



**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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)(e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes by President Spilde at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Spilde and Mr. Berg all present. Attorney David Raihle was also in attendance. Mr. Lehmann was not present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the November 18, 2024 agenda as presented

Mr. Berg made a motion to approve the November 18, 2024 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 Update

Mr. Spilde updated the board on the opening of a CD in the amount of \$174,000.00 at Nicolet National Bank. He reminded the board that this CD was to be opened by year-end from funds received from Asher Lasting Exteriors and Care Partners dedicated for future updates to the Cluster System when they became necessary. The CD documents were signed by himself and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cathryn Zeinert for the opening of this account.

B. Police Chief/Police Commission Update

Chief Orgon presented a written report for the board's review due to his absence from this evening's meeting. The October 2024 monthly activity report is as follows:

Complaints and Activities

14 Vehicle Crashes
22 Alarms and 911 Calls/Misdials
14 Animal Complaints
19 Assist Citizen/Motorist
7 Assist other Agencies
14 Battery/Disorderly/Harassment
2 Property Located
32 Burglary/Theft/Robbery
5 Child Custody/Domestic Disturbances
3 Missing Persons/Property
8 Crisis Interventions/Suicide Attempts

12 Civil Disputes & Building Checks
2 Damage to Property/Vandalism
7 Drug Related Complaints
8 Traffic Hazards
16 EMS/Fire Calls/Death
4 Fraud/Identity Theft/Fraudulent Activities
9 Juvenile Related Complaints
4 Noise/Music Complaints
0 Probation/Court Order/ Complaint
6 Sexual Assaults/Abuse of Vulnerable
60 Suspicious Circumstances
16 Traffic Complaints
6 Crimes – Other
2 Recreational Related/Trespassing
8 Municipal Code & Parking Total – 293

Arrests/Citations

4 Driver License (Susp/Revoke/None) Viol. 1 Operate while Intoxicated.

4 Vehicle Registration

0 Child/Seatbelt Violations

3 Insurance Related Violations

10 Speeding

0 Hit and Run/ Failure to Notify

6 Too Fast/Inattentive/Too Close

1 Miscellaneous Traffic Citations

7 Failure to Obey Sign/Signal

1 Underage Drinking/Tavern Related Offenses

7 Warrant/Probation/Parole Arrest

1 Damage to Property

2 Other Ordinance Violations

10 Battery/Disorderly Cond/Resisting/Obstruct

6 Theft of Property/Vehicle

1 Burglary/Robbery/Trespass to Dwelling

0 Financial Crimes

2 Drug Related Arrests

6 Sexual Assault/Child Crimes

1 Reckless/Disorderly Driving

0 Other Criminal/Weapons

Total – 73 Total Traffic Stops: 114 Written Traffic Warnings: 14 Issued Parking Citations: 10 Amount of Property Damaged/Stolen: \$58,844 Property Recovered: \$12,205

C. Plan Commission Update

Eloise Rowan reminded the Board that December 9, 2024 @ 6 p.m. is the Joint Public Hearing with the Plan Commission on the Comprehensive Plan.

D. Public Works Department Update

Mr. Sam Bautch, Working Foreman, presented his monthly report to the Board as follows:

Water

- Nick with Spring lake Contractors came to Well 5 on 11-8-24. He mounted both backpressure valves for the chlorine in the vertical position. Ran the chlorine line in pvc along the wall in the chemical room.
- Larry from Midwest Meter testing came on 11-6-24. He tested wells 1,2,3,&5. Along with Walmart, Badger Motel, Marquart Motors, McDonalds.
- I lowered the tower levels down to their winter water levels.
- Fobbe out of the Twin Cities tapped the main for the new Ashers property on 10-29-24.

Roads

- All the trucks have been serviced for the year at JR Repair.
- All the trucks and loader have been outfitted with their snow removal equipment

- NEI has fixed the North bound right turn arrow signal light at 27th Ave and Bus. 53 to turn green with the green light going east and green arrow going South bound.
- Senn is planning on paving Village Bluffs subdivision the week of 11-16-24.
- Fahrner has painted lines on 40th Ave to 160th Street, Melby Street to 21st Ave.
- Haas was here last week and hauled out our composted piles.
- Gaydile Logging was here last week as well and ground up our brush pile.
- We mixed 313,998 tons of sand with 47.04 tons of salt.

7. New Business:

A. Public Hearings: Discussion and/or Action on the following:

1. Rezone #2024-1000 From: Agricultural To: Residential 3

Purpose: Development of Multi-family Units

Mr. Mark Erickson, Everyday Surveying and Engineering, LLC presented a letter that was addressed to Ms. Fitzsimmons & Mr. Spilde: Our client, the managing member of Graceland Holdings, LLC is humbly requesting that the petition to rezone in the Village of Lake Hallie be temporarily postponed or tabled from the Village of Lake Hallie – Village Board vote tonight. This is in relation to the Village Board's agenda item known as Rezone # 2024-1000, in requesting that Agriculture lands be changed to Residential 3 lands. In the near future, we are looking forward to offering an open public forum for adjacent residents to attend to continue the discussion topics that were generated, but not limited, what was presented at last week's Village of Lake Hallie's Plan Commission meeting. We feel that given this opportunity will assist in identifying how this parcel could be developed in the most cordial way/use with the adjacent neighbors, the Village, and the developer. Mr. Erickson also stated that they are still seeking to move forward in a timely manner. Mr. Berg asked Mr. Erickson if the purpose of the developer asking for postponement is that they can address specific concerns outside an official public forum with the neighbors? Mr. Erickson stated that is a correct statement and we would like the opportunity to have open dialogue with adjacent folks and see how we can work together. This would happen outside of the Village's involvement. Mr. Greenwood asked what kind of venue and when and how do you plan on notifying all of the people that are here? Mr. Erickson responded that today they were presented with a letter from the neighborhood and there is a list of addresses and names of petitioners, and we would open it up to the Public and request different types of venues and we would notify all of them and if they want to notify more they can. We just need a head count for the size of the venue. The timeframe for when this will come back to the Village Board was discussed and they are tentatively planning February 3, 2025 Village Board meeting.

Mr. Berg made the motion to table Rezone #2024-1000 From: Agricultural To: Residential 3 Purpose: Development of Multi-family Units from tonight to February 3, 2025, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

2. 2025 General Fund Budget

Mr. Spilde opened the public hearing for the 2024 General Fund Budget at 7:15p.m. With no members of the public in attendance raising questions during the budget hearing, Mr. Spilde closed the hearing at 7:16 p.m.

B. Discuss/approve Pay Application 1 to Haas Sons in the amount of \$396,520.32 for the 30th Avenue hill reconstruction project

Brian Lambert, Ayres Associates Inc. stated the original was \$377,135.20, with the difference being there was a heavy-duty asphalt driveway at Chippewa Concrete and Millstone. Millstone's, we put it back in place with concrete and Chippewa Concrete, we replaced it with concrete. We are putting together an exhibit for the Village to work out an invoice with Chippewa Concrete, possibly for the change and price in concrete. The project is under the original budget and was on time and was done in 2024 and this is the final payout.

Mr. Hudson made the motion to approve the Pay Application 1 to Haas Sons in the amount of \$396,520.32 for the 30th Avenue hill reconstruction project, seconded by Mr. Berg, with the addition of getting the information from Ayres so we can go back and bill Chippewa Concrete for their portion of the concrete in the driveway. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

C. Present findings for review on 117th Street reconstruction project by Ayres Associates

Presenting the findings on the 117th Street reconstruction project by Ayres Associates was Stephanie Ramsey. She stated they held the Public information meeting, and the discussion was about potential improvements on 117th Street, from 40th Avenue to 50th Avenue. Ayres presented four alternative layouts and also had residents surveys:

- Alternate A – Added bike lanes
- Alternate B – Shared use trail at minimum distance of roadway
- Alternate C – Shared use trail held tight to right of way line
- Alternate D – Shared use trail at minimum distance off road with offset centerline

Once Ayres combined all the surveys together, they came up with a tie with the most preferred options of A & D. Ayres also did a point system and that still came out with A & D being the preferred options. They also combined all of the comments into word cloud to provide a visual of the residents' concerns, with different alternatives. The main concerns were safety for cyclists, and pedestrians and especially children with Hallie parks being right there. Another big concern was access of driveways and Hallie Park. Better lighting along 117th Street was another main concern. Mrs. Pat Spilde, 4718 117th Street Lake Hallie, WI, did state the concern of snowplowing and the snowplow going through twice and then having to clean the driveway up a second time and a lot of people didn't think about that at all. Ms. Ramsey stated that what we have for a purposed schedule is we were going to look at cross sections for alternatives by the end of this week and then we will allow the Village to give us some feedback on how those cross sections turned out and then on December 2, 2024, the Village Board will make the final decision on which alternatives. Mr. Berg stated that the Village does not have to plow the bike trail in the winter, as the Village does not have an ordinance. It is the Village's discretion if they want to plow it. Mr. Spilde stated that at the last meeting with Brian Lambert, Ayres Associates, on the Alternate A layout, making that a six-foot lane instead of the five-foot lane could make a difference. Mr. Lambert stated that we plan to provide cross sections; not only cross sections but if we did do bike lanes, what's to stop us from taking those bike lanes and provide more of an intersection concept and curb so vehicles would have to slow down in that area. There's also double stripping the bike lane to tell people its designated for the bike lane. They will work with their Traffic group to work on a couple of the ideas that were commented on.

