



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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) of the Wisconsin State Statutes by Gary Spilde at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Spilde, Mr. Berg and Mr. Lehmann all present. Attorney David Raihle was also in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the August 5, 2024 Agenda as presented

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the August 5, 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.

Ms. Eloise Rowan expressed concerns on mowing within the Village, mainly the bike trail and County Hwy 00.

6. Committee/Department Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

Mr. Spilde stated he would be signing a document with Right of Way Professional to give an easement to the County to put in a bike crossing in when work is done on County OO next year. This is at no cost to the Village as the County is included in their project.

B. Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission Update

Mr. Berg stated Hallie Youth Days was a success, the fireworks display was nice, Pickleball Courts are open, ribbon cutting ceremony held on July 29, 2024 and a five-day professional pickleball association tournament to be held next year between the Lake Hallie and Eau Claire courts. People are using the courts daily. Donations are being accepted towards light poles for the Pickleball courts – each pole donation is \$800.00.

C. Police Commission/Police Department Update

Chief Orgon's report to the Village Board for August, 2024 was as follows:

- On July 27, 2024, Chief Orgon, Officers Jamie Court, Danielle Nelson, Dane Simmons, and Detective Tim Bowman attended Hallie Youth Day with minor issues. Detective Bowman and Officer Court participated in the Home Run Derby and hit home runs which was a big hit with the public in attendance. Additionally, we conducted traffic control after the fireworks display with no issues.
- Spillman (record management system) went up 7% for a total of \$9501 and I anticipate it going up another 7-8% next year.
- The 2020 Dodge Charger (#20) had the front control arms installed by Osseo Ford in the amount of \$1,259.31.

- On July 13, 2023, Sgt. Jeremiah Rathke, Officer Nick Hutchinson, and Detective Bowman assisted the Freedom Fest Motorcycle Ride with traffic control from the Harley Davidson store on Business 53 down Hwy 124 to the City of Chippewa Falls.
- Body Armor Reimbursement – In October 2023, Body armor was purchased and received for Officer Brian Vecchio at a cost of \$960. The department purchases body armor for the full-time officers every 5 years, when the armor warranty expires. A request has been submitted to the federal body armor grant program for a 50% reimbursement. In May 2024, the department received \$480 for this reimbursement.
- In June 2024, Mississippi Welder Supply inspected the squads portable fire extinguishers for a cost of \$161.19. This must be done annually to make sure the fire extinguishers are functioning properly.
- On July 27, 2024, at 10:20AM, Officer Dane Simmons responded to a crash on Highway 53 northbound exit ramp to State Highway 124 involving two vehicles. Prior to the crash, Dispatch advised that a silver SUV was driving erratically on Highway 53 northbound from E Melby St. Officer Simmons observed one of the drivers had slurred speech and appeared to be disoriented and his movements were slow and sluggish. The driver failed field sobriety and was placed under arrest. The driver was charged with 4th Offense OWI and driving on a criminally revoked license.

7. New Business:

A. Presentation/update from Hallie Girls Softball on 2024 Concession Stand season

Mr. Russ Stacy, Hallie Girls Softball provided an update on the 2024 Concession Stand season. Rough summary of the season reflects that a \$3,000 check will be issued to the Village this week with a remaining profit to Hallie Girls Softball of \$12,000-\$14,000 for the season. Mr. Stacy also provided a concession stand summary document listing the expenses along with the income derived. He thanked the Village for the improvements to the concession stand and the paving of the road at Hallie Park as well as the concession stand manager being a great asset to the operations of the concession stand for the season. Finally, Mr. Stacy stated that HGS had a great working relationship with Hallie Elite and Chippewa Valley Raptors this year, more so than in the past. Mr. Berg compliment HGS for taking an organization and in one year turning the success around and that shows that bottom line number of the revenue earned. The Board thanked Mr. Stacy for his update and will welcome them back next season.

B. Review public works supervisor / administrator job descriptions allowing for approval to move forward with placing employment ad

Mr. Berg indicated he had hopes that more involvement from the league would be available and since that did not happen, he presented job descriptions for a public works supervisor/administrator position to the board that he cleaned up from the Village of Fall Creek, that the league assisted with, to fit the needs of the Village of Lake Hallie. The lengthy discussion of the board tweaked responsibilities to the Public Works Department/Village Administrator and the shifting of responsibilities currently held by the Clerk-Treasurer to the Village Administrator. Mr. Berg stated that currently the Public Works Department does not have an employee actively in the management position, needs to cover the park tasks as the current Park Supervisor will not be returning for the 2025 season so the opening, closing and operational procedures at the park will need to be covered. Training for the Public Works position needs to be obtained within 18 months for water/wastewater certification, training on the operation of all Village owned equipment, managing and keep training records up to date, etc.

