

Village of West Salem
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2025

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Scott Schumacher. Trustees present: Anderson, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Twining. Excused: Curtis. Also present: Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Joe Pingel, Dave Ring, Jon Holthaus, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$3,248,542.62.

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

Resolution No. 20.24

Motion by President Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve and rename Resolution No. 20.24 to Resolution No. 1.25, to endorse a county farm development concept as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees reviewed a County Farm Concept Plan presented by Jason Gilman and Jon Holthaus; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary proposed Concept Plan appears to support development of large ownership parcels, planned and coordinated housing development with neighborhood designs that maintain the existing single-family character, and encourages the preservation of green space and riparian areas; and

WHEREAS, the business aspect of the presented County Farm Concept Plan appears to prioritize environmental factors, including protection of Lake Neshonoc shoreline and availability of trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby believes the proposed concept could be an acceptable development provided the Village of West Salem and the Developer negotiate a development agreement.

Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Ordinance No. 535

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to schedule a public hearing for Ordinance No. 535 – Amend Chapters 1, 2, and 6 of Village of West Salem Code of Ordinances to Update Fair Housing, Offenses Endangering Public Safety, Offenses Endangering Public Morals and Decency, Offenses Against Public and Private Property, and Noise Caused by Vehicles on January 21, 2025 at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Joe Pingel of Cedar Corporation reported on updates to stormwater enforcement. Multiple letters and violations have gone out.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that tree trimming around the Village has been being conducted and that a clogged drainage pipe was discovered and fixed at the retention pond by Lewis Point Park.

Police Chief Scott Alo reported on the year-to-date calls for service. For the year 2024, the West Salem Police Department answered 6,928 calls, compared to 6,987 calls in 2023. Of those calls, 645 were in December alone including 15 arrests and 163 traffic stops. The Police Department recently received a donation from Americlnn of West Salem in the amount of \$1,001.00 to be put towards obtaining a Police K9.

Motion by Trustee Twining, seconded by Trustee Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer