

The Regular Village Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President Jeffery Flaws.

Board Members Present at the Community Center: Jeffery Flaws, Eugene Mayernick, Wolfgang Henschik, John Meyer, Alan Barrows and Al Theis

Excused: John Reinbold

Also Present at Community Center: Administrator Tamez; DPW Supervisor Fitzsimmons; Sal Tamez, Heather Nagel, 211 Kummrow Court and Chris Hartig, Wolf Paving

Administrator Tamez noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Hartig from Wolf Paving addressed the Board regarding a snow plowing issue at the corner of Genesee and James. He will talk with his drivers about the pushing direction of the snow and monitor the situation. It will be addressed more if needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Henschik, second by Trustee Mayernick, Board members approved the Village Board minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting and acknowledged receipt of the December 18, 2023, Plan Commission meeting minutes and waived reading thereof.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Name Change for Kwik Trip Store #358 (Tabacco Outlet Plus Grocery), 230 W. Summit Avenue

Kwik Trip has requested updated signage because of a name change for store #358 on Summit Avenue. Tabacco Outlet Plus Grocery will now be: Stop and Go. All signage will remain the same size and in the same location, just updated with the new name. They were not required to come to the Village Board. Plan Commission reviewed and approved the change and all signage complies with Village ordinances.

Specifics can be found in Plan Commission minutes of January 31, 2024.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT—T. SADLER

Theresa Fitzsimmons, DPW Supervisor, reviewed her monthly report with the Board. The hiring for seasonal help ad has been posted. Two applications have already been received. In response to a question on how many individuals she would like to hire, she stated 4 would be good. The deadline to apply is March 29, 2024. No further questions were received.

DEBRIS COLLECTION FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS FROM WINTER STORM DAMAGE

Trustee Meyer would like the Board to consider offering a village-wide debris collection because the last winter storm caused major damage to trees and bushes with all the ice and snow build up. The residents would not have to pay the contractor, the Village would fund the program through undesignated general funds. He would like to host the collection around Earth Day in April. The Board authorized the DPW Supervisor to get quotes for a program. This agenda item will be re-addressed after receipt of additional information.

ALLOCATION OF BUDGETED DOLLARS THAT WERE UNSPENT IN THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ACCOUNT

The Board would like to create a new account to allocate unspent snow and ice control funds. They directed the Administrator to talk to the Auditor about creating a reserve account to save for a possible fire fee. This agenda item will be re-addressed after receipt of additional information.

SCANNING AND DIGITAL STORAGE OF VILLAGE DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

This agenda item will be revisited at a later date after information on possible spreading out costs and scanning over three years, minimum dollar amount they would want to do a job for and how do they handle the ever-changing technology to keep information accessible in the future is received.

AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY TO COMMENCE ACTION IN REMOVAL OF DOG

Motion by Trustee Theis to authorize an attorney acting on behalf of the Village to commence action to remove a dog under ordinance 148.5, second by Trustee Meyer, passed.

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GAIL TAMEZ ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF WALES

Motion by Trustee Hemschik to adopt a resolution congratulating the Village Administrator Clerk-Treasurer on her 25 years of service to the Village of Wales, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Bills submitted for 2024 expenses were approved on a motion by Trustee Barrows, second by Trustee Mayernick, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Finance Committee

The Board thanked Trustee Mayernick for all his efforts on working with interest rates for Village accounts as revenues from interest far exceeded the budgeted amount.

Personnel Committee

No new updates to report at this time.

Sewer Utility

The Public Works Committee will be meeting to discuss the bypass issue at Hills of Wales and other sewer related items.

Plan Commission

Continuing to work on Business zoning districts and RV storage ordinance.

Parks Commission

The Commission will be meeting to discuss quotes for the Park Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Barrows also gave an update on the recycling issue and how things are going. He stated that Waste Management's new site is open and they are starting to take materials there.

Public Works Committee

The Committee met in January to discuss the salt shed sites. SEH will be preparing a report showing all the sites that were/are being considered for the shed and a list of pros and cons. They also discussed closing the sidewalk on the east side of Hwy 83 during the winter. More information will be coming.

Junk/Weeds

No new updates to report at this time.

Fire Department

The ISO rating for the fire district is now a 4, it was a 3. A number of things go into determining the rating and it is not financially viable to try and get it reduced. After discussions with our insurance company, the rating will not impact village residents and the Village prior rating before joining LCFR was a 5.

Insurance

No new updates to report at this time.

Administrator

No new updates to report at this time.

Village President

No new updates to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Mayernick, second by Trustee Theis, passed.

Submitted by:

Gail E. Tamez, Administrator-Clerk