

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
June 4, 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: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Interim Police Chief Timothy O'Neill, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$65,278.62.

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

Subordination Agreement

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the Subordination Agreement on behalf of First Supply, Inc. for the benefit of Associated Bank National Association. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 7.24

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve Resolution 7.24 – Compliance Maintenance Annual Report as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

The Commission reviewed for public hearing, a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Noffke Sign Company, LLC on behalf of First National Bank to replace the existing ground sign with a new electronic message unit sign at the 975 West City Highway 16 location. The existing ground sign is 14' tall and the new electronic message unit will be 16' tall.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the May 29, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Utilities Committee

The Committee discussed the process in which waste and septic hauling loads are received at the wastewater treatment plant. This included how the loads are billed, when and how the haulers access the plant, and the general over-all operation. Questions were asked regarding the hours of operation and whether or not haulers should be able to dump loads after-hours. The current operation is that the hauler contacts the plant operator, Merle Noren, when a need arises, and they are provided the code to access the plant to dump into the 15,000 gallon holding tank after 3:30 p.m. There were concerns that not every hauler had this access, but it was determined that all did have this ability,

and it was decided this process shall remain unless it is determined it needs to be updated at a later time. Administrator Teresa DeLong advised the Committee that every year the Village applies to the Public Utilities Commission for an inflationary simplified water rate increase to get approval to raise utility rates. The Village usually does not qualify for an increase, but this year it did. The rates will increase 4.1% effective July 22, 2024, and will be billed out on the November 1, 2024, readings.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the May 30, 2024 Utilities Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that his department focused on mowing and sweeping streets in preparation for June Dairy Days and have been conducting maintenance on both the Library and the Village Hall roof. Mr. Schwier also reported on the status of the Elm Street re-pavement.

Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano advised the board that summer recreation activities are in full-swing including tee-ball, pitch ball, baseball, and softball. Movies in the Village Park will also begin with the first movie, Strange World, being shown on June 7, 2024.

Interim Police Chief Timothy O'Neill reported that June Dairy Days went well, with only three arrests. The Officers had less hours than last year, but were still busy. Congressman Derrick Van Orden hosted a round-table meeting with 27 Chiefs and Sheriffs from around the State last week at Village Hall. There has been an increase in incidences at Village Park and the department is going start patrolling more frequently.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer