



VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY

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OFFICIAL MINUTES VILLAGE BOARD MEETING 2/20/2023 MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

William Duncan called the meeting to order at 06:30pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bill Duncan, George Vlach, Robert Umans, Jim D'Alessandro, Adam Jaramillo

Also Present: Interim Administrator Dave Bretl, Clerk Kolls, Director of Public Works Edwards, Kishwaukeeetoe Representative Harold Friestad

Excused: Matt Stanek, Lowell Wright

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Minutes

A. Village Board Meeting Minutes of 2/6/2023

The motion to move the Minutes of 2/6/2023 to the next Village Board Meeting due to the attachment being missing was initiated by Robert Umans and seconded by D'Alessandro. Unanimously carried.

V. Consent Agenda

A. None

VI. Presentation of accounts and petitions

A. Payroll ending 02-10-2023 in the amount of \$40,181.75

The motion to approve the Payroll ending 02-10-2023 in the amount of \$40,181.75 was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

B. Account Payable Prepays dated 02-13-2023 in the amount of \$5,693,701.29

The motion to approve the Account Payable Prepays dated 02-13-2023 in the amount of \$5,693,701.29 was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

C. Accounts Payable Unpays dated 02-17-2023 in the amount of \$113,841.71

The motion to approve the Accounts Payable Unpays dated 02-17-2023 in the amount of \$113,841.71 was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

D. January EFT Payments in the amount of \$68,865.08

The motion to approve the January EFT Payments in the amount of \$68,865.08 was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

E. December 2022 Financial Statements (pre-audit)

The motion to approve the December 2022 Financial Statements (pre-audit) was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

F. January 2023 Financial Statements

The motion to approve the January 2023 Financial Statements was initiated by Jim D'Alessandro and seconded by Robert Umans. Unanimously carried.

VII. Plan Commission

A. None

VIII. Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee: pursuant to section 18.171F(A)

A. None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Christenson (36 Congress St) is requesting that speed limit signs be installed on Congress Street. Christenson explained that this was her fourth time attending a meeting regarding this issue. Christenson explained that a member of the police department explained to her that the signs cost around \$40.00 each and Christenson stated she was willing to pay for the signs. Christenson delivered a letter to the board from Doug Swangren (98 & 100 Congress St) that was left on top of her car for her to deliver to the board. The Board explained that she would have a chance to speak on this issue later in the meeting as the issue is listed separately on the agenda.

Harold Friestad (KNC Board of Directors Chair) spoke about how it has been 33 years since the purchase of the Kishwauketoe land and how proud he is to still be involved. Friestad spoke about how KNC is run solely on donations and volunteers. Friestad explained that they have a volunteer work day every single Saturday through the winter and Saturday, February 18, 2023 they had such a good day. Friestad explained that they have 116 volunteers on their list and at least 14 or 15 volunteers show up each Saturday. Friestad went on to explain that the volunteers that showed up that day were happy and never complained even though the weather was not very pleasant, which was amazing. Friestad also explained that they would be requesting a new board member be appointed at the next meeting. Friestad explained that the new member is a retired teacher who loves Williams Bay. Friestad explained that the new member along with four other teachers are hoping to create educational programs which span over the whole year and are hoping to be able to offer them to the public at no cost. Friestad explained that they had tried educational programs before but at that time they really didn't have the resources to make it work. Friestad explained he is hopeful that this group of educators can make it work. Friestad explained that they plan to implement an outdoor education area in the arboretum. Rob Umans asked about the grow your own tree program. Friestad explained that the first batch of trees will be available this fall and will be available for purchase at Kishwauketoe. Jim D'Alessandro asked if Friestad recalled the anniversary date of the purchase of the Kishwauketoe land that they could possibly celebrate? Friestad explained he would need to check the exact date but he thought it may have been March 5th, 33 years ago.

Adam Jaramillo made a motion to move item F of Section 12 of Streets and Highways to be next on the agenda since there were so many people present for that item. The motion was seconded by Jim D'Alessandro. Motion passes Unanimously.

X. President's Remarks

A. Congratulations to the first responders in a recent incident.

William Duncan explained that he was unable to attend the ceremony for the first responders who were honored for their response to the incident at the school. Duncan explained that he feels the article in the paper was written very well. Duncan stated that he wished to add his congratulations to all those involved in the incident.

B. Upcoming public review of the draft Comprehensive Plan

William Duncan explained that we have an upcoming review of the Williams Bay Comprehensive Plan. Dave Bretl explained that there would be an open house on March 2nd at Barrett Memorial Library from 6:00pm until 8:00pm which would be held as a question and answer session. Bretl also explained that the Comprehensive plan will then be up for adoption with a joint meeting of the Plan Commission and the Village Board at the first April meeting which will be held on April 3, 2023.

XI. Ordinances and Resolutions

- A. None

XII. Committee Reports

A. Finance & Personnel, Trustee Wright - Chair

- 1. Removal of Tennis Courts

Motion made by Committee, no second required. Unanimously carried.

- 2. Walworth County Economic Development Alliance 2023 Membership

Motion made by Committee, no second required. Unanimously carried.

- 3. Approving the hiring of Jody Knauss as the Recreation Department Part Time Sports Coordinator at the hourly rate of \$16.00

Motion made by Committee, no second required. Unanimously carried.

- 4. Adoption of a Deferred Compensation Plan through Mission Square Retirement and Authorizing the proper Village Official to execute the necessary documents related to said plan

This motion was tabled by the Committee. No action taken.

B. Protective Services, Trustee Vlach - Chair

- 1. Original, Renewal, or Temporary Operator License Applications

The motion to approve the Original, Renewal, or Temporary Operator License Applications was initiated by George Vlach and seconded by Rob Umans. Unanimously carried.

C. Parks & Lakefront, Trustee D'Alessandro - Chair

- 1. Approving the hiring of Jody Knauss as the Recreation Department Part Time Sports Coordinator

This was approved under Finance and Personnel. No action taken.

D. Building, Zoning, & Ordinance, Trustee Jaramillo - Chair

- 1. No Report

E. Water & Sewer, Trustee Umans - Chair

- 1. No Report

F. Streets & Highways, Trustee Stanek - Chair

- 1. Request by residents to install 25 MPH speed limit signs on Congress Street

George Vlach read a letter dated 2/15/2023 and addressed to the Village Board from Doug Swangren (98 & 100 Congress St). Swangren requested two 20 mile per hour speed limit signs on Congress street, one up and one down. Swangren stated that he felt the 25 mile per hour signs would not change anything. Swangren went on to explain that speed bumps would be another option. Swangren explained they could be removable for winter plowing. Swangren stated that another option would be to have Congress Street no trucks, as the trucks are some of the worst speed offenders. Swangren also explained that he felt Congress Street should be no parking, at least up to the first drive and each side coming up from Walworth Avenue. Swangren also explained that none of the options listed would work without being enforced.

Vlach explained that he had reviewed the issue and it appeared that on January 11, 2023, the board had discussions about the request for speed limit signs. Vlach explained that at that time they had requested information which Chief Timm has since provided to the board. Vlach explained that the motion at that time was to recommend to Protective Services that they approve two speed limit signs, one east and one west on Congress Avenue. Vlach explained that speed limit signs no longer have to go to the Protective Services Committee, since when the ordinances were redone, signage was removed from the Protective Services Committee and left solely on the Streets and Highways Committee. Vlach stated that he is in favor of the signs, but he feels they would require a new motion.

Jim D'Alessandro made a motion to approve the installation of two 25 mile per hour speed limit signs on Congress Street, going in each direction. Vlach seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

D'Alessandro explained that while they appreciated that Christenson offered to pay for the signs, he felt it was not right for her to do so.

XIII. Public Comments

XIV. Other Items for Discussion, Consideration, or Action

A. None

XV. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was initiated by Robert Umans and seconded by Jim D'Alessandro at 6:57pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Tina Kolls, Village Clerk

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