



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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. Hudson, Mr. Spilde, Mr. Berg, and Mr. Lehmann all present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the June 3, 2024 Agenda as presented

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the June 3, 2024 Village Board Meeting Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Hudson. 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 in attendance.

6. Committee/Department Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

Mr. Spilde shared the thank you note from Earl Bowe's family on the memorial for his mother from the Village. Short-Elliott-Hendrickson will be submitting a report soon on what the cluster system can accept daily which is 52,000 gallons, the Village will need to file a new permit with the DNR with the updated number of gallons. Department of Transportation issued a letter that the reconstruction project of Hwy 124 to County OO scheduled for 2027 has been delayed to 2030.

Mr. Spilde has been working with Mr. John Ferguson (Chippewa County 911 GIS Coordinator) on the proper and timely address sign installations for 911 purposes. The backlog is growing in such a manner that Chippewa County is trying to install signs purchased from 2016-2021. To rectify this issue, Mr. Ferguson is coordinating the delivery of outstanding signs to Towns/Villages to see if they can collaborate in fulfilling the outstanding work orders. Mr. Spilde informed the board that the Village will assist in the installation of 12 signs in newly developed subdivisions to start with and if it goes well, the Public Works Department along with the summer LTE can continue to work on the sign installation.

B. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Update

Mr. Berg stated that Hallie Park is open, fully staffed with remaining summer Park Maintenance employees starting work today, June 3, 2024. The first ball tournament of the 2024 season was successful with the transition between Hallie Girls Softball and Chippewa Raptors' use of the concession stand going very well.

C. Police Commission/Police Department Update

Chief Orgon provided the following June 2024 information to the board:

- The 2018 Dodge Charger (#18) had an axle and radiator fan replaced by Morrie's in the amount of \$1420.35.
- The 2018 Dodge Charger (#19) had the front struts and front axle shafts completed by Morrie's in the amount of \$1,160.
- On May 29, 2024, Chief Orgon participated in a law enforcement roundtable held by United States Congressman Derrick Van Orden to discuss several issues facing law enforcement such as group homes, homelessness, staffing, equipment, and mental health.
- In May 2024, the Police Department purchased a new in-car camera system for Squad 17 in the amount of \$6,670 from Motorola Solutions because the current one is obsolete.
- In April 2024, Officer Nick Hutchinson completed the 56-hour firearms instructor course at CVTC to become a Wisconsin State Certified Firearm Instructor. Officer Hutchinson and Detective Bowman are the current department's firearm instructors.
- On May 14, 2024, at approximately 3:58 am, Officer Brian Vecchio responded to the Kwik Trip Gas Station, 2997 Commercial Blvd, Lake Hallie, for an individual inside a vehicle acting strange and possibly on drugs. Upon arrival, Officer Vecchio observed a vehicle with its hazard lights on and attempting to back up and leave. Officer Vecchio stopped the vehicle and detected the odor of intoxicants coming from the driver's breath, slurred words and had watery and bloodshot eyes. The driver voluntarily submitted to field sobriety testing but refused a preliminary breath test. During a search of the driver's person, Officer Vecchio found two bags of a white powdery substance and multiple more bags of white powdery substance inside the vehicle totaling approximately 20 grams of suspected cocaine along with approximately 18 grams of suspected marijuana and six THC cartridges. Additionally, Officer Vecchio learned that the driver had an active felony Department of Corrections warrant and later learned that the vehicle was stolen from Barron County. The driver was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated -1st Offense, Operate Motor Vehicle while revoked, Failure to Install Ignition Interlock Device, Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Deliver Schedule I and II Narcotics, and Possession of Marijuana. He was transported to the Mayo Hospital where Officer Vecchio obtained a search warrant for his blood then transported him to the Chippewa County Jail for processing. The Lake Hallie Police Department would like to thank the Chippewa Falls Police Department for their assistance in this arrest.

