

Regular Meeting

November 1, 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: Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, La Crosse County Board Supervisor David Hundt, Stephen Cohen, Julian Fox, Jason Kneifl, Jill Schomberg, and Kat Anderson of the Coulee Cruisers UTV Club, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims totaling \$16,380.10 were presented for payment. Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Request for Waiver of Sign Permit Fee

West Salem High School Senior Julian Fox appeared before the Board to outline and answer any questions regarding the two State Championship signs he plans to construct and install at two locations in West Salem. Mr. Fox stated he intends to inform visitors and residents of West Salem of school-related sports accomplishments from now into the future. Signarama is creating the two signs at a discount price. River City Concrete is donating the concrete and materials for the project. The West Salem School District is funding all other costs associated with the project. Mr. Fox is requesting the Village waive the \$50 building permit per sign fee.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to waive the \$100 sign permit fee. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

ATV/UTV Traffic on Village Streets

Kat Anderson, President of the new Coulee Cruisers UTV Club, appeared before the Board to initiate conversations regarding opening the Village up for ATV/UTV traffic. Many surrounding communities have been adopting similar ordinances. Ms. Anderson supplied regulatory documents for the Village Board to review, and she discussed the advantages to allowing ATV/UTV traffic on Village Streets. Coulee Cruisers UTV Club would supply signage and volunteer labor to install required and appropriate signage in the Village.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to refer the request to the Streets Committee for further review and recommendation. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht presented the minutes of the October 20, 2022, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen presented to the Committee the

department 2023 budget requests. Police Contracts comprise a significant portion of the annual police financial plan; therefore, Chief Holzhausen reviewed individually the costs included in the \$47,330 budgeted for contracts. Many of the expenditures are associated with required body camera, squad camera, and interview room camera storage and maintenance systems. Other account line items were adjusted minimally. Police squad vehicles are extremely difficult to acquire, and the State-contracted vehicle dealer has only three left out of the original twenty it was able to get commitments on. Chief Holzhausen requested the Committee authorize contracting for one of the three vehicles the dealership has left for agencies to contract for. Chief Holzhausen also reported weapons ammunition is backlogged over twelve months. He would like to replenish the department ammunition supplies for both training and field patrol call use. Purchases in 2023 will be for the 2024 operating year. The Committee authorized Chief Holzhausen to move forward and lock in now next year's purchase of a Ford F-150 police vehicle. Secretary/Treasurer of the West Salem Fire Protection District David Tauscher presented the 2022-2023 budget request. West Salem's equalized value increased \$76,990,300 from last year, and as a result, the Village's share of the Fire District budget contribution increased \$1,930. The District revised expenditures minimally for next year. The Committee discussed the upcoming budget, and Administrator DeLong will incorporate presented information into a proposed 2023 Operating Plan for Committee review.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator