



Village of Bayside  
9075 N Regent Road  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 14, 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 – Excused  
Elizabeth Levins  
Kelly Marazza  
Dan Rosenfeld – Excused  
Bob Rudman  
Margaret Zitzer

**Also Present:** Village Manager Andy Pederson  
Assistant Village Manager Leah Hofer  
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels  
Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal  
Communication Center Director Liane Scharnott  
Operations Superintendent Shane Albers  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Maurer  
Assistant to the Communications Center Director Eric Poulsen  
2 Audience members

**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 February 22, 2024.
- B. February 2024 Financial Statement.
- C. 2023 Department of Public Works Annual Report.

- D. Summary of Disbursements for February 9, 2024, through March 5, 2024 in the amount of \$571,220.71.
- E. February 2024 Community Impact Report.
- F. Resolution 24-07, A Resolution amending Resolution 23-21 revising the fee schedule as referenced by the Village of Bayside Municipal Code.
- G. 2023 State of the Village.
- H. Certified Survey Map for 725 East Wahner Place, to combine tax Parcels 054-0379-000, 054-0387-000, and 054-0386-000.

Motion by Trustee Levins, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve: Board of Trustees meeting minutes for February 22, 2024; February 2024 Financial Statement, 2023 Department of Public Works Annual Report; Summary of Disbursements for February 9, 2024, through March 5, 2024 in the amount of \$571,220.71; February 2024 Community Impact Report; Resolution 24-07, A Resolution amending Resolution 23-21 revising the fee schedule as referenced by the Village of Bayside Municipal Code; 2023 State of the Village; and Certified Survey Map for 725 East Wahner Place, to combine tax Parcels 054-0379-000, 054-0387-000, and 054-0386-000. Motion carried unanimously.

**V. BUSINESS AGENDA**

**A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

**1. Finance and Administration Committee**

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

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Maurer provided an overview of the February 2024 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, absentee ballots for military and overseas voters were sent out and audit preparation continued.

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

**2. Public Safety Committee**

- a. Discussion/action on February 2024 Communications Center Report.

Communications Center Director Scharnott provided an overview of the February 2024 Communications Center Report. Of significant note, BCC welcomed a new employee and prepared for the Citizens Academy.

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

- b. Discussion/action on February 2024 Police Department Report.

Police Chief Liebenthal provided an overview on the February 2024 Police Department Report. Of significant note, the Department made 5 arrests for OWI offenses.

Trustee Levins added a note to the record.

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

**3. Public Works Committee**

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

Operations Superintendent Albers provided an overview of the February 2024 Department of Public Works Report. Of significant note, the fifth DPW technician completed garbage truck route training.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve the February 2024 Department of Public Works Report.

- b. Discussion/action on 2024 Pavement Resurfacing Program bid award.

Operations Superintendent Albers provided a brief overview of the 2024 Pavement Resurfacing Program bid award. Three bids were received. Stark Pavement submitted the low bid of \$334,000. The bid is 16% under projected budget.

Motion by Trustee Marazza, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve the bid award and accept entrance into contract for the 2024 Pavement Resurfacing Program. 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. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Notice of Claim: Parcel No. 020-9980-0007)

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to adjourn to closed session at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Notice of Claim: Parcel No. 020-9980-0007). Motion carried unanimously.

A closed session of approximately 14 minutes ensued where the Village Board discussed potential litigation related to a notice of claim for Parcel No. 020-9980-0007.

**X. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION Pursuant to Section 19.85 (2)**

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to reconvene in open session at 6:24 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (2). Motion carried unanimously.

A. Action on items in closed session.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to deny the claim for Parcel No. 020-9980-0007. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 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.

As the April 2nd election nears, we're reminded that 'choice' in our village is but an illusion. The outcomes are preordained, the elections a formality. When power is abused to the point where a trustee must step down, don't expect change; expect a handpicked successor from the same closed circle. Raise your voice on Nextdoor? Risk deleted comments and banishment. Speak for the absent? Face gavels and threats of arrest.

The silence that met my last speech, where I exposed the misdeeds of this administration, the muzzling of our voices, the shadowy dealings of the OneNorth project—serious enough for one trustee not to seek reelection—and the looming threat of missing the library funding deadline, speaks volumes. It's a silence that screams neglect for your oath of office, your Democratic duty and the very ideals of transparency, accountability, and good governance this community holds dear.

Who among you honors this commitment? And who sees it as mere political theater, devoid of consequence? Your consistent inaction on serious public concerns, month after month, is not just neglectful; it borders on a betrayal of trust, one of the gravest transgressions for a public servant, second only to corruption.

As absentee ballots land in our hands, we're struck by the stark absence of choice. While neighboring towns engage in vibrant elections and debates, Bayside's decisions are made before a single vote is cast.

Those who challenge the status quo are met with a deluge of misinformation, their voices quelled by a tide of deceit. My own experiences on Nextdoor attest to this pattern. Repeatedly silenced by moderators allied with those in power, my efforts to set the record straight are met with banishment, only to be overturned by Nextdoor's customer service upon review. Each return marks my commitment to truth and integrity in our dialogue.

Bayside deserves more. We are entitled to genuine debates, equitable competition, and a leadership that listens. Let's nurture a community that values conversation, champions transparency, and guarantees every voice is acknowledged and represented.

Thank you, my fellow Baysiders, for your steadfast commitment to our home. And to the Trustees, I await your response, not just in words, but in actions that reflect the respect and responsiveness you promised to the people of Bayside.

Sunday night around midnight, Bayside resident, former Milwaukee County Circuit Judge and Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, Janine Geske reported that her daughter (mother of her African American's granddaughter) got up to use the bathroom and noticed the granddaughter's bedroom door was open. She looked through the house and not finding her checked the Ring camera where she observed a Bayside squad car at the end of the driveway with the car's spotlight on the Geske's garage. Geske's daughter phoned her granddaughter and when she reached her the granddaughter said, "I am going to put you on speaker."

(All you who are parents can imagine the panic hearing that).

Bayside Officer Randy Santarelli spoke into the phone and told her mom everything was okay. Geske's granddaughter and her two African American friends had been playing basketball in the driveway. Officer Santarelli pulled up and asked whether they needed a fourth. They, of course, said yes- and he proceeded to play a couple of games with them, turning on his spotlight so they could see better. Then Officer David Bunting pulled up in his squad car. Her granddaughter told our police officers that she is studying criminal justice and Officer Santarelli gave her his card offering to help her in any way he could.

Commendations to officers Randy Santarelli and David Bunting.