7. New Business:

- A. Discuss/approve awarding the 2024 Road Bid projects (pavement replacement) as recommended by President Spilde and Working Foreman Sam Bautch

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to approve awarding the 2024 Road bids as recommended by President Spilde and Working Foreman Sam Bautch, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

- B. Discuss/approve first reading of an amendment to Village of Lake Hallie Code of Ordinances Section 1.4.06 Permit, Fee, and License Schedule (Resolution #2024-20)

No action necessary on the first reading, approval of Resolution #2024-20 will take place on June 17, 2024.

- C. Discussion with Greg Armstrong from the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission on placement of bike/ped signs to existing signposts, allowing for board approval if necessary

Mr. Greg Armstrong, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission appeared before the board to discuss the placement of bike/ped signs. Mr. Armstrong shared with the board a bike/ped sign which in size was 18" x 24". Discussions with Eau Claire brought forth information that their signs are 12"x18" in which Mr. Berg indicated was the size he installed previously on the bike trail. Mr. Armstrong inquired if the bike/ped signs could be installed on existing posts (speed limit/stop sign). Chief Orgon read State Statue 346.41 which in part states "*No person may place or maintain, and no public authority may permit upon any highway, any traffic control device bearing any advertising*" therefore indicating that the bike/ped signs will need to be put on a separate treated post. It was suggested that the Village check with Chippewa County Highway Commissioner Brian Kelley to see if these signs could be placed on County roads and Mr. Greenwood

suggested it may be advisable for the Village to consult with Attorney Raihle.

D. Discuss/approve side letter on the Lake Hallie Police Department WPPA Contract (2024-2026) as it relates probationary officer starting wages

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the side letter on the Lake Hallie Police Department WPPA Contract (2024-2026) as it relates to the probationary officer starting wages, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

E. Discuss/approve Resolution #2024-21 Police Clerk Wage Increase – 2024

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-21 Police Clerk Wage Increase – 2024, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

8. Old Business:

A. Discuss/approve Village Administrator position for the Village of Lake Hallie

Mr. Spilde stated he did not have an update for the board at this time, however indicated that he has been in contact with Fall Creeks Village President and he will be attending the Village Board meeting on June 17, 2024 to provide information on their combined Village Administrator/Public Works Director position.

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

A. May 20, 2024 Village Board Special Meeting Minutes

B. May 20, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

C. May 22, 2024 Board of Review Minutes

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the May 20, 2024 Village Board Special Meeting Minutes, the May 20, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes and the May 22, 2024 Board of Review 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. June 3, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$86,181.94 Check numbers (#2899-2901 & 40551-40590)

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the June 3, 2024 Claims & Disbursements in the amount of \$86,181.94 Check numbers (#2899-2901 & 40551-40590), seconded by Mr. Hudson. On roll call vote, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Spilde, and Mr. Berg voting aye. Motion carried

11. Licensing:

A. **Operator(s):**

1. Quinn McKenzie for Thirsty Badger – recommendation of Police Dept is to deny

B. **Social Use Permit/Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License** (Village Hall Rental/Park Rental):

1. **Hallie Elite** – Rally in the Valley Softball Tournament – Hallie Park @ 4902 117th Street on June 28-30, 2024

C. **Chicken License Application:**

1. Mike Englert @ 13328 44th Avenue N., Lake Hallie, WI 54729
Premise Registration Number: 00SLZ8C

Mr. Lehmann, on single vote, made a motion to **deny** an operator’s license to Quinn McKenzie as recommend by the Lake Hallie Police Department, approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailers License to **Hallie Elite** – Rally in the Valley Softball Tournament – Hallie Park @ 4902 117th Street on June 28-30, 2024 and approve a Chicken License to **Mike Englert** @ 13328 44th Avenue N., Lake Hallie, WI 54729 Premise Registration Number: 00SLZ8C, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on

unanimous voice vote by members present.

12. Adjournment.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 7:33 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted

Kris Fitzsimmons
Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: May 30, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m.

CC: Chippewa Valley Newspaper, Eau Claire Leader Telegram, Maverick Media, Clear Channel, WEAU, WQOW, and other interested parties.

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Posted by Kris Fitzsimmons, Clerk-Treasurer