

Storm Water Utility: \$975.28

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

West Salem Wheeled Playground Update

Stephen Cohen appeared before the Board to give an update on the progress of a proposed bike pump park and to discuss the community input survey results. The survey collected 163 respondents, and 86 percent of those respondents indicated wanting to be involved in the project. Fifty-eight percent of the respondents live in the Village of West Salem, and overall the reactions were positive and supportive. The survey indicates the public would like to keep a bike playground close to the amenities West Salem offers while maintaining a natural outdoor feel. A large percentage of the respondents indicated they would use the bike park one or twice a week. The Village Board discussed possible locations for the proposed park, future maintenance, and costs.

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Special Event Permit to the West Salem Business Association and West Salem Parks and Recreation for downtown trick or treating and trunk or treating in the Village Park from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29, 2021. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Public Transit Committee

The City of Onalaska is proposing to combine its Utilities Committee with the Board of Public Works and then create a Public Transit Committee for shared ride matters. The new committee, if approved, would meet quarterly as needed and it may meet virtually as well.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the October 5, 2021, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board an Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Kayla Leis and Ross Holthaus. The applicants reside at 607 Elm Street West, and they presently keep a four-year old, neutered Jack Russell Terrier and a neutered mini Aussie Shepherd. They have applied for a permit to also keep a four-month old mini Aussie. Interim Chief Holzhausen discussed a barking dog complaint received by the Police Department in September of 2020. The owners were warned at that time to train the dog to stop barking so much. Kayla Leis stated the dog complained about is now living with her mother in Wilton, Wisconsin. Since this dog no longer resides in West Salem, the Committee did not feel this would affect the Application being reviewed. The Committee recommended approval of the Application.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021, Law Enforcement Committee meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve issuance of the permit to exceed pet limit as recommended. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator