

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chair J. Chesney.

- 1.0 Roll Call** – Present: Chair J. Chesney. Trustees: M. Bennett, T. Brinkmeier (virtual), S. Riemer, T. Thomson and Pres. D. Besson. Staff: Village Administrator S. Kulik and Fire Chief B. Gardner. Audience (5).
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.
- 3.0 AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 3.1 Minutes March 2, 2026** – No changes, placed on file.
 - 3.2 Interview interested applicants for vacant trustee appointment**
 - 3.2.1 Alyssa Dunning** – introduced herself to the Committee.
 - 3.2.2 John Byrnes** – introduced himself to the Committee.
 - 3.2.3 Katelynn Zingsheim** – introduced herself to the Committee.
 - 3.2.4 Tim Stachowiak** - introduced himself to the Committee.

D. Besson asked that each applicant comment on their history, background and knowledge of municipal governments.

D. Besson commented that he appreciated all the interest and asked that all applicants consider committee appointments to support their desire to get involved.

D. Besson recommended Alyssa Dunning as her previous experience on both the July 4th Committee and Plan Commission gave her exposure to municipal government.

M. Bennett commented that she had some concerns that future development in the Village and Ms. Dunning's employer would require her to recuse herself and therefore a full board would not be making these types of development decisions.

I. Thomson commented that he also appreciated all the interest but also feels that A. Dunning would be his preference due to her past experience with the Village.

Motion (Besson, Riemer) to recommend the appointment of Alyssa Dunning to complete the vacant trustee term to the Village Board. Motion passes 5-1 (Bennett: Nay).

Committee moved to item 3.5.
 - 3.3 Village Administrator Recruitment update** – *Committee moved from item 3.5.* Kevin Brunner, PAA LLC addressed the Committee regarding the candidate list. Consensus to proceed with zoom interviews by PAA for 11 candidates. Discussion on next steps are to have copies of the zoom interviews provided to the Village Board by end of next week, April 24, 2026. The May 4 Committee of the Whole would go into closed session to review candidate profiles and recommend 4 candidates and one alternate for the next step. Selected candidates will be interviewed on May 18, 2026 as outlined in the process. D. Besson to approach local resident for candidate village tour. S. Kulik to notify department heads of interviews intended for the morning of May 18. Questions to be asked of the applicants by department heads and the Board will be provided by PAA to narrow down the scope of potential questions.
 - 3.4 Milwaukee County presentation – Future State Project** – Isaac Rowlett, Milwaukee County presented the project to the Committee. I. Thomson asked which counties this report was utilizing as comparables to Milwaukee County. D. Besson commented that at a meeting earlier and Mr. Rowlett's comments are indicating that there are large deficits in the County budget now, how would they be able to coordinate these efforts without funding. He further commented that he had been frustrated trying to get information on the costs to operate the pool in Hales Park, that the ICC had formed a committee to deal with the county parks and County personnel showed up only twice and never again. He also commented on the regional transportation authority concept has been out there for over 20 years and never gained traction. I. Rowlett commented that he hears that there are trust deficits on collaboration with the County due to communication. M. Bennett asked

Mr. Rowlett if the County was expecting action on the project. I. Rowlett stated he was trying to determine if there were any items in it that would benefit Hales Corners. S. Riemer asked if the health pandemic was handled poorly. I. Rowlett commented that it was not but that the differences among the 19 municipalities, who required masks and who didn't, who opened stores and who didn't was difficult for citizens to understand. D. Besson commented that before COVID, he would have supported a county-run health program, but after COVID, he no longer does. The local health officer in Greenfield handled the county response as the county health officer was out on medical leave. Further, what each municipality did relative to opening business and other restrictions, would not have been what the Village wanted to do as Milwaukee County offices were closed much longer and remote work was going on well after the pandemic was ended. I. Rowlett asked what the 3 priorities of the Village are relative to a joint or county operated program. T. Brinkmeier commented that the number one priority he hears is to get the pool open again. He sees the proposal of the parks and regional transit authority as more taxation. I. Rowlett commented that it was transfer to users based upon needs. T. Brinkmeier commented that the need will not be less expensive for the Village and that it seems like all joint plans end up costing the Village more for services we already have or that aren't utilized. S. Kulik commented that the reductions of 50% in personnel at the county has resulted in those costs being handled at the local level already for necessary services and that the RTA and parks district would be a transfer of taxes already collected and additional fees for use that our residents would not benefit from. M. Bennett commented that the residents of Hales Corners were confused when the pool closed after the county spent \$500,000 on improvements. Now, it needs another \$600,000 due to the closure and other deferred maintenance. I. Rowlett summarized that he heard that there is a communication challenge and that the pool is a sad example of lack of communication which is resulting in overall devaluation of county services.

- 3.5 **Fire Department Holiday Pay proposal – *Committee moved to this item after 3.2.*** – Chief B. Gardner addressed the Committee regarding the proposal. S. Riemer inquired how many shifts would be affected by the proposal. Chief Gardner commented that shifts are staffed by one full-time and three part-time for a potential of six per 24-hour period. S. Kulik commented that the most recent holiday did not have any full-time personnel on duty and was staffed by part-time so the potential would be 8 per 24 period. D. Besson inquired what the cost of the proposal could be. S. Kulik commented that the range would be \$35,000 to \$11,000 depending on how many of the shifts are filled this way. She also commented that ambulance rates will be adjusted based upon the costs for the department and should be available to cover overages if they occur.

Motion (Thomson, Riemer) to recommend to the Village Board for approval; motion passes unanimously.

Committee moved to item 3.3.

- 3.6 **Appointments – Trustee committee appointments** – D. Besson reported that assignments were the same as last year and that the vacancy appointments would be updated at the Village Board meeting after confirmation of the new trustee.

Motion (Besson, Chesney) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.

- 3.7 **Appointments – Citizen reappointments & New Appointments** – D. Besson commented on the majority as reappointments and the new candidates were present. Diane Besson 5792 Lory Lane, Hales Corners and Jim Gilboy, County Hwy LO, Mukwonago addressed the Committee. J. Gilboy commented he will be moving back to the Village shortly.

Motion (Riemer, Thomson) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.

- 3.8 **Recommendation to close Health Grant Special Revenue Funds** – S. Kulik reported on request to close funds no longer in use.

- Motion** (Besson, Chesney) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.9 **Recommendation on establishing administrative fee for placing delinquent fire inspection invoices on the tax roll** – S. Kulik reported on request to add the fee.
Motion (Thomson, Besson) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.10 **Update to Village authorized check signatures and financial institutions** – S. Kulik reported on need to update for check signatures due to retirement of Chief Cera.
Motion (Bennett, Thomson) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.11 **Massage Licenses – Fluid Movements Massage & Aquatic Bodyworks, 5319 S. 108th** – S. Kulik reported.
Motion (Chesney, Riemer) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.12 **Recommendation on pay plan changes** – S. Kulik reported that the pay plan changes incorporates recent changes and this cleans it up in one resolution/
Motion (Besson, Riemer) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.13 **Public Works**
- 3.13.1 **Change order request – raSmith – Hales Happiness Water Project - \$75,000** – S. Kulik reported on the request.
Motion (Riemer, Besson) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 3.13.2 **Change order request – MJ Construction – Change Order 2 (\$113,105.25) and change order 3 (\$107,928.00)** – S. Kulik reported on request.
Motion (Thomson, Besson) to forward to the Village Board for approval as noted; motion passes unanimously.
- 4.0 **ADJOURNMENT – Motion** (Besson, Thomson) to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.; motion passes unanimously.

Submitted,


Sandra M. Kulik, Administrator