Mr. Hudson suggested some language changes for consistency to the descriptions i.e. change title to the Public Works Director, identifying the position of Clerk to Clerk-Treasurer. Mr. Lehmann expressed concerns that the job descriptions were a little heavy on the Administrator side stating that the help is need in the public works department. Mr. Greenwood felt percentages were arbitrary; how do you calculate percentages of what a person does during that day. Mr. Greenwood addressed his question to Mr. Lehmann in which he stated percentages were a guideline. All positions of Public Works Director, Village Administrator and the Clerk-Treasurer are to be exempt (salary) positions with the opportunity given to bank extra time worked as comp days off/pay. Village Board members had until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 to provide update/changes to Mr. Berg so that the Village could move forward with advertising for such positions. Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the Public Works Director, the Village Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer job descriptions as revised during the board's discussion allowing until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 to review/make corrections, seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

C. Discuss/approve compensatory benefits for Police Chief when working a holiday

Chief Orgon explained the need to work the 4th of July holiday to assist in covering work shifts. Chief Orgon asked

for comp time for the hours worked as that is what received by the officers of his department when working holidays. The Village Board agreed to compensatory benefits to Chief Orgon and that his employee contact be updated to include such language. After an update of the contract by the Police Commission, Chief Orgon will present it to the Village board for approval.

D. Discuss/approve Airport Zoning Ordinance Administration Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the Airport Zoning Ordinance Administration Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties as presented, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

E. Discuss/approve Bow Hunting Permit Application for 2024 Season for Joshua Gracia for 113th Street & 30th Avenue Parcel #22809-2621-00020000 for September 16 2024- October 14 2024; October 16 2024- November 16, 2024 and November 17 – 24, 2024

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve Bow Hunting Permit Application for 2024 Season for Joshua Gracia for 113th Street & 30th Avenue Parcel #22809-2621-00020000 for September 16 2024- October 14 2024; October 16 2024- November 16, 2024 and November 17 – 24, 2024, seconded by Mr. Lehmann. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

F. Discuss/approve new intersections where 116th & 117th Streets meet with 118th Street

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve new intersections where 116th & 117th Streets with 118th Street, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

G. Discuss/approve revisions to Vehicle Habitation Ordinance

Revisions to the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance was presented which tweaked some definitions within the ordinance for enforcement purposes. Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present. Second reading and approval of the ordinance revisions will take place at the August 19, 2024 board meeting and enforcement after publication.

H. Review draft ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 4.1.06 as it relates to Village Road Names, Fire Numbers and Highway Signs numbers

Mr. Spilde reviewed the draft ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 4.1.06 as it relates to Village Road Names, Fire Numbers and Highway Signs numbers with the board, expressing dissatisfaction that the County isn't willing to assist the Village any longer but will for the area townships. A suggestion to the board was to reach out to the County Administrator as some discussions with County Supervisors indicated they are not aware that this is being passed down to the Village. No action was taken as the ordinance was a draft and just up for review.

I. Discuss/approve proposal from Wellner Arboriculture for removal of ash trees not to exceed \$4,900

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the proposal from Wellner Arboriculture for removal of ash trees not to exceed \$4,900, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present. Discussion was held that Mr. Spilde would speak to homeowners about cost sharing the expenses of the ash tree removal.

J. Discuss/approve letter of support to the Town of Washington to incorporate as a Village

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Town of Washington to incorporate as a Village, 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. July 15, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the July 15, 2024 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. August 5, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$191,754.81 Check numbers (#2918-2923 & #40747-40796)

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the. August 5, 2024 Check Register in the amount of \$191,754.81 Check numbers (#2918-2923 & #40747-40796), seconded by Mr. Berg. On roll call vote, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Berg, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hudson, 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. Kelcie Kluck ~ Daughter's Wedding Reception on August 31, 2024

Mr. Lehmann made a motion to approve the operators license as presented and social use permit for Kelcie Kluck ~ Daughter's Wedding Reception on August 31, 2024, 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 (Clerk-Treasurer Position).

Mr. Lehmann made a motion at 8:55 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 (Clerk-Treasurer Position) 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. Lehmann made a motion at 9:21p.m. to reconvene to open session, seconded by Mr. Berg. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Action of closed session No action from closed session.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Berg made a motion at 9:22 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted;

Kris Fitzsimmons
Clerk-Treasurer