

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village Administrator Teresa DeLong. Trustees present: Curtis, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Schumacher and Hennessey. Also present: Christopher Dolan, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano.

Due to Village President Scott Schumacher's excused absence, the Village Board should approve the appointment of a Village Board Trustee to preside over the regular meeting of the Board pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 61.32.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to appoint Trustee Leicht to preside over the Village Board meeting. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023, Regular Board meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims totaling \$2,756,915.90 were presented for payment. Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Request for Ordinance Change

Christopher Dolan appeared before the Board to discuss parking of trucks on Village streets. Mr. Dolan drives his employer-owned truck to and from work sites. He parked this truck in the street in front of his home, and he received a citation. Mr. Dolan talked with the Police Chief Holzhausen who agreed to rescind the citation until a resolution with the Village Board can be made. Mr. Dolan cited Village Ordinance No. 6.05(C)(1) wherein trucks larger than 9,000 pounds or more are not allowed to park on any street or alley in the Village. Mr. Dolan stated trucks should be allowed to park in the street in industrial areas, such as in the area close to his home in the Brick Road and West Avenue areas. Public Works Director Loren Schwier stated it is not just the weight of a truck that should be addressed in the ordinances, but also the width and height of the truck. Mr. Schwier stated streets are not wide enough to accommodate parking of wide trucks on both sides of a street and still maintain safe driving lanes.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to refer this matter to the Street Committee for review and to bring the ordinance up to date with current conditions of West Salem. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the February 7, 2023, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board three Applications to Exceed Pet Limit. The first Application was withdrawn as the elderly dog will be euthanized this week. The second Application was submitted by Gabriella

Brenengen in order to add a fourth dog to her home. The fourth dog came to her due to the fact the prior owner had terminal cancer and passed away. All four dogs are current with rabies vaccinations and are kept primarily indoors. The Committee recommended approval of the Application submitted by Gabriella Brenengen. The third Application was submitted by Mari and Seth Hendershot in order to keep three dogs in their home. The Hendershots moved to West Salem from Pennsylvania unaware there was a two pet limit. The couple has been active in rescuing and fostering senior dogs for years. They wish to continue this in West Salem. All three dogs are current on rabies vaccinations, are spayed and/or neutered, and are kept primarily indoors. The Committee also recommended approval of this Application.

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

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the issuance of Permits to Exceed Pet Limit to Gabriella Brenengen and Mari and Seth Hendershot. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Street Committee

Trustee Curtis reported on the February 16, 2023, Street Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Coulee Cruisers UTV Club President Kathy Anderson to review and discuss proposed Ordinance No. 513 Regulation of ATV/UTV on Public Streets with a possible recommendation to the Village Board for a public hearing. Proposed Ordinance No. 513 is modeled after the Village of Bangor's ordinance. It adopts various governing State Statutes, sets forth general ATV/UTV route and use regulations, sets forth compliance regulations, required signage in the Village, and penalties and forfeitures. Lee Schwier presented maps outlining various route options. Opening the entire Village to ATV/UTV use would require seventeen signs. Excluding streets around the West Salem School District campus would require at least twenty-nine signs. The Coulee Cruisers UTV Club would fundraise to pay for the new signs and volunteers would install the signs where required. The Committee directed Administrator DeLong to transmit the proposed ordinance to West Salem School Superintendent Ryan Rieber for his review and comment. The Committee recommended the Village Board schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 513.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Street Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to schedule a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 513 for Tuesday, March 21, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Lautz – nay; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Approved by voice vote.