



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Lake Hallie Municipal Building
13136 30th Avenue
Lake Hallie, WI 54729

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order according to Chapter 19.84 and 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes by President Spilde at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Spilde, and Mr. Berg all present. Mr. Lehmann arriving at 7:15 p.m. and Mr. Johnson absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the February 6, 2023 Agenda as presented

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 Village Board Meeting Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

5. Public Comments: Public comments are limited to two (2) minutes and will be limited to issues that have an impact on the Village of Lake Hallie. An exception to the two (2) minute limit may be made at the discretion of the Village President.

No comments from the public present.

6. Committee/Department Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

Mr. Spilde informed the board that the City of Chippewa Falls formally accepted the territory detachment from the Village. Business coming before the board at a future meeting include: Report from Short-Elliott-Hendrickson on Well #6 project, ordinance change on driveways along 40th Avenue to include verbiage on angle driveway negative to road and ordinance update on the new plumbing code as part of the sanitary survey inspection.

B. Police Chief/Police Commission Update

Chief Orgon updated the board with the following February 2023 report:

1. Body Armor Reimbursement – In June 2022, Body armor was purchased and received for Officer Simmons, Officer Straszowski and Corporal Prokopinski at a cost of \$3292. The department purchases body armor for the full-time officers every 5 years, when the armor warranty expires. In December 2022, the Village was reimbursed \$1646.05 from the federal Bulletproof Vest grant for these vests.

2. The 2014 Dodge Charger Squad (#14) had a transmission leak while on patrol a couple weeks ago. Chilson Dodge will replace in the amount of \$1300.

3. 2022 Animal Control Report: In 2022, the Lake Hallie Police Department responded to 89 total animal complaints. We transported 1 dog and 19 cats to the Eau Claire Humane Association totaling 20 animals transported. Expenses of Animal Control 1,166.45 Total Spent on Operations/Supplies (Budget amount \$2,500.00) 0.00 Wages spent on enforcement (Budget amount \$1,500.00) \$1,166.45 Total Spent on Animal Control (Budget amount \$4,000)

4. On December 28, 2022, at approximately 8:57 am, Lake Hallie Police responded to Wal-Mart, 2786 Commercial Blvd, Lake Hallie, for a report of a male subject who passed four counterfeit \$100 bills. The incident originally occurred on Tuesday, December 27, 2022. On January 17, 2023, the photos from the case were uploaded to the Lake Hallie Police Facebook page and the following day, the Cornell Police Department issued a Wisconsin Crime Alert regarding a male suspect passing counterfeit \$100 bills at two locations in their jurisdiction. The suspect from the Cornell incident was the same suspect as in the Lake Hallie PD case. With the assistance of the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network, Facebook and the

Chippewa County Crime Stoppers page, the suspect was positively identified. The suspect was also identified in passing counterfeit \$100 bills in Tomah, WI and Ladysmith, WI. On January 23, 2023, the Cadott Police Department and Lake Hallie Detective stopped where the suspect was identified as a passenger in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Chippewa County Jail and was booked in on one felony count of Forgery-Uttering and one misdemeanor count of Retail Theft in reference to Lake Hallie PD's Case. He was also charged with felony counts in Cornell, Tomah and Ladysmith cases. Thanks to the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network, social media and the perseverance and teamwork of all agencies involved, multiple cases were solved.

C. Parks, Recreation Tourism Commission Update

No update

D. Public Works Department Update

Public Works Supervisor Derek Schad provided the follow update to the board:

- Used 255 ton of salt and sand last month
- About 700 gallons of brine used this year
- Getting potholes filled
- No major breakdowns on the equipment
- Yearly house cleaning of the road shop to keep guys busy
- We have installed 2 meters
- Working on audit paperwork
- Sanitary Survey results are available, easy to fix
- Well #5 is progressing
- The Cluster is running good.

