



Village of Bayside
9075 N Regent Road
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 22, 2024
Village Board Room, 6:00pm

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Walny called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President: Eido Walny
Trustees: Mike Barth
Elizabeth Levins - Excused
Kelly Marazza
Dan Rosenfeld – Excused
Bob Rudman – Excused
Margaret Zitzer

Also Present: Village Manager Andy Pederson
Assistant Village Manager Leah Hofer
Administrative Services Director Rachel Safstrom
Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal
Communications Center Director Liane Scharnott
Operations Superintendent Shane Albers
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
North Shore Fire Department Chief Robert Whitaker
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Maurer
1 member of the public

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Gerry Feldman – 133 East Glencoe Place

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon request of any Trustee, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of:

- A. Board of Trustees meeting minutes for January 18, 2024.
- B. January 2024 Financial Statement.
- C. Summary of Disbursements for January 12, 2024, through February 8, 2024 in the amount of \$996,801.12.
- D. January 2024 Community Impact Report.
- E. Police Department General Order 2201.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve: Board of Trustees meeting minutes for January 18, 2024; January 2024 Financial Statement; Summary of Disbursements for January 12, 2024, through February 8, 2024 in the amount of \$996,801.12; January 2024 Community Impact Report; and Police Department General Order 2201. Motion carried unanimously.

V. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Finance and Administration Committee

- a. Discussion/action on January 2024 Administrative Services Report.

Administrative Services Director Safstrom provided an overview of the January 2024 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, the first installment of tax collections was finalized and preparation for the upcoming audit continued.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve the January 2024 Administrative Services Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion/action on Ordinance 24-752, An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 38-25 of the Municipal Code with Regard to Removal of Noncomplying Refuse and Charge Therefor.

Trustee Barth gave a brief overview of Ordinance 24-752. The proposed ordinance modifies the due date by which outstanding noncomplying refuse charges are due before being added to the tax roll as a special charge.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve Ordinance 24-752. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Safety Committee

- a. Presentation of 2023 North Shore Fire/Rescue Annual Report.

North Shore Fire Department Chief Whitaker presented the 2023 North Shore Fire/Rescue Annual Report. Construction of Fire Station 82 in Glendale began in 2023 and is expected to be complete in spring of 2024. The building will also house the fire/rescue administrative offices, fleet maintenance, and the North Shore Health Department. The Department finalized an agreement with the North Shore Health Department for community case manager services to assist with management of frequent 911 users for low acuity calls, reduce injuries related to falls, follow up with residents who overdose, and

assist in mitigating homes with hoarding concerns. The Department expanded recruitment/hiring opportunities through offering paramedic training to current employees as opposed to requiring paramedic licensure at the time of hire. The Department finalized updates to construction plan review and code enforcement processes to take effect in 2024.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to accept the 2023 North Shore Fire Department Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion/action on January 2024 Communications Center Report.

Communications Center Director Scharnott presented the January 2024 Communications Center Report. Of significant note, two new employees were hired and Dontrell Balentine passed Emergency Medical Dispatch certification.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve the January 2024 Communications Center Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion/action on January 2024 Police Department Report.

Police Chief Liebenthal presented the January 2024 Police Department Report. Of significant note, Lieutenant Kleeba completed the Emerging Leadership Program through CVMIC and Officer Bunting completed training to become a certified law enforcement instructor through the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve the January 2024 Police Department Report. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Works Committee

- a. Discussion/action on January 2024 Department of Public Works Report.

Operations Superintendent Albers provided an overview of the January 2024 Department of Public Works Report. Of significant note, the final DPW technician obtained his CDL and the Village tree trimming project south of Fairy Chasm Road started.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marazza to approve the January 2024 Public Works Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion/action on 2024 Adopt-A-Tree Program.

Operations Superintendent Albers provided a brief overview of the 2024 Adopt-A-Tree Program. The program will offer two options for residents to purchase trees, including the Public Right-of-Way option and the Private Property option.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth, to approve the 2024 Adopt-A-Tree Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion/action on Ordinance 24-753, An Ordinance to Amend Section 104-9 of the Municipal Code with Regard to Drainage.

Operations Superintendent Albers provided a brief overview of Ordinance 24-753. The proposed ordinance clarifies the Village's involvement in public and private property drainage issues.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth to approve Ordinance 24-753. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Plan Commission

- a. Discussion/action on underground distribution easement between the Village of Bayside and Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation doing business as We Energies, at Bayside Village Hall, 9075 North Regent Road.
- b. Discussion/action on underground distribution easement between the Village of Bayside and Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation doing business as We Energies, at Ellsworth Park, 600 East Ellsworth Lane.

Village Manager Pederson provided a brief overview of the proposed underground distribution easements to the Fox Point-Bayside Middle School. The easements will be between the Village of Bayside and We Energies for the properties at Bayside Village Hall and Ellsworth Park. The easements would assist the Village in establishing a secondary power source for the Bayside Communications Center and upgrading the power feed and stormwater infrastructure at Ellsworth Park at a significant cost savings.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth, to approve: Underground distribution easement between the Village of Bayside and Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation doing business as We Energies, at Bayside Village Hall, 9075 North Regent Road; and Underground distribution easement between the Village of Bayside and Wisconsin Electric Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation doing business as We Energies, at Ellsworth Park, 600 East Ellsworth Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

VII. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

No Report

VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hello neighbors,

I'm Gerry Feldman of 133 East Glencoe Place, and I am here tonight out of concern for the future of our community.

The silence and inaction that has greeted my previous addresses is as loud as it is telling. I have laid out a spectrum of vital issues, from the manipulation of public narrative to the unchecked and undemocratic silencing of our voices, the opaque proceedings regarding the OneNorth project and its dubious financial underpinnings, to the betrayal of public trust through actions that serve the few at the expense of the many. The absence of engagement with these legitimate concerns in full view of the public is symptomatic of a broader disregard for the community's call for transparency, accountability, and good governance.

I ask again, with renewed urgency, where lies the justification for tax policies that strain the people's wallets for 22 years? Where is the promised transparency when meetings are held at times designed to discourage public attendance? Where is the accountability when project plans are altered with little to no public input?

If the leadership of this village claims legitimacy and justice in its actions, then it should stand firm in the light of scrutiny, not in the shadows of avoidance.

I remind you, Trustees, that your roles are charged with the sacred duty of service to the people, to act in their best interests, to safeguard their rights, and to govern with the consent of the governed. When the people stand before you, questioning your stewardship, you are obliged, both morally and civilly, to provide answers.

Your constituents deserve answers to the questions raised, explanations for the decisions made, and a clear demonstration of how these decisions align with the greater good of our community. This is not a matter of mere courtesy but a fundamental democratic right.

The very foundation of our representative democracy is trust, integrity, and rock-solid communication between the governed and the people with whom they entrust the sacred responsibility to govern them. Hear our questions, commit to openness, and engage in a dialogue that befits the offices you hold. Failure to do so betrays the offices you occupy and the people you serve.

In conclusion, know that these concerns echo the sentiments of a community that believes in the principles of honesty, fairness, and justice to be restored in the governance of Bayside. The time for answers is now; the time for action, as the library fundraising deadline to avoid a \$24,000 per month lease quickly approaches, even more pressing.

Let us move forward, not as adversaries, but as partners in progress, unified in our cause to uplift our beloved village towards a future that honors the trust and fulfills the wishes of its residents.

Thank you, neighbors, for your enduring commitment to our village, and thank you, Trustees, in anticipation of the responsiveness that the people of Bayside so rightfully deserve.