

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2024

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: Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen, Detective Sergeant Nate Ganrude, Sergeant Jacob Walker, Patrol Officer Ryan Brohmer, Patrol Officer Chase Moses, Patrol Officer Jamal Wagner, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl, Nick Patchen, Jeanne Bahr and Kaylee Fello.

Public Comment

Nick Patchen, 127 North Van Ness Street, appeared before the board to address and request reconsideration for the keeping of chickens within the Village limits. He stated he has spoken to at least 30 Village residents and all were in favor but that they did share some concerns; including no roosters, containment of the chickens, and that there are no large flocks of chickens. However, these concerns were all mitigated by the previously proposed chicken keeping ordinance.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by President Schumacher to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$93,474.24.

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

Special Event Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve request from June Dairy Days Committee for use of Village Parks and Streets for the annual June Dairy Days event scheduled for Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2024. This includes a parade, car show and carnival set-up. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 5.24

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve Resolution 5.24 Fireworks Permit for June Dairy Days 2024 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Application – June Dairy Days Fun Run

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the Special Event Permit to June Dairy Days for the annual June Dairy Days Fun Run on June 1, 2024, from 6:00-9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Special Event Application – River City Running Club

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the Special Event Permit to River City Running Club and La Crosse Half Marathon for a running race on May 4, 2024, starting at 7:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Ordinance No. 529

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve Ordinance No. 529 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### 2024-2025 Committee and Commission Appointments

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the 2024-2025 Committee and Commission Appointments and to add emails to the directory. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Official Bank Depository

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to designate Union State Bank as the official bank depository for the Village of West Salem. Roll call vote: Curtis – abstain; remainder of Board – aye. Motion approved.

### Official Newspaper for Legal Publications

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Anderson to designate the La Crosse Tribune as the official paper for legal publications pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 985.02(1). Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the April 2, 2024 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 Krysta and Claudia Deede in order to add a third dog to their home. The applicants explained the nature of the Husky breed is to function in a pack. Krysta Deede's female Husky needed a companion of a similar play style and energy. The male Husky is a sibling from another litter of the same parents. Krysta Deede has joined households with her mother, Claudia Deede, who has a cocker spaniel. The cocker spaniel is nearing end of life. All three dogs are current with rabies vaccinations and are exercised regularly. Notifications of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit were mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the applicant residence, and two responses were received. One stated opposition to the request based on the fact Village Ordinances allow only two dogs per residence. The other response stated the small yard would not be in the best interests of the additional dog. The Committee recommended approval of the Application to Exceed Pet Limit submitted by Krysta and Claudia Deede to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the Law Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of April 2, 2024, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the issuance of a Permit to Exceed Pet Limit to Krysta and Claudia Deede. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Public Safety Building Planning Ad Hoc Committee

President Schumacher reported on the April 8, 2024 Public Safety Building Planning Ad Hoc Committee meeting. President Schumacher informed the Committee the Dahl Family is not interested in selling 1500 West City Highway 16. Therefore, discussions should now center on either adding on to the existing Village Hall or beginning the process to construct a public safety building. The Committee is not in favor of pursuing an addition to the present Village Hall building. The Committee agreed requests for proposals should be sought in stages, and a request for design proposals should now be drafted. Tri-State Ambulance and La Crosse County dispatch have both supported this project and have continued to express interest in locating facilities in the new building. Administrator DeLong will contact both entities to confirm each still has intentions of establishing in the new building. Members agreed the Village would fund all design costs. Tri-State and La Crosse County would pay for costs associated with their areas and contribute funds to the shared areas of the building. The new structure design should include provisions for future construction of the fire department, and Chief Holzhausen will contact the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief so they are included in future design plans. Chief Holzhausen will make contact with Sauk Prairie Police Department to request permission to reference and use the design plans of its new building. The Committee agrees the Sauk Prairie building is very economical and functional.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Public Safety Building Planning Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 2024, as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Police Chief Kyle Holzhausen reported that his department recently made two arrests in March regarding crimes against children, more specifically possession of child pornography and the manufacturing of. One of the suspects does not reside in West Salem, however, most of the activity being conducted was done at a business within Village limits.

Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano reported that his department is gearing up for the spring/summer programs, which includes 26 soccer teams and 23 traveling baseball teams.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that the water department well was pulled and inspected and hydrant flushing is currently underway. The sewer department has been hauling sludge and the streets department has been burning brush. Schwier also reported that he sold a dump truck earlier in the day for \$28,000 and also received \$1,300 a piece for some scaffolding.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer