



Village of Bayside
9075 N Regent Road
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 16, 2024
Village Board Room, 6:00 p.m.

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 Marrazza – Excused
Ben Minkin
Bob Rudman
Margaret Zitzer

Also Present: Village Manager Andy Pederson (Attended via Zoom)
Assistant Village Manager Leah Hofer
Administrative Services Director Rachel Safstrom
Operations Superintendent Shane Albers
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal
Communications Center Director Liane Scharnott
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Maurer
2 members of the public

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

A. Introduction of and update from Milwaukee County Supervisor Anne O'Connor.

Anne O'Connor, newly elected Milwaukee County Supervisor for District 1, introduced herself and provided an overview of her role as County Supervisor.

Gerry Feldman – 133 E Glencoe Place.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The adoption of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Ordinance.

The public hearing to consider the adoption of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Ordinance was held. There were no members of the public present for comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

V. 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 April 18, 2024.
- B. April 2024 Financial Statement.
- C. April 2024 Community Impact Report.
- D. April 2024 Administrative Services Report.
- E. April 2024 Department of Public Works Report.
- F. April 2024 Communications Center Report.
- G. April 2024 Police Department Report.
- H. Acceptance of 2023 Village Audit.
- I. Resolution 24-09, A Resolution for the Dedication of Land on Port Washington Road.
- J. Resolution 24-10, A Resolution to Authorize the Sale and Consumption of Fermented Malt Beverages in Village Parks Under Section 125.06(6) Wis. Stats.
- K. Summary of Disbursements for April 11, 2024, through May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$541,914.79.
- L. 2025 Village Budget Schedule and Guidelines.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Minkin, to approve: Board of Trustees meeting minutes for April 18, 2024; April 2024 Financial Statement; April 2024 Community Impact Report; April 2024 Administrative Services Report; April 2024 Department of Public Works Report; April 2024 Communications Center Report; April 2024 Police Department Report; Acceptance of 2023 Village Audit; Resolution 24-09, A Resolution for the Dedication of Land on Port Washington Road; Resolution 24-10, A Resolution to Authorize the Sale and Consumption of Fermented Malt Beverages in Village Parks Under Section 125.06(6) Wis. Stats.; Summary of Disbursements for April 11, 2024, through May 9, 2024 in the amount of \$541,914.79; and 2025 Village Budget Schedule and Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Public Works Committee

- a. Discussion/action on Ordinance 24-755, An Ordinance to Amend Section 110-1 of the Municipal Code with Regard to Floodplain ordinance adopted by reference.

Assistant Manager Hofer provided a brief overview Ordinance 24-775. The ordinance was last updated in 2008. Ozaukee County is updating their floodplain ordinance and Milwaukee County will be doing so shortly. The proposed ordinance is based on a model ordinance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth, to adopt Ordinance 24-755, An Ordinance to Amend Section 110-1 of the Municipal Code with Regard to Floodplain adopted by reference. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Board of Zoning Appeals

- a. Discussion/action on the request for a special exception by John and Mary Domjen for a garage at the property located at 725 E Wahner Place, contrary to Section 125-3(e)(1) with regard to accessory structures.

Assistant Manager Hofer provided a brief overview of request for a special exception for a garage at the property located at 725 E Wahner Place. Village Code only allows for a detached or attached garage. The property has an attached garage, and the owners would like to add a detached garage. The layout of the property does not allow for a detached garage.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve the special exception for a garage at the property located at 725 E Wahner Place. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Walny spoke on new upcoming events in Bayside, including the myWheels Car Show, Youth Citizens Academy, and myCrew night.

VIII. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

IX. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to convene to closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons allow a Closed Session (Teamsters Local 200 Police Union Negotiations, Police Department). Motion carried unanimously.

A closed session of approximately 31 minutes was held in which the Village Board discussed the side letter to the police union agreement.

XI. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85 (2)

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to reconvene to open session and regular order of business. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ON SIDE LETTER

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Minkin, to approve the side letter . Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Minkin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Hello neighbors,

I'm Gerry Feldman of 133 East Glencoe Place, and I am here tonight to address a matter of great importance to our community—the future of our local library and the transparency of its funding.

Over a year has passed without an update on the fundraising efforts for the OneNorth library. The silence from our elected officials is deafening, and it raises questions about the viability of the plan and their commitment to keeping us informed.

Time is of the essence, as three months from now, the North Shore Library is set to give up its \$1 per year lease, in exchange for a staggering annual lease of nearly \$300,000 per year. The burden of this cost looms over us, yet we remain in the dark about how it will be managed.

It appears that our library has been sacrificed for the benefit of affluent developers, facilitated by a misuse of the TIF law. The so-called donation of a dark shell is, in reality, a taxpayer-funded subsidy. The TID arrangement exempts OneNorth from property assessment increases for 22 years, shifting the financial burden onto the rest of us. Meanwhile, the tearing down of buildings led to a revenue drop of approximately 9%, a loss that falls on our shoulders. When the new buildings are built, the developer's taxes don't increase at all.

The justification for these long-term tax hikes is questionable at best. The claim that the entire area requires rehabilitation does not hold up when most of it is functioning well and maintaining its value. Only a fraction of the area is eligible for Tax Increment Funding, and much of that has been vacant for years.

The lack of transparency surrounding the OneNorth deal undermines the trust that is essential to our community. If the full details were known, it is doubtful that the people of Bayside would support such a plan. The absence of any mention of a library in the project plan, especially considering the financial implications, is particularly troubling.

Efforts to seek clarity and challenge the prevailing narrative are met with resistance and censorship. My personal experiences on Nextdoor, where my posts have been repeatedly removed and my account suspended, only to be reinstated by customer service, are a testament to the suppression of dissenting voices.

The silence that has met my previous appeals speaks volumes. I have raised numerous issues, from the manipulation of public discourse to the lack of democratic process in the OneNorth project, and the betrayal of public trust for the benefit of a select few. The failure to address these concerns publicly reflects a disregard for the community's demand for transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

I urge you, Trustees, to consider the weight of your responsibilities. You are tasked with serving the people's best interests, protecting their rights, and governing with their consent. When faced with legitimate inquiries about your stewardship, it is your duty to provide answers.

The residents of Bayside deserve to know why they are subjected to 22 years of increased taxes, why meetings are scheduled at inconvenient times, and why public input is ignored when legitimate concerns about project plans are raised. True leadership stands up to scrutiny; it does not hide from it.

As we gather here today, let us remember that the foundation of our democracy is built on trust, integrity, and open communication. It is time for answers, for transparency, and for actions that reflect the collective will of our community.

Thank you for your dedication to our community, and I look forward to your responsive and responsible leadership.