



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 1, 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 and 19.85 (1) (c) & (f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes by President Spilde at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Spilde present Mr. Berg and Mr. Lehmann absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the July 1, 2024 Agenda as presented

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to approve the July 1, 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 informed the board members that the 40th Avenue binder course was installed; the Landmark Addition project paving is done; a ribbon cutting for Optimum Therapies is scheduled for July 24, 2024 which Trustee Hudson agreed to attend. Mr. Spilde also stated that Mr. Dennis Falkenberg, Chippewa County GIS Coordinator contacted him to see if the Village would be interested in obtaining a license to the County's web mapping apps platform. The reasoning for obtaining a license is to better safeguard the Village data that is stored on the web mapping apps platform. Currently the Village water system data is available to view on that platform. Without a license the data needs to be marked public, which means that anyone can view it. If the Village would obtain a license, the Village would then have access to the data while making the data private. Mr. Spilde stated that this discussion will be on the agenda for approval at the July 15, 2024 Village Board Meeting. Finally, Mr. Spilde stated that Mr. Mark Perry would like to bring back for consideration a rezone of his property from March of 2020 for further discussion.

B. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Update

No update due to the absence of Trustee Berg.

C. Police Commission/Police Department Update

Chief Orgon's update to the board for July 2024 was as follows:

- The Village of Lake Hallie Police Commission chose Samantha Lancette as a new full-time officer with the department. Officer Lancette graduated from the academy in October 2023, and currently resides in Altoona.
- Chief Orgon was nominated by the FBI – Milwaukee Division Office to attend the National Command Course (NCC), a nationally recognized executive leadership program. In May 2024, Chief Orgon was selected to attend NCC Session #7 from July 15-19, 2024, at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This one-week program includes strategic leadership, image management, officer wellness, preventing targeted violence among other topics. There is no cost for this training as all expenses are paid by the FBI Training Division.

- Officer Nicholas Hutchinson was reviewed by the Police Commission and as a result was promoted from Officer 3 to Officer 4 status. Nicholas was hired full-time in May 2018 and has now been full-time for 6 years. He worked for the Village as a part-time officer for 1 year before that.
- General Communications installed a brand-new lights/siren package for the new Squad 24 for a cost of \$18,841.67. General Communication has completed equipment repairs for us, and we have been pleased with their work. Squad 24 was detailed by Gaber Signs and will be placed into service on the C shift (11am-9:30pm).
- A Police Department employee will be out for approximately eight months, estimated return is February/March 2025 due to an injury.
- In the afternoon of March 28, 2024, a Lake Hallie Police Officer responded to a report of a theft at a business in the 1800 block of 118th St. in the Village of Lake Hallie that occurred in the early morning hours of March 28, 2024. The business reported that approximately over 30 semi-truck tire rims were stolen, along with several other items, resulting in an estimated loss of \$4,500. to the business. Lake Hallie Police obtained a photo of the suspect vehicle. On April 2, 2024, a Lake Hallie Police Detective contacted several scrap yards in the area and provided information on the stolen items and a vehicle description. A day later, the Detective was contacted by a local scrap yard who advised all the stolen items from the business in Lake Hallie, were at the scrapyard. The Detective identified the suspect and recovered most of the stolen items from the scrapyard. With the assistance of the Dunn County Sheriff's Office, the suspect was interviewed about the items and theft from the business and was arrested for Felony Theft.

7. New Business:

A. Discussion on Addressing Authority within the Village (Assigning of Addresses and Road Names, Installation of Address Signs

Mr. Doug Clary, Chippewa County Planning & Zoning Department was in attendance to provide an update on the 911 addressing/sign installation within the Village. Emergency Management for Chippewa County currently issues the 911 addressing and installs the signs, and although willing to assist with the address/road names, they no longer want to install the signs. Due to no existing agreement with Emergency Management with the Village for 911 addressing, they are not required to install the signs for the Village. This concern raised is not only with the new signs that need to be installed but the old signs are coming to an end of life and will need to be replaced. With an upgrade to the Village Ordinance to mimic the County's and the development of a 6630 intergovernmental agreement (contract for services), the Village can work with Emergency Management to accomplish what needs to be done to issue addresses/road names to match the County's 911 numbering grid and the Village will incur the expense for materials and installation of the signs, which will create a budgetary issues for the Village. Mr. Hudson questioned if the Village has had to pay for the signs in the past which Mr. Spilde indicated were provided for by the County. The elimination of the signs was not favorable by the Police Chief as the police department relies on them when responding to an emergency services call. Mr. Clary agreed to view the Village ordinance and then work on an agreement with Chippewa County Emergency Management to name roads and issues addresses with the Village incurring costs of signs, posts and installation. Mr. Greenwood suggested holding discussions with the Village Attorney prior to moving forward due to how things played out with not having an agreement in place.

B. Update from Bill Bethke on the Gower Park Pickleball Courts

Mr. Spilde introduce Bill Bethke who provided the following update on the Pickleball Courts located at Gower Park:

- Project is two weeks behind schedule due to the raining weather
- Blacktop on the courts is completed
- Fencing is done, only gates remain
- Painting of courts will begin on July 8th – July 11th to which play cannot happen for 7 days
- Lighting of the southern 6 courts took place as well as the installation of the poles for the 4 northern courts to prevent damage to the blacktop and security lights
- Raising more funds and donations continue to come in
- Moving forward with Phase 2 of a 36"x14" building housing 2 - unisex bathrooms, utility room and open mezzanine/shelter blueprints/design done by Market & Johnson as well as donation of labor for construction
- Tournaments have been scheduled ~ USSP tournament July 27th & 28th; LLP tournament August 17th and the normal fall tournament held at McDonough Pickleball courts in EC will be held at Gower Park Pickleball Courts in September and possibly the UWEC pickleball team planning a quad tournament yet this year
- Working is being done on a national tournament in 2025 consisting of 4-days

Mr. Spilde encouraged members of the board to drive by the courts to see all the improvements that have been made.

C. Discuss future Public Works Director and Clerk/Treasurer proposal by Trustee Berg
(no action to be taken)

A brief review/discussion of the proposal for the future Public Works Director and Clerk/Treasurer positions presented by Trustee Berg was held. With the request of no action to be taken by Trustee Berg due to his absence of this meeting; Mr. Spilde stated he likes parts of the proposal although expressed concerns along with Mr. Greenwood on the percentages presented within the proposal for allotted worked time between the Public Works Department and the Administration position. Mr. Berg's position changed on the hiring of an Administrator position due to succession planning for the Village, which Mr. Spilde and Mr. Greenwood agreed with.

D. Discuss/approve an Emergency Management Director for the Village of Lake Hallie

The Village was notified by Chippewa County Emergency Management that they need to identify an Emergency Management Director and create an Emergency Operations Plan. Chippewa County Sheriff Travis Hakes memo stated according to WI State Chapter 323 certain duties relating to emergency management plans and heads of emergency management services are the responsibility of the governing body. Sheriff Hakes memo indicated that the head of emergency management for the village shall direct local emergency management training programs and exercises; direct participation in emergency management programs and exercise that are ordered by the adjutant general or the county head of emergency management; advise the county head of emergency management on local emergency management programs and submit to the county head of emergency management any reports he or she requires. After discussions by board members present, Mr. Greenwood made a motion to appoint the Village President and Village Board Trustees as points of contact for the Village as the Village's Emergency Management Director, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on voice vote by members present. (Note: if Chippewa County Emergency Management does not allow the full Village Board as the Emergency Management Directors, this discussion will be held again at the July 15, 2024 Village Board meeting.)

8. Old Business:

A. None

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

A. June 17, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to approve the June 17, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hudson. 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. July 1, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$236,334.39 (#2909-2911; 40637, 40639-40689 Ck # 40638 replaced stale date ck# 40350 issued in March, 2024)

Mr. Hudson made a motion to approve the July 1, 2024 Claims & Disbursements in the amount of \$\$236,334.39 (#2909-2911; 40637, 40639-40689 Ck # 40638 replaced stale date ck# 40350 issued in March, 2024) seconded by Mr. Greenwood. On roll call vote, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Spilde voting aye. Motion carried.

11. Licensing:

A. **Operator(s):**

1. See attached list

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

1. None

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to approve the Operator's list as presented, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

12. Convene to closed session under 19.85 (1) (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial

adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations (denied operator's license) and (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Police Department Staff).

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 7:57 p.m. to convene to closed session under 19.85 (1) (f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations (denied operator's license) and (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Police Department Staff), seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

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

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 8:24 p.m. to reconvene to open session, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Action of closed session:

Mr. Spilde made a motion to issue an Operator's License to Ms. Sonya Marzo-Ancheta, with a review after six months confirming no additional alcohol/drug violations occurred and successful closure of pending charges, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present. Ms. Marzo-Ancheta was informed that if additional violations occurred during this licensing period, her license would be revoked.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion at 8:27 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted

Kris Fitzsimmons
Clerk-Treasurer