Public Works Supervisor Schad also reviewed the DNR Sanitary Survey of the Lake Hallie Waterworks stating the water system is operated well and producing good water quality. There were few deficiencies noted and issued a significant deficiency regarding the capacity issues with the current drinking water system. The Village is to be applauded with their efforts in maintaining a clean and secure system. Sited deficiencies included: Deficiency from 2019 Sanitary Survey has not been completed: "Based on the department capacity evaluation it appears the village cannot meet peak demand with the largest well out of service. Based on the utility should be looking at an additional well or source. The utility may need to perform an engineering study to determine plan of action or solution. The village must report to the department their plan of action in addressing this capacity evaluation issue. The department expects this be addressed, resolved, or in the process of being resolved by the next survey." System is in process of being resolved with the addition of MW5 in the summer and MW6 towards the end of the year, but capacity still remains an issue. The department expects the deficiency to be resolved or a developed roadmap to resolve capacity issues by the end of the year. System Cross Connection Ordinance is not up to date. The current ordinance is citing the wrong plumbing code as COMM 82. Please edit your ordinance to show the most recent plumbing code, SPS 382. NR 810.15(1) According to Village records, elevated storage tank (Hill Tank) has not been inspected since 2016. Please have this tower inspected as soon as possible. The last inspection in 2016 was a complete drain down, so this inspection can be any acceptable alternative (partial drain down, ROV, Diver, etc.) NR 810.14 Emergency operations plan has some out of date contact information. Please update your DNR representative to Brian Pietz. Also included in the Public Works report to the board was the daily work tasks of employee and the monthly mileage log.

7. New Business:

A. Discuss/approve reimbursement of towing charge to Bill & Lisa Hick for expenses incurred on January 5, 2023

Bill and Lisa Hicks, 13601 43 Avenue, Lake Hallie appeared before the board to discuss a traffic citation/towing bill received in January, 2023. Mr. Hicks recapped the incident to the board (statement finished by Lisa) on the conditions of the snow covered/icy roads on the morning of the 5th of January, which ultimately caused Mr. Hicks to slide through the intersection of 130th Street & 40th Avenue and into a snowbank. The driver of the Village plow truck, Tim Calkins, called the Lake Hallie Police Department who responded to the scene. Mr. Hicks stated that he was not hurt in the incident and did not feel he was driving too fast for conditions that in his opinion stated Mr. Calkins was traveling too fast in the plow truck. LHPD called for a towing service to remove Mr. Hicks vehicle safely from the snow bank as the Hicks vehicle was in the land of traffic, therefore incurring an exorbitant towing service bill to the Hicks household which has created a financial hardship. The Hicks came before the board asking for a reimbursement in the towing service bill indicating they had family who were available to assist removing their vehicle safely and in an orderly manner. After reviewing of the LHPD incident report and listening to the statements of Mr. & Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Berg made a motion to deny the reimbursement of the towing service bill to Bill and Lisa Hicks for the assist vehicle incident on January 5, 2023, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

B. Discuss/approve recommendation by Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to approve Park Use Agreements for the following:

1. Hallie Boys Baseball **Hallie Youth Days – July 26 – July 30, 2023**
2. Hallie Boys Baseball **Hallie All Star Tournament – August 3-6, 2023**

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to approve Park Use Agreements for the following: ** Hallie Boys Baseball **Hallie Youth Days** – July 26 – July 30, 2023 and Hallie Boys Baseball **Hallie All Star Tournament** – August 3-6, 2023, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

C. Discuss/approve quote from Midwest Well Drilling in the amount of \$2,155.00 to abandon test well at Well #5 as recommended by Short-Elliott-Hendrickson

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the quote from Midwest Well Drilling in the amount of \$2,155.00 to abandon test well at Well #5 as recommended by Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

D. Discuss/approve Samuel Bautch attending Water System Operation Strategies on February 9, 2023 in Chetek (training is at no cost)

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve Samuel Bautch attending Water System Operation Strategies on February 9, 2023 in Chetek (training is at no cost), seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

E. Discuss/approve recommendation of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission to award the 2023 Concession Stand Agreement to Hallie Girls Softball

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the recommendation of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission to award the 2023 Concession Stand Agreement to Hallie Girls Softball, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

F. Discuss/approve the purchase of six (6) 48" x 24" tables for Elections at a cost not to exceed \$2,000

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the purchase of six (6) 48" x 24" tables for Elections at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

G. Discuss/approve removal of three dead trees on 113th Street Tot Lot (removal of trees as marked)

Ms. Emily Gumbart, resident neighboring the 113th Street Tot Lot was in attendance to discuss the removal of trees on the tot lot. Ms. Gumbart provided photos taken on Monday February 6, 2023 of the tot lot showing a pile of brush, snow pushed on the tot lot with a bob cat to the location of which trees had been marked for removal. Ms. Gumbart referred to a maintenance agreement signed in 2015 which stated that the neighboring properties agreed to do maintenance work on the lots which included mowing grass, trimming trees and other minor maintenance as necessary. She questioned the board who has granted the approval to cut trees/shrubs on the lot. Mr. Bill Brinkman, the Village's summer Park Supervisor stated he had received a telephone call and met with a couple neighbors whom he understood did the maintenance on the tot lot to discuss the removal of trees as last summer they did not leaf out and were presumed dead. Mr. Brinkman stated that he had authorized the removal of three oak trees after discussions he had had with the neighbors and Village staff members. It was agreed that Mr. Spilde, Public Works Supervisor Derek Schad and Mr. Bill Brinkman would meet at the tot lot on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to view the work already done on the lot as well provide a recommendation on what trees, if any could be cut.

Mr. Berg made a motion to table the removal of three dead trees on 113th Street Tot Lot until Mr. Spilde provided an update at the next board meeting, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

H. Discuss/approve recommendation of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to appoint Greg A. Armstrong for a term to expire in April 2025 (replacing Nathan Moquin)

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the recommendation of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to appoint Greg A. Armstrong for a term to expire in April 2025 (replacing Nathan Moquin), seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

I. Discuss/approve Resolution #2023-001 ~ Acceptance of Roadway/Public Improvements of South Wind Estates East Development

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-001 ~ Acceptance of Roadway/Public Improvements of South Wind Estates East Development as presented, seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous

voice vote by members present.

J. Discuss/approve Resolution #2023-002 ~ Acceptance of Roadway/Public Improvements of Sunfield Heights South Development

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-002 ~ Acceptance of Roadway/Public Improvements of Sunfield Heights South Development as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

K. Discuss/approve changing location of the February 20th and April 3rd 2023 Village Board meetings to 13033 30th Avenue (old municipal building) due to the Spring Primary and Spring Elections

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve changing location of the February 20th and April 3rd 2023 Village Board meetings to 13033 30th Avenue (old municipal building) due to the Spring Primary and Spring Elections, seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

8. Old Business:

A. Continual discussions/update on Village of Lake Hallie Spring Election Referendum questions as it relates to the Lake Hallie Police Department and Roads Improvements

Continual discussions by the Village Board on the upcoming referendum questions on the Spring Election ballot. Police Chief Orgon and Public Works Supervisor Derek Schad will compile information on the growth of the Village for both residential and commercial as well as hard costs on fuel and projected project costs.

9. Approval of Minutes: Minutes are unapproved & changes could be made when it is addressed during the meeting.

A. January 16, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the January 16, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present

10. Finance:

A. **Treasurer's Report: (Usually 2nd Meeting of each Month)**

1. None

B. **Claims & Disbursements.**

1. February 6, 2023 Check Register in the amount of \$131,777.16 (General Fund Checks #39156-39208 Tax Collection Refund checks #3704-3716)

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 Check Register in the amount of \$131,777.16 (General Fund Check #39156-39208 & Tax Collection reimbursement check #3704-3716), seconded by Mr. Berg. On roll call vote, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Berg, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Spilde all voting aye. Motion carried.

11. Licensing:

A. **Operator(s):**

1. See Attached

B. **Social Use Permit/Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License (Village Hall Rental/Park Rental):**

1. Bridget Pehlke @ 4081 136th Street – 90th Birthday Party on March 25, 2023

C. **Chicken License:**

1. Shelby & Tanner Olek @ 3926 138th Street, Lake Hallie
Premise Registration Number: 00QUBGL

2. Nathan Saule @3246 120th Street, Lake Hallie
Premise Registration Number: 00PLTZS

Mr. Berg, on single vote, made a motion to approve the Operator License list as attached, a Social Use Permit to Bridget Pehlke @ 4081 136th Street – 90th Birthday Party on March 25, 2023 and Chicken Licenses to Shelby & Tanner Olek @ 3926 138th Street, Lake Hallie Premise Registration Number: 00QUBGL and Nathan Saule @3246 120th Street, Lake Hallie Premise Registration Number: 00PLTZS, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion

carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

12. Convene to closed session under 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Park & Weed Harvesting LTE Wages).

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 7:51 p.m. to convene to closed session under 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Park & Weed Harvesting LTE Wages), seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

13. Re-convene to open session. Announce any action taken in closed session.

Mr. Lehmann made a motion at 8:17 p.m. to re-convene to open session, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Announce any action taken in closed session:

Resolutions will be prepared and approved by the Village Board on February 20, 2023 of summer LTE wages.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Berg made a motion at 8:18 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted;

Kris Fitzsimmons
Clerk-Treasurer