

Village of West Salem  
Regular Meeting  
March 4, 2025

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: David Hundt, Brady Hundt, Barbara Chambers, Kaylee Fellom, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Public Works Director Loren Schwier, Police Chief Scott Alo, Village Administrator Teresa DeLong and Village Clerk/Treasurer Ashley Bohl.

Public Comment

David Hundt, La Crosse County Supervisor, advised the Board that La Crosse County is installing an all-abilities access trail and dock at Vets Park Pond this summer.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Hennessey, seconded by Trustee Twining to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, regular meeting as written. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Claims

Claims were presented for payment totaling \$112,361.56.

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

Alcohol License

Police Chief Scott Alo informed the Board that Wisconsin State Statutes (125.04(5)(B)) prohibits habitual criminals and felons from being issued an operator's license. The Board did not take action on this item.

June Dairy Days

The June Dairy Days Committee has requested use of the Village parks and streets for its annual event scheduled for May 30 - June 1, 2025. Kaylee Fellom advised the Board that a new fireworks vendor will be used this year.

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 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Special Event Application- River City Running Club

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the Special Event Permit to River City Running Club and La Crosse Half Marathon for a running race on May 3, 2025, starting at 7:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Lautz reported on the February 18, 2025 Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation to the Village Board an application to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens in the Village of West Salem submitted

by Heather Odenbach of 433 Maple Street North. The applicant has applied for permission to keep five hens, and the setbacks set forth in the Village Code appear to have been met. No one appeared to speak for or against the Application, and no written communications were submitted. The Committee recommended approval of this application.

Motion by Trustee Lautz, seconded by Trustee Curtis to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Law Enforcement Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Anderson to approve the issuance of a permit to Own, Keep, or Harbor Chickens to Heather Odenbach. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

### Buildings and Grounds

Trustee Curtis reported on the February 25, 2025 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed requests for bid documents for conversion of the existing tennis courts at Village Park to pickleball courts and recommendation to Village Board. The Committee began discussion on the requirements for bidding. Three bids are required and they must be presented and opened in a public forum. It was also noted that the minimum bid is not required to be accepted. The bid documents were reviewed, including discussion on asphalt standards, contractors, and who would install the pickleball netting. It was determined the fence installer is able to install the pickleball nets. Timelines for posting the requests for bids and acceptance were discussed and it was determined a two-week window is sufficient. The means in which the request for bids is posted were also discussed, which included the website and Facebook. The Committee asked about an update for funding. It was determined that roughly 80% of the goal of \$130,000 has been pledged by local businesses and donors. Discussion continued on the next steps. It was determined the Committee is able to approve the posting/publishing of the requests for bids, with the Village Board making the final decision and approval of the winning bid. The Committee recommended posting requests for bids/proposals for the conversion of existing tennis courts at Village Park to pickleball courts.

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leicht to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye. Motion approved.

President Scott Schumacher advised the Board that the draft annual report which documents the Village's compliance with the WPDES storm water permit is available for public review. Please contact Village Engineer, Joe Pingel, PE, Cedar Corporation to obtain a copy of the draft permit.

Public Works Director Loren Schwier reported that his department is preparing for the inclement weather the Village is supposed to be experiencing through the evening and into the next morning. Public Works employees are working on getting water and sewer certifications.

Police Chief Scott Alo reported on the calls of service year-to-date. There are currently 1,092 calls this year versus 845 at the same-time last year. The department recently finished interviewing for the Night Sergeant position and they have identified the candidate they would like to offer the position to, who has also accepted the position.

Motion by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Ashley M. Bohl, Clerk/Treasurer