

Regular Board Meeting

December 7, 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: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Interim Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Troy Gunderson, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Public Comment

Troy Gunderson informed the Village Board he is now a candidate for District 26 Supervisor representing the majority of the Village of West Salem on the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, Regular Board meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$44,897.54
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$7,423.40
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$9,996.29
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$448.61

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

Ordinance No. 508

Administrator Teresa DeLong presented a proposed Ordinance No. 508, which, if adopted, would amend the historic preservation section of the Village Code of Ordinances. In October, the Village received notification from the State and National Register of Historic Places of a nomination for a home in West Salem. After a request for clarification was made to the Registrar, a certified local government coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society contacted her and stated West Salem's Zoning Code cannot be applied to properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places even though it presently states "any property within the Village limits that is listed either on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places in Wisconsin shall be subject to this Section." The registry program is honorary only—not regulatory. The representative went on to state that in the mid-1990's, many municipalities adopted historic preservation ordinances that inappropriately used a National Register of Historic Places listing as a pretext to regulate historic properties. He offered several amendments to West Salem's ordinance in order to bring it into

compliance. Those revisions are presented in proposed Ordinance No. 508. The Village Board had several questions regarding enforceability and necessity of the amendment.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to table proposed Ordinance No. 508 until legal counsel renders an opinion to the Village Board. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the November 16, 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 Lesa and Frank Schiffer. The applicants reside at 212 Garland Street West. The residents presently own a 13-year old spayed female Pomeranian and a 2-year old spayed female Bichon. The residents would like to add a 10-week old female Pomsky to their home. All three dogs are up to date with their vaccinations, and all three dogs will be kept mainly indoors. The Committee recommended approval of the Application.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve issuance of a Permit to Exceed Pet Limit to Lesa and Frank Schiffer. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the December 6, 2021, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee convened in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to-wit: Appointed department head position and employee compensation considerations. In open session, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Village Board that effective January 1, 2022, Kyle Holzhausen be appointed Police Chief for the Village of West Salem.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to promote Kyle Holzhausen to Police Chief effective January 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator