



Village of Bayside  
9075 N Regent Road  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 20, 2023  
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 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**President:** Eido Walny  
**Trustees:** Mike Barth  
Elizabeth Levins  
Dan Rosenfeld  
Bob Rudman  
Margaret Zitzer  
Kelly Marrazza

**Also Present:** Village Manager Andy Pederson  
Administrative Services Director Rachel A. Safstrom  
Assistant to the Village Manager Leah Hofer  
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels  
Operations Superintendent Shane Albers  
Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal  
Communications Center Director Liane Scharnott  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Madeline Moltzan  
North Shore Fire Chief Whitaker  
22 Audience members  
Up to 13 attended via Zoom

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

Gerry Feldman, 133 E Glencoe Pl. made a statement (see attached).

John Pierce, 850 E Bay Point Rd. asked about committee assignments. Attorney Jaekels advised that the board cannot engage in conversation.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

separate consideration.

**Approval of:**

- A. March 2023 Financial Statement.
- B. Board of Trustees meeting minutes, March 16, 2023.
- C. Summary of Disbursements for March 9, 2023 through April 12, 2023 in the amount of \$874,256.97.
- D. March 2023 Community Impact Report.
- E. 2023 Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$5,998.
- F. Discussion/action on quote from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for a submersible pump.
- G. 2023-2024 Committee Appointments.
- H. Discussion/action on State/Municipal Agreement for an Infrastructure Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project.

Trustee Levins Removed Items C and G from the consent agenda.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve: March 2023 Financial Statement; Board of Trustees meeting minutes, March 16, 2023; March 2023 Community Impact Report; 2023 Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$5,998.; Discussion/action on quote from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for a submersible pump; and Discussion/action on State/Municipal Agreement for an Infrastructure Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Levins discussed Library Disbursements, and questioned disbursements from Friends of the Library. Manager Pederson stated that The Friends of the Library is a separate entity and maintains it's own finances. Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve Summary of Disbursements for March 9, 2023 through April 12, 2023 in the amount of \$874,256.97. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Levins discussed committee assignments and qualifications. Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve 2023-2024 Committee Appointments. Motion Carried, with Trustee Levins dissenting.

**V. BUSINESS AGENDA**

**A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

**1. Public Works Committee**

- a. Presentation/update from Wisconsin Department of Transportation on I-43 Construction Project.

Traffic Operations Planner Toni Keegan, from the I-43 construction project, provided an update on the project and its impact on Bayside. The County Line Bridge and Port Washington Road Interchange are scheduled to be finished by the end of the summer. The Good Hope Road ramps are scheduled to be closed soon for reconstruction. Traffic charges are in the works for Brown Deer Road but will remain open during construction. Discussion occurred over the diverging diamond pattern, stop light times, and the

sound wall.

- b. Discussion/action on March 2023 Department of Public Works Report.

Operations Superintendent Shane Albers provided an overview of the March 2023 Department of Public Works Report. Of significant note, the Department mitigated a large rainstorm and two large snowstorms with no major issues. Two new solar speed signs were installed as well.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth, to approve the March 2023 Department of Public Works Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion/update on East Side Sanitary Sewer Overflow Relief Project Proposal.

Village Manager Pederson provided a status overview of the East Side Sanitary Sewer Overflow Relief Project. Five bids were received from contractors to complete the East Side Sanitary Sewer Overflow Relief project, which has been previously approved by the Village Board. The low bidder was American Sewer Services with a base bid of \$748,692 and \$14,562 alternate to fully pave Lake Drive, versus half of the road. The engineering estimate was \$800,000. The low bid is 4.5% below the engineering estimate. Due to the location, volume, and complexity of utilities under Lake Drive, the sanitary sewer relief pipe needed to be moved which creates greater impact on the asphalt surface of the road.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Rosenfeld, to approve the low bidder with the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Proclamation Recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week.

Trustee Rudman presented the Proclamation.

Motion by Trustee Levins, seconded by President Walny to approve the Proclamation Recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week. Motion carried unanimously.

## **2. Public Safety Committee**

- a. Discussion/action on March 2023 Communications Center Report.

Communications Center Director Scharnott provided an overview of the March 2023 Communications Center Report. Of significant note, the dispatch time has reduced by 11 seconds compared to the 2022 average.

Motion by Trustee Levins, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to approve the March 2023 Communications Center Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion/action on March 2023 Police Department Report.

Police Chief Liebenthal provided an overview of the March 2023 Police Department Report. Of significant note, the Department launched a camera registry program that allows residents to register home security cameras with the Department. Active threat training is coming up and Bayside Police Officer James Dills has gone through instructor training and will be one of the officers leading the training.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to approve the March 2023 Police Department Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Proclamation Recognizing May 14-20, 2023, as National Police Week.

Trustee Zitzer presented the proclamation.

Motion by Trustee Levins, seconded by President Walny to approve the Proclamation Recognizing May 14-20, 2023, as National Police Week. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Proclamation Recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Trustee Zitzer presented the proclamation.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by President Walny to approve the Proclamation Recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Finance and Administration Committee**

- a. Discussion/action on March 2023 Administrative Services Report.

Administrative Services Director Safstrom provided an overview of the March 2023 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, the 2022 financial and workers compensation audits were completed.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to approve the March 2023 Administrative Services Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Proclamation Recognizing April 30-May 6, 2023, as Municipal Clerks Week

Trustee Barth presented the proclamation.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by President Walny to approve the Proclamation Recognizing April 30-May 6, 2023, as Municipal Clerks Week. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Proclamation Recognizing April 16-22, 2023, as Municipal Treasurers Appreciation Week

Trustee Barth presented the proclamation.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by President Walny to approve the Proclamation Recognizing April 16-22, 2023, as Municipal Treasurers Appreciation Week. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Plan Commission**

- a. Discussion/action on request for a Conditional Use Permit for Hoffman Construction Co. at 8850 N Port Washington Rd Suite 220 for an office.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by President Walny to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Hoffman Construction Co. at 8850 N Port Washington Rd Suite 220 for an office. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Library Board**

- a. Presentation/update on North Shore Library Project.

Library Director Rhonda Gould and Julie Cotter from McDonald Schaefer gave a presentation on the North Shore Library Project. Discussion occurred over the capital campaign.

**VI. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Walny thanked staff for their work with and through the election. President Walny welcomed Trustee Marrazza to the Village Board, and thanked those who helped with the Village Clean Up day.

**VII. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Village Manager Pederson stated the village had a record turnout for Clean Up Day, and thanked attendees and volunteers.

**VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Report.

**IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Levins, 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) (Dispatching Services Agreement). Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Levins Left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

A closed session of approximately 24 minutes was held where the Village Board discussed Teamsters local 200 Police Union negotiations and Dispatching Services Agreement.

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

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Barth, to reconvene to open session and regular order of business at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marrazza, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hello, neighbors. I'm Gerry Feldman of 133 East Glencoe Place, and my pronouns are he-him.

As we move forward after a divisive election, I want to take a moment to wish good mazel to trustees Walny and Rudman and extend a warm welcome to trustee Marrazza.

Tonight, I want to talk about the importance of transparency, honesty, and accountability in village governance. Community leaders have a responsibility to follow through on commitments and prioritize the interests of constituents above all else.

I'm concerned about the sudden and sustained tax revenue drop that Bayside is experiencing due to the demolition of properties in the TID. Any new tax increment will be reimbursed to the developer or used for related infrastructure for the next 22 years, while we continue to pay the difference.

I'm concerned about the push to move the North Shore Library to Bayside. Why not a less expensive and more centralized location, such as Cardinal Stritch or Bayshore? And what's the rush? There are 15 years left on its current lease. The developer has proposed a dark shell, but he could repurpose it at any time with no legal ramifications. The LLC is offering to make up some of the funding shortfall by donating a dark shell, but no one else is stepping up to provide the \_\$8 million needed, not because of an election outcome or lawsuit, but because it's a bad idea.

Our democracy demands that leaders engage with us when we question their decisions, listen to our concerns, and work towards finding solutions that benefit everyone and not just a select few. We don't have to choose between the current TIF or nothing. We don't have to choose between a Bayside Library or nothing. We can engage in respectful and productive dialogue and find solutions that bring healing and prosperity to our community. For more discussions on this and other important topics, I encourage everyone to tune in to The Bayside Advocate podcast, which can be found on Nextdoor.com.

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to our village.