



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 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 of the Wisconsin State Statutes by President Spilde at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spilde, Mr. Berg, and Mr. Lehmann all present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the January 2, 2024 Agenda as presented

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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

Mr. Samuel Calkins, 4334 145th Street, Lake Hallie appeared before the Village board to express concerns on several items within the Village although the main concern stemmed from the Village contributing \$110,000 to the pickleball court when he felt other items within the Village could use attention. Mr. Calkins thought a better use of the funds could be street stripping, additional ditch cutting throughout the year versus the two times currently being done, additional streetlights on intersections within the Village, asked that information be provided to the residents in paper form versus just posting on the website as many elderly residents do not have/go on computers. Trustee Berg, also the Liaison for the Park Commission, provided an explanation of what Motel Tax Dollars can be used for, of which a contribution to the Pickleball Court falls under the guidelines of the State Statute and Village Ordinance. A brief discussion was also held on the timeline of events that took place for the planning/development of the court beginning as early as June of 2023 by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission monthly meetings (open to the public to attend) through the Park Use Agreement being signed in December of 2023, reviewed and approved by Village Attorney David Raihle. The agreement states the Village of Lake Hallie would contribute \$110,000 over a three-year period to be paid specifically from the Motel Tax Dollars. Mr. Berg, for the sake of moving the meeting along, agreed to meet with Mr. Calkins after the adjournment of the meeting to discuss the timeline in greater detail as well as to answer questions Mr. Calkins had as they related to the Pickleball courts.

6. Committee/Department Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

Mr. Spilde stated that in 2024 the Village would begin to switch out water meters, estimating 194 meters to switch out each year for the next 10 years.

B. Police Chief/Police Commission Update

Chief Orgon provided the following January 2024 update to the board:

****** In December 2023, the Village received a Safety Grant in the amount of \$775.00 from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities to help with the cost of a docking station for the body camera in the new squad vehicle.

****** On December 9, 2023, Officer Jamie Court attended the Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Lake Hallie Optimist Club at old Village Hall.

**On December 13, 2023, Chief Orgon and Sgt. Sokup, along with K-9 Kita, attended the Christmas Party for Jason's Presents which was attended by a couple hundred families and children from around the Chippewa Valley.

**Repaired the coolant hose and rear axle for Squad 19 in the amount of \$857.18.

**On December 16, 2023, Officer Brian Vecchio completed his Field Training Program and started working patrol shifts on his own. Officer Vecchio is assigned the overnight shift (12:30am-11:00am).

**On December 24, 2023, at approximately 12:00pm, Officers Jamie Court and Brian Vecchio responded to the 4300 block of 131st Street for a report of a female with a baseball bat. Upon arrival, officers knocked and announced their presence and heard screaming from inside the residence and entry was made. Inside the residence, screaming could be heard from the bathroom. Officers forced the door open, and a female came out. She was screaming, swearing, and pacing, then attempted to re-enter the bathroom. Officers gave commands to her to get on the ground, but she refused. She continued to refuse to comply with officers' commands. One of the officers pulled their taser and eventually she was escorted to the ground, onto her stomach and eventually handcuffed. One of the officers made entry into the bathroom where she observed a male standing in the bathtub, naked, covered head to toe in blood with the water running. The male victim advised officers that he was stabbed in the left eye and struck with a baseball bat and unsure how many times he was stabbed. Officers located approximately 15 stab wounds to the victim's body, but it was difficult to see the width and depth of the wounds due to the amount of blood. Chippewa Fire District personnel responded quickly to the scene to attend to the victim. Officers located the knife laying in the tub and the baseball bat wrapped up in the shower curtain. The victim was transported to Mayo Clinic hospital for treatment. Currently, the victim is in stable but critical condition. As a result, the woman was arrested for one count of Attempted 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and two counts of Aggravated Assault with a weapon.

C. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission Update

Mr. Berg reviewed items discussed at the December Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission meeting as follows: Hallie Park light poles to be updated in the Spring 2024; Concession Stand works needs to be completed, painting, floors, and overall cleaning of the building; progress at the Pickleball Courts continues with the moving of dirt, stormwater management and conduit installed.

7. New Business:

A. Presentation from Eric Anderson, WCWRPC on the Lake Hallie Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan allowing for board approval

Mr. Eric Anderson, Senior Planner and Ms. Emily Huerta, Assistant Planner of West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission along with Mr. Greg Armstrong Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Member were in attendance to review the draft of the Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Anderson explained the development of the plan was for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized travel to be safe and a realistic option within the Village of Lake Hallie. Approximately 0.4% of the streets within the Village have sidewalks and the only designated bicycle facility in the Village is the Old Abe State Trail. Accessible and safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure are important for environmental, health, economic and quality of life aspects of a community. Areas of study included Business 53, Peace Memorial Park, Hallie Park, Gower Park, Lake Hallie Boat Landing, Lake Hallie Golf, Old Abe Trail, and Walmart area. Additionally, crash data reports, focus areas and strategies and recommendation and implementation of the plan were reviewed. Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the Lake Hallie Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Berg. 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. Chippewa Valley **Raptors Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament** May 31, - June 2, 2024

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the recommendation by Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission to approve Park Use Agreements for Chippewa Valley **Raptors Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament** May 31, - June 2, 2024, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

C. Discuss/approve proposal from Viking Sprinkler to perform 5-year Hydrostatic Inspection at a cost not to exceed \$3,015.00

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the proposal from Viking Sprinkler to perform 5-year Hydrostatic Inspection at a cost not to exceed \$3,015.00, seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

D. Discussion/action on 122nd Street/Melby Road Traffic Study

Mr. Spilde reviewed the 122nd Street/Melby Road Traffic Study with the Board. The study intersection experiences heavy traffic demand during weekend periods coinciding with events at Valley Sports Academy (VSA) and church services at Jacob's Well Church. It is anticipated that future developments will occur in the surrounding area,

which is expected to create additional demand and impact the traffic operations at the intersection. Weekday and weekend turning movement traffic counts were conducted at the study intersection from 6:00am to 10:00pm on Thursday, October 26, 2023, 8:00am to 8:00pm on Saturday, October 28, 2023, and 6:00am to 6:00pm on Sunday, October 29, 2023. The selected weekend count date coincided with a sports tournament weekend at VSA and regular church services at Jacob's Well Church. Although the intersection operates acceptably currently, the intersection experiences high volumes during the Sunday peak hour due to Sunday morning worship services at Jacob's Well Church to the south of the intersection. The increased Sunday peak hour volumes increase the delay for the eastbound and northbound intersection movements as vehicles utilize the E. Melby Street and 122nd Street intersection to access the USH 53 and E. Melby Street interchange to the west. Ayres Associates recommends the following improvements: Because the existing level of service is at an acceptable grade and more substantial improvements are likely to be needed in the future, it is not recommended that short-term improvements be made at this time. Although the short-term alternatives would provide some benefit to reducing traffic delays, the geometric changes would be "throw-away" costs once long-term improvements are made.

As a long-term improvement, it is recommended that the intersection be reconstructed as a roundabout. As compared to traffic signal control, the roundabout is expected to: *provide better LOS and lower intersection delay; *require fewer approach lanes and a smaller roadway footprint; *result in the reduced likelihood of injury and/or fatality crashes; *reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians; *result in reduced travel speeds; *allow for better lane connectivity to the adjacent intersection to the west. TIA studies should be required for the individual developments as they approach construction so that the impacts of each development can be verified when more detail is available. This will allow for the confirmation of any need to adjust the roundabout lane configuration. The TIAs will also identify appropriate access and site circulation design for selected parcels. Mr. Spilde has also asked Ayres Associates to submit a proposal to obtain a limited project price for a roundabout as well as what Village land needs to be retained. The proposal will be viewed/discussed at an upcoming meeting as necessary.

E. Discuss/approve cost change request from Municipal Well & Pump on Well #4 Submersible Equipment for an additional expense of \$1,810.00 (total contract amount of \$31,010.00)

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the cost change request from Municipal Well & Pump on Well #4 Submersible Equipment for an additional expense of \$1,810.00 (total contract amount of \$31,010.00), seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

8. Old Business:

A. None

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

A. December 18, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. 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. January 2, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$244,746.54 (General Fund checks #40104-40150 Tax Collection reimbursement check #3723-3724)

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$244,746.54 (General Fund checks #40104-40150 and Tax Collection reimbursement check #3723-3724, seconded by Mr. Johnson. On roll call vote, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Berg, and Mr. Spilde 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. Brittany Zwiefelhofer @ 13242 37th Avenue ~ Birthday Party on January 13, 2024

C. Golf Cart License:

1. Lisa Kloss @ 12920 24th Avenue, Lake Hallie, WI 54729

Make/Model: 2008 Fairplay Electric

On single vote, Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the Operators List as presented, the Social Use Permit to Brittany Zwiefelhofer @ 13242 37th Avenue ~ Birthday Party on January 13, 2024 and a Golf Cart License to Lisa Kloss @ 12920 24th Avenue, Lake Hallie, WI 54729 Make/Model: 2008 Fairplay Electric, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

12. Adjournment.

Mr. Berg made a motion at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted

Kris Fitzsimmons
Clerk-Treasurer