

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2024

Regular meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Curtis, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Anderson. Also present: Parks & Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Public Comment

Public Works Director Loren Schwier handed out information regarding pickleball courts to the Board.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$458,519.74. Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License Application

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License to the Berg Hemker Olson American Legion Post 51 for the Wicked Wine & Beer Walk on October 24, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in downtown West Salem. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

President Schumacher reported on the October 9, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission reviewed a request by Ace Hardware/Allied to install a new electronic message board sign to replace the existing ground sign at 570 Commerce Street. A public hearing was scheduled for October 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 9, 2024 as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Police Chief Scott Alo reported on calls for service. Year-to-date 2024 the department has responded to 4,999 calls for service, of which 49% service calls and 25% traffic stops. The Chief expects the traffic stops to increase due to inclement weather this winter. The Chief also reported on the hiring of a part-time records specialist position to fill the current vacancy.

Parks and Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano reported that flag football is wrapping up, basketball is beginning and Trunk-or-Treat will be hosted on October 31st.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that the last brush pick-up day was today and his team is working on street sweeping and sewer jetting. Mr. Schwier also reported that the Village had completed the DNR's Lead & Copper Survey after a two-year project and that he will be interviewing three applicants for the open parks position on Friday.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer