

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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OCONOMOWOC LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, October 21, 2024 Unofficial until approved by the Village Board. Approved as written ~~X~~ or with corrections () on 11/18/24.

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake was held on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll call was taken with the following attendance:

Present: President Bickler and Trustees: Fellows, Zimmermann, Taylor, Sheahan and Fischer

Absent: Waltersdorf

Also present: Administrator/Police Chief Janicsek, Don Wiemer, Attorney Macy and Village Clerk, Teri Sayles

ATTENDANCE

Jef Fitch (36048 S Beach); Mark & Kim Loehrer (3720 N Lalumiere Rd); Kevin Raasch (N48W36115 E Wisconsin Ave); Ed Johnson (N Beach Rd)

MINUTES

Discussion/action regarding approval of minutes from the September 16, 2024 Village Board meeting.

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 Village Board meeting with one minor change. The Operating Statement was incorrectly name 'August' and was from September. Carried Unanimously (5).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to Open Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items at 7:01 p.m. Carried Unanimously (5).

Jef Fitch (36048 S Beach) thanked the board for their foresight in purchasing land in the village and would like to see more land purchased and is against the sale of Village owned lands.

Ed Johnson (N Beach Rd) agreed with Mr. Fitch's comment above.

Kevin Raasch (N48W36115 E Wisconsin Ave) thanked Board members for the signs that were placed on E Wisconsin Ave. He requested a light be installed on the intersection of E Wisconsin and Gifford and also asked if Plank Road (leading to his business) was a road. He paid to have it paved and maintains it himself.

Motion (Zimmermann/Sheahan) to Close Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items at 7:06 p.m. Carried Unanimously (5).

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Discussion/action regarding proposed Waukesha County sales tax increase.

President Bickler stated he became aware of the proposed county sales tax increase last week and said the topic is not well known in the public. If passed the county intends to share revenue collected with municipalities.

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Oconomowoc Lake would receive an estimated \$16,533 based on 2024 population. Other municipalities have signed a letter supporting the increase and the county board is expected to vote on October 22, 2024. Trustee Zimmermann stated the county assigned a task force to study the county budget problem and it has been known at the county their shortfall would need to be addressed. He further stated with the vote being tomorrow, it is not necessary for our board to express support of the measure.

No action taken.

TRUSTEES

No agenda items.

Trustee Taylor arrived at 7:12 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR

Discussion/action on US Cellular agreement.

Because US Cellular will be sold to T-Mobile, US Cellular asked the village to sign a letter authorizing the colocation of T-Mobile on the existing tower. US Cellular will be the leaseholder on the tower and has no plan to add antennas or buildings at the site and the tower will only have one company operating on it. Attorney Macy stated this is a form letter and does not need to be signed by the village.

No action taken.

Discussion/action regarding future snowplowing expenses.

Current plow trucks and equipment will need to be replaced in the next year. The cost will be around \$150,000. Board members discussed the pros and cons of continuing to plow resident driveways. The consensus was to get through this next plow season and address the issue in the spring.

Motion (Sheahan/Fellows) to direct the finance committee to include plowing driveways in the 2025 budget and to hold a public hearing in the spring regarding the future of driveway plowing in the village. Carried Unanimously (6).

Discussion/action regarding signs for E Wisconsin Avenue business access.

Chief Janicsek ordered directional signs for E Wisconsin Avenue business access due to the state abruptly closing the road over the bridge to through traffic. The cost of the signs is approximately \$500. It is uncertain when the bridge will be repaired and the road re-opened.

Motion (Fischer/Zimmermann) to approve the purchase of the signs for E Wisconsin Avenue business access. Carried Unanimously (6).

Discussion/action regarding railroad quiet zone.

When the median for the railroad quiet zone was replaced in 2020 the length on the north side was reduced from 45' to 36'. Following an inspection, the state is requiring compliance with the 45 feet length. To re-establish the Notice of Establishment (NOE) for the quiet zone and bring it to the required 45 feet will cost \$5,000-\$6,000 and take 17 months. The railroad has still been honoring the quiet zone. President Bickler asked if we could simply extend the median to meet the requirement of the original NOE.

Motion (Fellows/Zimmermann) to direct the administrator to get a price to extend the median 9 feet to meet the requirement and ask the Federal Railroad Commission if that will satisfy the NOE. Carried Unanimously (6).

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POLICE CHIEF

Police Department Monthly Report for September 2024.

Chief Janicsek stated there were 5500 patrol miles with 304 calls and 69 citations in May. Boat patrol issued 0 citation and 2 warnings.

Discussion/action regarding purchase of a new squad vehicle.

Chief Janicsek stated the window to order 2025 police squads is open and he is asking for approval to order a new squad for the police department. \$20,000 was set aside in 2024 and proceeds from the sale of the 2021 squad will be around \$28,000. The total cost of the new squad will be around \$61,000 leaving a \$13,000 impact on the 2025 budget.

Motion (Taylor/Sheahan) to approve the order of a 2025 Police squad vehicle. *Carried Unanimously (6).*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No agenda items.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Discussion/action regarding Village owned property on E Wisconsin Avenue.

The Village was contacted by someone interested in purchasing village owned properties on Wisconsin Avenue for the use as an overflow parking lot. Village policy requires the request be brought to the board for discussion. Village staff discussed how the sale could negatively impact the village.

Motion (Fischer/Zimmermann) to NOT consider the sale of Village owned properties on Wisconsin Avenue. *Carried Unanimously (6).*

Discussion/action regarding Village owned property on Sawyer Road.

The Village was contacted by someone interested in purchasing a village owned lot on Sawyer Road adjacent to the Village woodlot. The lot is nonconforming due to its size. Additional land would have to be added to bring it to the minimum required 2 acres or a variance issued. Village policy requires the request be brought to the board for discussion. Village staff discussed how the sale could negatively impact the village.

Motion (Taylor/Zimmermann) to NOT consider the sale of Village owned property on Sawyer Road. *Carried Unanimously (6).*

PLAN COMMISSION

No agenda items.

CLERK

Discussion/action regarding approval of an Operator License for the following Metro Market employee:

Elly Smith-Skwierawski

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to approve an Operator License for the following Metro Market employee: Elly Smith-Skwierawski. *Carried Unanimously (6).*

Discussion/action regarding the 2024 Tax Collection Agreement with Waukesha County.

Motion (Zimmermann/Sheahan) to approve the 2024 Tax Collection Agreement with Waukesha County. *Carried Unanimously (6).*

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TREASURER

Discussion/action regarding approval of checks 50361 through 50429 and all electronic payments.

Motion (Fellows/ Sheahan) to approve check 50361 through 50429 and all electronic payments. Carried Unanimously (6).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Discussion regarding the monthly operating statement for October 2024.

Trustee Fischer had the following comments on the operating statement:

Line 25, 26, 27: Interest continues to grow in the bond account.

Line 62: Building Permit fees are higher than expected.

Line 100: Legal fees are on track with budgeted amount.

Line 116: For fireworks; transfers cover this.

Line 215: DPW wage is down because Chris is out on leave.

Discussion/action regarding long-term note to refinance existing debt.

The Finance Committee met and recommends Village Board approval to refinance the existing long-term note of \$136,754 at 1.35% to fund the following projects: paving a portion of the woodlot drive, generators for the village hall and garage, village hall interior remodeling, ADA compliant entrance to the village hall and replacement of the dock at the boat launch. The estimated total of all projects is \$275,000. Trustee Fischer stated this debt will not impact the tax levy.

Motion (Sheahan/Taylor) to direct Trustee Fischer to negotiate refinancing the existing debt in an amount and interest rate that will result in a loan payment not exceeding \$60,000. Carried Unanimously (6).

Discussion/action regarding to negotiate a long-term note not to exceed \$450,000/10 year term.

The Finance Committee also recommends Village Board approval to negotiate a 10 year note not to exceed \$450,000 to be date March 1, 2025. President Bickler stated the driving factors are the annual payment of \$60,000 and a 10-year term. This may give some flexibility in the amount of the note to exceed \$450,000.

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to direct Trustee Fischer to negotiate refinancing the existing debt for a term of 10 years and for an amount that does not result in an annual payment that exceeds \$60,000. Carried Unanimously (6).

HISTORY BOARD

No agenda items. Trustee Sheahan shared information from the lake club regarding historical items that may be of interest to History Committee members. This will be share with the history committee.

ATTORNEY

No agenda items.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No agenda items.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD (ACB)

Minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting were in the packet.

COMMUNICATIONS

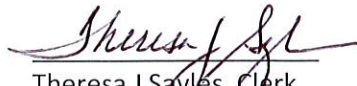
None.

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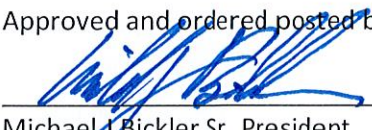
ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion being heard, a motion (Fellows/Sheahan) to adjourn was made at 8:12 p.m. Carried Unanimously (6).

Respectfully submitted by:


Theresa J Sayles, Clerk

Approved and ordered posted by:


Michael J Bickler Sr, President