

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

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

Roll Call:

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

Others in Attendance: Administrator Kim Egan; Police Chief Shaundra Randolph; and Assistant Administrator Kayla Casto

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearings.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from Monday, December 15, 2025, with the correction noted.

Discussion: Greenfield noted there was a typo on the last page, third paragraph where it mentioned Officer Murphy would be leaving January 3, 2025, which should be 2026.

Roll Call:

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

The motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND PURCHASES

Chairperson Ragonese moved for approval of a resolution providing for the sale of approximately \$4,020,000 taxable general obligation promissory notes, series 2026a for TID 5 (03-R-26)

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve a resolution providing for the sale of approximately \$4,020,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026a for TID 5 (03-R-26).

Roll Call:

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

Chairperson Ragonese moved for approval of \$303,839 cash defeasance of \$3,010,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2015A – Storm Water Portion.

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Hill, to approve the \$303,839 cash defeasance of \$3,010,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2015A – Storm Water Portion.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve commercial vouchers dated December 18, 2025, through and including January 5, 2026, checks number 35165 through and including 35229 in the amount of \$1,246,360.77.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Trustee Ragonese, seconded by Trustee Schuettke, to approve the bi-weekly payroll dated December 26, 2025, in the amount of \$137,710.42.

Trustee Schuettke asked why sometimes paper checks are issued rather than direct deposit for payroll. Assistant Administrator Casto explained that paper checks are typically only issued for new employees during their first pay period, such as the recent hire in the Police Department.

Roll Call:

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

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

No report.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLICITY

Motion by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Ragonese, to approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Village of West Milwaukee and the West Milwaukee Professional Police Association.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Ragonese, to approve the personnel policy amendments to reflect changes implemented by the new police contract.

Roll Call:

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Edgar, to approve a resolution designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of Village monies (01-R-26)

Trustee Schuettke inquired about the continued use of Wells Fargo as a financial institution when there are several

local financial institutions within the Village, including Landmark Credit Union, Guardian Credit Union, Huntington Bank, Johnson Bank, and Summit Credit Union. He suggested that partnering with businesses within the Village would be beneficial. Several Trustees expressed concern about Wells Fargo's security issues in recent years. Village Administrator Egan agreed to have Treasurer Baumgart attend a future Finance Committee meeting to discuss banking relationships and the Village's purchase policy, which is being updated based on auditor recommendations.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Trustee Edgar, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, to approve a resolution designating the official newspaper for the Village of West Milwaukee (02-R-26).

Roll Call:

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

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stalewski reported that Assistant Chief Donovan had shared a news release about a recent incident and encouraged board members to check their village emails regularly to stay informed. He also noted the latest edition of "Places and Spaces" from the Municipality magazine discussing community spaces and development.

President Stalewski also reported that the Minken Group has put the Woods View Hotel (Best Western) and apartment complex on the market. The hotel and restaurant portions have been shut down completely, but the apartment complex continues to operate normally. The property has not been sold yet, though there are active discussions with potential buyers.

WMCDA REPORT

Trustee Schaefer reported that the Community Development Authority met in December and approved one (1) application for the Strong Neighborhoods program, while holding another application pending further information. The CDA is considering amending the Strong Neighborhoods program to require that approved project be completed within one year of approval.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Shaundra Randolph updated the board about an ongoing investigation regarding a car accident with a fatality. She also reported that the department's drone vehicle is now at the outfitter, and Officer Kane (K-9) is progressing well through his eight weeks of training. The K-9 has had a positive impact on department morale.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator Egan reported that tax bill collection has been keeping the front office busy. The Planning Commission will meet next Tuesday to review amendments to the addition at GE on Lincoln Avenue; this review is to amend the previously approved addition from 65,000 to 35,000 sq feet. Administrator Egan also mentioned that MADACC will be hosting a fundraising event called "Furballs" on March 21st, with tables of eight available for approximately \$1,500.

Trustee Ragonese thanked Administrator Kim and Assistant Chief Donovan for their quick and professional way they navigated the Police contract.

NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE DELIBERATION

No new items for future committee deliberation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The upcoming meetings were noted as follows:

- Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 P.M. - Plan Commission Meeting
- Monday, January 19th at 7:00 P.M. - Village Board Meeting

- Monday, January 26th at 6:00 P.M. - WMCDA Meeting

There being no further business before the board, Trustee Edgar moved, seconded by Trustee Schaefer to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Voice Vote.

The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Olson, Administrative Assistant