

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Captain Timothy O'Neill, Detective Sergeant Nate Ganrude, Sergeant Jacob Walker, School Resource Officer Riley Schmidt, Patrol Officer Jeff Geary, Attorney Bryant Klos, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl and Todd Restel of First Supply.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$127,400.02. Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Review of Ordinance No. 527 – Amendment of Village President and Trustee Compensation

Discussion on date and time was decided to be February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:50pm in the Village Hall.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz, to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 527 on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:50pm at Village Hall. Roll Call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Board Meeting Time and Location Change

The Trustees discussed a possible time change for Village Board meetings. It was determined there was not a need for a time change. Discussion then began regarding a possible change of meeting location to upstairs in Village Hall. The basis of this discussion was looking at utilizing the current board meeting room as extra space for the growing Police Department, with the Village Board using the upstairs area in Parks and Recreation to hold meetings. The Trustees decided to send the discussion to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Leicht, to table and send the discussion to the Building and Grounds Committee. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous aye. Motion Approved.

Public Safety Building Planning Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

President Schumacher reported on the January 3, 2024, Public Safety Building Planning Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to tour the Dahl-owned building located at 1500 West City Highway 16 for a potential future law enforcement facility. The Committee reviewed the building plans of the facility, and Chair Schumacher will contact the original architects to request copies of the plans after the most recent remodel.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the January 3, 2024 Public Safety Building Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### Public Hearing and Planning Commission Meeting

President Schumacher reported on the January 10, 2024, Public Hearing and Planning Commission Meeting. The public hearing concerned proposed issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Coulee Region Christian School, Inc. to allow illuminated signage in Residential district zoning at 701 Industrial Dr. There were no citizens present to speak for or against issuing a Conditional Use Permit to Coulee Region Christian School, Inc. allowing illuminated signage in Residential district zoning at 701 Industrial Dr. The Planning Commission reviewed Conditional Use Permit no. 64, for Coulee Region Christian School, Inc., allowing illuminated signage in Residential district zoning at 701 Industrial Dr., which included the following conditions: 2 sets of building-mounted illuminated channel identification letters that must be located within the legal description bounds, located on the north and west corner of the building, with the area covered by the channel letters not to exceed 200 inches long by 55 inches high.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz, to approve the January 10, 2024, Public Hearing and Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### Conditional Use Permit No. 64

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to approve Conditional Use Permit No. 64 as recommended. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

#### Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to convene in closed session at 7:43 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to-wit: proposed offer-to-purchase and land development agreement. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to reconvene in open session at 8:03 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Hennessey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Village Clerk/Treasurer