D. Discuss/approve vacation and compensatory day **carry-over** to Chief Edward Orgon, Sergeant Daniel Sokup, Detective Tim Bowman, Officers Nick Hutchinson, Jamie Court and Brian Vecchio as per WPPA Contract Article 16, Section 5

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the vacation and compensatory day **carry-over** to Chief Edward Orgon, Sergeant Daniel Sokup, Detective Tim Bowman, Officers Nick Hutchinson, Jamie Court and Brian Vecchio as per WPPA Contract Article 16, Section 5, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

E. Discuss/approve vacation and compensatory day **payout** to Chief Edward Orgon and Detective Tim Bowman as per WPPA Contract Article 16, Section 5

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the vacation and compensatory day **payout** to Chief Edward Orgon and Detective Tim Bowman as per WPPA Contract Article 16, Section 5, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

F. Discuss/approve vacation and compensatory day carry-over to Cathryn Zeinert and Samuel Bautch per Employee Handbook Article #16 Section #3

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the vacation and compensatory day carry-over to Cathryn Zeinert and Samuel Bautch per Employee Handbook Article #16 Section #3, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

G. Discuss/approve Resolution # 2024-30 – Part-Time Office Assistant Position

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve Resolution # 2024-30 – Part-Time Office Assistant Position, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

H. Discuss/approve Resolution # 2024-31 – Admin/Director of Public Works Position

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve Resolution # 2024-31 – Admin/Director of Public Works Position, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

I. Discuss/approve Resolution # 2024-32 - Adopting the Tax Levy for the Village of Lake Hallie
Mr. Berg made the motion to table Resolution # 2024-32 - Adopting the Tax Levy for the Village of Lake, seconded by Mr. Hudson until Friday, November 22, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

J. Discuss/approve Resolution # 2024-33 – Public Works LTE Employees (Seasonal snow removal)
Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the Resolution # 2024-33 – Public Works LTE Employees (Seasonal snow removal), seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

K. Discuss/approve Water & Sewer Budgets for 2025

Mr. Spilde stated that the Village is working on the ordinance for the cluster system and with part of that, we are going to get the charges straightened out and then we can start to charge more. As of right now, we are only charging the sewer fee based on their water usage. We should be charging at least a minimum charge in addition to that plus there is an ongoing maintenance charge that we have to define in the ordinance. Mr. Raihle stated that the ordinance, as it is currently, is over twenty years old and will need to be redefined.

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the Water & Sewer Budgets for 2025, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

8. Old Business:

A. Discuss/approve 2nd reading of ATV ordinance

Mr. Berg stated that the changes in the ordinance were instead of under 18 years of age, it is changed to born on year of 1988 or after they will need to have DNR safety certification. The second change is the Lafayette ATV Club will be responsible for the signs. These were the only two changes made after the first reading. Mr. Berg did talk to the President of the Lafayette Club and the two of them are going to take a ride through the Village of Lake Hallie and identify where all the signs need to go. Upon approval of this, the ordinance will be sent to the City of Chippewa Falls, Town of Seymour and the City of Eau Claire to inform them of what we are doing and ask them if they are ok with border roads being viable access roads.

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of ATV ordinance be tabled until Friday November 22, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m. seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

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

A. November 4, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the November 4, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes, 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. October, 2024 Treasurer's Report
2. October, 2024 Profit & Loss Statement
3. October, 2024 Ehlers Investment Summary

Mr. Berg made the motion to approve the October, 2024 Treasurer's Report October, 2024 Profit & Loss Statement and the October, 2024 Ehlers Investment Summary, seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

B. **Claims & Disbursements.**

1. November 18, 2024 Check Register report in the amount of \$121,392.71 (check #2962 – 2967 and 41075 - 41130)

Mr. Hudson made the motion to approve the November 18, 2024 Check Register report in the amount of \$121,392.71 (check #2962 - 2967 and 41075 - 41130), seconded by Mr. Berg. On roll call vote, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Berg, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Spilde voting aye. Motion carried.

11. Licensing:

A. **Operator(s):**

1. None

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

1. None

12. Convene to closed sessions under 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (discussion on land development within the Village of Lake Hallie).

Mr. Hudson made the motion at 8:07 p.m. to Convene to closed sessions under 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (discussion on land development within the Village of Lake Hallie), seconded by Mr. Greenwood. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

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

Mr. Berg made a motion at 8:29 p.m. to re-convene to open session, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Action of closed session: No action to announce from closed session.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Berg made a motion at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote by members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Zeinert
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer