

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chair S. Riemer.

- 1.0 **Roll Call** – Present: Chair S. Riemer, Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier, J. Chesney, M. Eternicka, I. Thomson and Pres. D. Besson. Staff: Village Administrator S. Kulik and Health Officer K. Davidson. Audience (10).
- 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Keith Laufer, 2474 S. 96th Street, West Allis presented the Committee with a check for \$2,500 from the Badgerland Striders in support of July 4th activities. *Committee moved to item 3.11.*
- 3.0 **AGENDA ITEMS – Committee moved to this item after item 3.11.**
 - 3.1 **Minutes June 2, 2025** – no changes, placed on file.
 - 3.2 **Health Dept Update** – Health Officer K. Davidson reported on activities and upcoming projects specifically related to the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) due in the next two years. She reported that the DHS 140 review is underway and will be completed by November, 2025. S. Riemer inquired on how the public is noticed about services provided by the Health Dept. K. Davidson responded that surveys are conducted and that the website includes this information. She also reported that community outreach activities are successful as well. S. Kulik commented that perhaps revamping the quarterly newsletter to be a departmental spotlight and rotate it through the departments.
 - 3.3 **IT Dept Update** – S. Kulik advised staff report on this item will need to be moved to August due to illness.
 - 3.4 **Other Post-Employment Benefits** – S. Kulik reported on memo in packet. **Motion** (Bennett, Chesney) to forward a recommendation to the Village Board to amend the employee handbook relative to OPEB as presented; motion passes 6-0-1 (Eternicka not present a vote).
 - 3.5 **Certified Local Government (CLG) Partnership Program – Historical Preservation** - S. Kulik reported on memo in packet. **Motion** (Chesney, Eternicka) to forward to the Village Board and direct staff to craft resolution and ordinance changes to rescind CLG status; motion passes unanimously.
 - 3.6 **Renewal 2025 Licenses** – S. Kulik reported that both Taj Mahal & Senft's Cocktails. **Motion** (Besson, Brinkmeier) to forward to the Village Board for approval; motion passes unanimously.
 - 3.7 **Sale of Fire Engine & Hurst generator and related tools** – S. Kulik reported on requirement for board approval to sell these assets per policy. **Motion** (Thomson, Eternicka) to forward to Village Board for approval; motion passes unanimously.
 - 3.8 **Budget Amendment Policy** – S. Kulik reported on proposal. Consensus to redraft sections of policy to address salary, benefit and operation restrictions to be presented with amendments in August, 2025.
 - 3.9 **Whitnall Rotary Grant Discussion** – D. Besson commented on items he felt met the criteria, a lift system for the Library for ADA assistance, renovations and improvements to the Schoetz Park and a potential for senior meal program to be offered at the Village Hall with the assistance of the County. The last item is not feasible as the County has no ability to expand their program. M. Eternicka commented that enhancements to the fishing piers or even adding a second pier at Schoetz Park could be included. T. Brinkmeier recommended technology enhancements such as software that would be used for meetings, minutes and packets that other municipalities use and potentially updating the meeting room to allow for live streaming of meetings that also has an AI transcription option. He also commented that a food truck corral area could be considered.

M. Eternicka asked if the Library endowment for the elevator could be used for this lift and would that then make this an item that shouldn't be on the grant proposal. D. Besson commented the had spoken to the Library Board President and that he thought the lift was a good idea but he will reach out to him again and have the Library Board take some action on the lift concept at their meeting on July 24. S. Kulik commented that the grant is due by Aug. 1, and that the next meeting of the BOT is July 28 which does not seem to be enough time to react.

T. Brinkmeier will contact the vendor and get information on the meeting streaming issue to tie into the OWL system currently installed.

M. Bennett commented that there is some granite marker at the fishing pier that they should probably look into the details of that as the Rotary grant requires acknowledgement or signage for their donation. She further commented that the pavilion could use not just ADA bathroom updates but water fountains as well.

Consensus to have a meeting on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 5 p.m. to review projects and develop the grant submittal narratives on the three proposals.

- 3.10 **Village Administrator Annual Evaluation** – S. Kulik reported on conference sessions from recent GFOA attendance. Item to remain on agenda for upcoming meetings. Committee did not convene in closed session.

- 3.11 **Pedestrian Pathways funding options** – Committee moved to this item after 2.0 due to citizens present in the audience. M. Eternicka presented a power point on survey data completed in 2023 and updated the Committee on funding proposals for grants and the impact of a potential borrowing for pathway systems.

Jamie Hennessy, 5460 S. 121st St., Hales Corners addressed the Committee in support of the pedestrian multi use pathways.

Jason Barndt, 5665 S. Meadow Park Dr., Hales Corners address the Committee in support of the pedestrian multi use pathways.

Justine Wagner, 11023 W. Copeland Ave., Hales Corners addressed the Committee in support of the pedestrian multi use pathways citing safety concerns and inquired if the Fire or Police Departments have provided any input on incidents in the pathway segments identified. D. Besson commented that they had not yet done so but would be asked for their feedback and input.

County Supervisor Patti Logsdon addressed the Committee regarding Milwaukee County support options. She commented that the Oak Leaf Trail was all she had been advised about and expressed concern that the pathways addressed in the meeting were for school safety matters which is confusing and that Milwaukee County would not be involved in any sidewalk programs or pathways on Edgerton or Grange Avenue. She commented on the financial struggles Milwaukee County is facing and that the County Board is focusing on needs versus wants.

S. Riemer asked if any surveys have been done Village wide on the pathways proposals. M. Bennett expressed concern that no surveys have been done on this other than what was presented by M. Eternicka which had been completed without the full Village Board being involved.

I. Thomson expressed concerns about the property owners whose lots would be directly impacted by the paths proposed in the power point as well as the impact on mature trees that may be in the pathway.

M. Eternicka commented that he is trying to move something forward as the concept is in the Village's 2050 Comprehensive Master Plan and no action has been taken on implementing anything in the 5 years since it was adopted. He is requesting that RA Smith be contacted to develop design and engineering estimates and the proposed grant options he reported on could use those funds for this first step.

D. Besson commented that each trustee come in with prepared set of questions for the proposed survey.

Motion (Besson, Brinkmeier) to develop a Village Board survey on multi use pathways at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion (Riemer, Brinkmeier) to amend main motion and to direct staff to develop an additional survey to be sent to the home owners directly affected by the results of the first survey.

M. Eternicka inquired if the Committee discussion and the surveys then made any grant application premature. Consensus of Committee that no grants should be applied for until the survey results are completed.

On the amendment, motion passes unanimously.

On the main motion; motion passes unanimously.

Committee moved to item 3.1.

4.0 ADJOURN – Motion (Besson, Chesney) to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.; motion passes unanimously.

Submitted,



Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator