

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

President Stalewski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Ragonese, Greenfield, Schaefer, Schuettke, Edgar, Hill, President Stalewski.

Others in Attendance: Administrator Kim Egan; DPW Superintendent Jason Jourdan; Sergeant Tony Munoz; Clerk Intern Valerie Hertig.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Schaefer moved, seconded by Edgar, to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from Monday, July 7, 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schaefer, Schuettke, Hill, Ragonese, Greenfield, President Stalewski. Present: Edgar.

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Schuettke based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to approve the commercial vouchers dated July 6, 2025, through and including July 21, 2025, checks numbered #34654 through and including #34696 for a total of \$80,399.81.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Schuettke, Hill, Greenfield, Edgar, Schaefer, Ragonese, President Stalewski.

The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Schuettke to approve the bi-weekly payroll dated July 11, 2025, in the amount of \$125,849.83.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Greenfield, Ragonese, Schuettke, Schaefer, Edgar, Hill, President Stalewski. The motion carried.

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Schuettke to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2025.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Edgar, Schaefer, Hill, Greenfield, Schuettke, Ragonese, President Stalewski. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS, RECYCLING AND UTILITIES

No report.

LICENSES, ZONING, PARKS AND BUILDINGS

No report.

HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND RECREATION

Trustee Edgar stated that there would be no vote regarding the Southwest Suburban Health Department member 2026-2029 contract due to a lack of information regarding contractor versus member status. A meeting with the Health Department is to be scheduled so that the board may vote on this matter at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY

No report.

LEGISLATIVE

Trustee Ragonese moved, seconded by Edgar to approve the contract for the I-94 E-W Traffic Mitigation Assistance Agreement-DPW.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hill, Ragonese, Schaefer, Edgar, Greenfield, Schuettke, President Stalewski. The motion carried.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that the ICC meeting was well attended. There were presentations by our state representative, Priscilla Prado, as well as our county representative, Sky Capriolo. There was an event including Capriolo and county supervisor Steve Taylor to present the concept of the final five (5) voting on July 22nd. Voters First Wisconsin will also be participating in the event with hopes of communicating the goals of the different voting styles. The Village's last summer beer garden was on July 17th and it went very well. Trustee Ragonese mentioned that next year the Village should do more outreach to local businesses to engage them in the event as well.

WMCDA REPORT

Administrator Egan announced that three (3) applications for Strong Neighborhoods will be on the agenda for the meeting on Monday, July 28th.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

DPW Superintendent Jason Jourdan reported that the new Village mechanic started on July 21st. He previously worked at Dave's Garage and has valuable experience. Jason also explained that about six (6) weeks ago a custodian at West Milwaukee Intermediate School contacted the district plumber regarding flooding in the basement. Milwaukee Plumbing was contracted to fix the repair, but when they dug into the sidewalk and curb, they noticed a blockage. They continued by taking a panel out of the road and discovered that the pipe was gone. It is believed that this was due to road construction that may have crushed the pipe. The entire pipe needed to be replaced. The school district will now file claims against the contractors who worked on the project. Jason then reported that one of the manholes at 51st and Greenfield did not have a casting on it. This required two (2) squares of the road to be taken out and the casting be put on. Additionally, at the intersection of Beloit and Greenfield, the center island on the west side of the intersection had an object marker pole knocked down on June 18th. Video footage was pulled from the night it happened, and the driver received a citation. On the east side of the intersection, a driver hit a pole and knocked down another one on the island of the intersection. An ambulance was called, and it was reported that the driver was diabetic and had extremely low blood sugar at the time of the accident.

Sergeant Tony Munoz reported that there was a printer issue regarding baseball cards. The department should be receiving those soon and begin handing them out shortly. There are two (2) new parking checkers that recently

started and have been settling well with the department. One of the checkers has shown interest in potentially continuing a career in law enforcement. Sergeant Munoz explained that there may be opportunities to have him work in dispatch or work with officers to foster his interest in law enforcement. The summer hiring was closed on July 21st, and all applications are currently being processed. There is also a new hiring format the department will be using that many other agencies around the state use. The department will be using a standardized testing system rather than an in-house test. The officer currently in the academy is doing well and is expected to graduate in October. There will be a swearing-in for Officer Evan Braatz on August 6th at 3:00 p.m. The department also recently opened the process for promotion to corporal for eligible officers. A new school resource officer started recently. Sergeant Munoz also reported that the West Allis/West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers will begin using an online platform for residents to anonymously report any information they have about crimes or suspicious activities.

Trustee Schuettke asked about the situation at Target that was in the news. Sergeant Munoz stated that a teen was attempting to do a TikTok challenge where you camp out in a store overnight without getting caught. Village police were called by Target, thinking that the store was being robbed by a crew that had been stealing from other Targets around Milwaukee. Police were later called because of an attempted break-in by two people at the back of the store, which was the incident that Trustee Schuettke was referring to.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Egan reported that the audit is almost complete, a preliminary review will take place within the next week, and it should be on the agenda for the second meeting in August. A WMCDA Meeting will be held on Monday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m. and a Tourism Commission meeting is being scheduled.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No new items.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.....WMCDA Meeting
Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.....Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 12th at 5:00 p.m.....Plan Commission

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Schaefer to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Voice vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Hertig, Clerk Intern