

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2023

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Gary Hougom and Brandon Crary of Hilltopper Refuse and Recycling, Morales Felipe, and Village Administrator Teresa DeLong.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$144,241.31, as follows:

1 ST Community Credit Union	\$4,461.03
Allied Cooperative	1,797.00
Ben Skiles	200.00

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

Alcohol Beverage Reserve “Class B” Liquor License Application

Morales Felipe appeared before the Board to discuss his plans to open Las 3 Fronteras Restaurante at 201 City Highway 16 East around September 1, 2023. The restaurant and bar will seat at least seventy people, and he plans to hire seven employees. Hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. for breakfast through 9:00 p.m. for lunch and dinner. On Fridays and Saturdays, the business would close at 10:00 p.m. Future plans could include an outdoor patio area.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the issuance of a Reserve “Class B” Liquor License to Las 3 Fronteras Restaurante, LLC. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Addendum to Refuse and Recycling Contract

Gary Hougom and Brandon Crary presented a proposed Addendum to the Garbage, Refuse, and Recycling Collection Contract. The Village’s contract dated November 12, 2014, will expire in March of 2025. Mr. Hougom proposes a ten-year extension from the current expiration date. Hilltopper states this will be mutually beneficial to keep costs as low as possible for the Village and to prevent disruptions to resident’s current schedules and practices. Three changes were proposed including adjusting the CPI increase date from April 1 of each year to a January 1 date of each year, adjusting the annual CPI increase rate to a range between 3% to 6% maximum, and to adjust the monthly fuel surcharge to a higher threshold. Mr. Hougom stated Hilltopper has provided collection services for the Village for many years, and it has established lasting relationships with the residents and businesses here. Mr. Hougom and Mr. Crary answered questions of the Board members.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Addendum to Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling Service, Inc. hauling agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve a Special Event Application submitted by Dave Hundt on behalf of West Salem Cares in order to hold a street dance on Sunday, September 3, 2023, from 4:00 until 11:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

West Salem School District Bus Stops

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the list of West Salem School District bus stops as locations where school bus operators are directed to use flashing red warning lights when stopped to load or unload persons pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sect. 349.21(1) and West Salem Ordinance 6.16. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

Trustee Twining reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on August 2, 2023. The Commission reviewed a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Shane Wehrs in order to replace the 70-foot high ground sign with a 120-foot high ground sign in order to be visible from Interstate 90 over the Wisconsin Department of Transportation right-of-way vegetation. The Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit Application for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Commission then reviewed a Petition for Change of Zone submitted by Marcie Culver of Marcie's Pet Spa. Ms. Culver would like to rezone the 6.88-acre parcel located south of Prince of Peace Church on Church Road from La Crosse County Zoning to West Salem Business District in order to construct a pet grooming, retail, and pet training business. Ms. Culver also submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application in order to provide pet daycare and pet boarding in a Business District. The Petition for Change of Zone and the Conditional Use Permit Application for Marcie's Pet Spa will proceed concurrently. The Commission scheduled a public hearing on the Petition for Change of Zone and the Conditional Use Permit for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, immediately following the first public hearing with a Planning Commission meeting to follow. Marcie Culver also requested a waiver of the utility connections if the Rezone and the Conditional Use Permits were approved for the 6.88 acres of land, and the Commission recommended to the Village Board waive the utility connections requirement if the Petition for Change of Zone and the Conditional Use Permit for Marcie's Pet Spa are both approved.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023, Planning Commission meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by President Schumacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator