



Village of Bayside
9075 N Regent Road
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 17, 2023
Village Board Room, 6:00 pm

**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 – Excused
Bob Rudman
Margaret Zitzer
Kelly Marrazza

Also Present: Village Manager Andy Pederson
Administrative Services Director Rachel A. Safstrom
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal
Communications Center Director Liane Scharnott
Communications Center Deputy Director Mandy Majors
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Madeline Moltzan
8 Audience members

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Gerry Feldman – 133 E Glencoe Place

Rich London – 9221 N Lake Drive

Andy Phillips – Attorney, Fox Point Bayside School District

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of:

- A.** July 2023 Financial Statement.
- B.** Board of Trustees meeting minutes, July 20, 2023, and July 27, 2023.

- C. Summary of Disbursements for July 14, 2023, through August 4, 2023, in the amount of \$412,389.41.
- D. July 2023 Community Impact Report.
- E. Proposal for Fire Suppression Upgrade for Bayside Communications Center.
- F. Memorandum of Understanding between Village of Bayside and City of Greenfield for Emergency Management 911 Dispatch Services Backup Center
- G. Resolution 23-12, A Resolution to amend the 2023 Annual Program Budget.
- H. 2023 Joint Library Services Agreement
- I. Police Department General Order 3205, 4205, 5103.3, 5104, 5104.01, 5112, 5212, 6101, 6102, 7305, and 7403.
- J. Discussion/action on Resolution 23-13, A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the Village's Special Assessment B Bonds, Series 2015A, dated May 7, 2015.

Trustee Levins requested that Item H be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve: July 2023 Financial Statement; Board of Trustees meeting minutes, July 20, 2023 and July 27, 2023; Summary of Disbursements for July 14, 2023 through August 4, 2023 in the amount of \$412,389.41; July 2023 Community Impact Report; Proposal for Fire Suppression Upgrade for Bayside Communications Center; Memorandum of Understanding between Village of Bayside and City of Greenfield for Emergency Management 911 Dispatch Services Backup Center; Resolution 23-12, A Resolution to amend the 2023 Annual Program Budget; Police Department General Order 3205, 4205, 5103.3, 5104, 5104.01, 5112, 5212, 6101, 6102, 7305, and 7403; and Resolution 23-13, A Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the Village's Special Assessment B Bonds, Series 2015A, dated May 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Levins questioned the compensation for being the fiscal agent of the library and what is the purpose of the Community Coordination Council. Manager Pederson indicated Bayside does receive compensation. Mr. Pederson also stated the Committee is to enhance communication between the Library Director and Municipal administrators within each community. The Committee does not replace any authority of the Library Board.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer to approve the 2023 Joint Library Services Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

V. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Public Works Committee

a. Discussion/action on July 2023 Department of Public Works Report.

Manager Pederson gave a brief update on the July 2023 Department of Public Works Report. Of significant note, the street sign topper project was started and completed. Over 250 street signs were replaced. Recycling is behind this week due to a malfunction of the collection truck.

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

b. Discussion/update on 2023 Capital Projects.

Village Manager Pederson gave a brief update on the Capital Projects. Most projects are on track for timely completion. The MMSD project on Brown Deer Road is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week.

2. Public Safety Committee

a. Discussion/action on July 2023 Communications Center Report.

Director Scharnott gave the July 2023 Communications Center Report. Of significant note, BCC was selected as the Primary PSAP in Milwaukee County and has worked to submit the NextGen911 grant. There are two new hires, and the department is prepping for fall fest.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to approve the July 2023 Communication Center Report. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion/action on July 2023 Police Department Report.

Chief Liebenthal gave the July 2023 Police Department Report. Of significant note, interviews have begun with candidates to fill the vacant police officer position. The application deadline is August 19. Officer Bowe just had his 17th anniversary in the department.

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

3. Finance and Administration Committee

a. Discussion/action on July 2023 Administrative Services Report.

Director Safstrom gave the July 2023 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, four new employees were on boarded. Trustee Barth thanked the staff for all the work on grants and the PSAP grant.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Levins, to approve July 2023 Administrative Services Report. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Library Board

a. Discussion/action on July 2023 Library Report.

Trustee Zitzer gave the July 2023 Library Report. Of significant note is the upcoming Art Festival on August 27. In the fall there will be a 3-part series on kids going to college, and helping kids go to college. Motion by Trustee Levins, seconded by Trustee Barth, to accept the July 2023 Library Report.

VI. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Walny thanked Chief Liebenthal and the department for the myBlue event. The festivities were a fantastic success and something to be proud of. Thanks to Fire Chief Whittaker, Manager Pederson, the staff, and the Dispatch Center for achieving the PSAP designation, beating out the county of Milwaukee, and the City of Milwaukee. It was a tremendous effort by all involved.

VII. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

No Report.

VIII. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Report.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, at 6:19 pm to go into 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 (Fox Point-Bayside School District Permitting Indemnification Request) (Teamsters Local 200 Police Union Negotiations). Motion carried unanimously.

A closed session of approximately 45 minutes was held in which the Village Board discussed the Police Union negotiations and requests from the Fox Point-Bayside School District permitting indemnification.

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

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

A. Action on items in closed session.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to table the request from Fox Point-Bayside School District permitting indemnification until Monday, August 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve the 2024-2025 Teamsters Local 200 Police Union Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Statement from Gerry Feldman:

Hello, neighbors. I'm Gerry Feldman, of 133 E Glencoe Place. I'm here tonight because I'm really concerned about recent actions by the Board of Trustees. We've entrusted them with the responsibility to act in our best interests, but something's not quite right.

On Thursday, July 27th, one week after the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, I checked the official Village website to see when the next meeting was scheduled for. To my surprise, I found out that the Board had already convened and approved legislation earlier that day, while many of us were at work.

I thought maybe there was some kind of emergency that required their immediate action. But what was the emergency? It turns out they met at the request of the OneNorth developer, to let him off the hook for not keeping up his side of the deal. And they made sure to do it while nobody was paying attention.

This is not okay. This is not how our government is supposed to work. We elect these people to represent our best interests. Instead, we find them time and again acting in the interests of a select few, making decisions that directly affect our lives and our children's future without even letting us know what's going on. That's not right.

Behavior like this shakes our trust in the government and undermines the democratic principles upon which our nation, our state, and our village were built. We elect trustees to uphold our democracy, not to undermine it. We elect trustees to stand up for the working families in Bayside, not to protect the interests of a select few at our expense. And believe me, the 22-year, \$2.5M revenue drop they approved is at our expense. Misleading the state about the condition of the TID to enable that revenue drop is at our expense. Letting the developer off the hook for their responsibilities while nobody was watching is at our expense.

Each trustee has taken an oath to faithfully execute the duties of their office to the best of their ability. Their primary duty is to act in the best interest of the People of Bayside. But if they can't or won't do that, as evidenced by their recent actions, then they have broken their oath. We deserve better.