



Village of Bayside
9075 N Regent Road
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 18, 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
Margaret Zitzer

Also Present: Village Manager Andy Pederson
Administrative Services Director Rachel Safstrom
Assistant Village Manager Leah Hofer
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
Operations Superintendent Shane Albers
Police Chief Tom Liebenthal
Communications Center Director Liane Scharnott
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Maurer
6 audience members

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Gerry Feldman – 133 East Glencoe Place

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

- A. Board of Trustees meeting minutes for December 14, 2023.
- B. December 2023 Financial Statement.
- C. Summary of Disbursements for December 2, 2023, through January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,038,215.56.
- D. Agreement with Wachtel Tree Science Inc. for 2024 Public Tree Inventory.

- E. December 2023 Community Impact Report.
- F. Police Department General Order 4301.
- G. Resolution 24-01, A Resolution Proclaiming the Celebration of Arbor Day in the Village of Bayside.
- H. Resolution 24-02, A Resolution Proclaiming the Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day in the Village of Bayside.
- I. Resolution 24-03, A Resolution to Encourage Bayside Residents to Support the Monarch Butterfly Population within the Village of Bayside.
- J. Resolution 24-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Bayside to file the Urban Forestry Grant Application.
- K. Resolution 24-05, A Resolution Recognizing May as “No Mow May” and suspending the Enforcement of Municipal Code Section 104-153(c).
- L. Resolution 24-06, A Resolution Recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Village of Bayside.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, to approve: Board of Trustees meeting minutes for December 14, 2023; December 2023 Financial Statement; Summary of Disbursements for December 2, 2023, through January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,038,215.56; Agreement with Wachtel Tree Science Inc. for 2024 Public Tree Inventory; December 2023 Community Impact Report; Police Department General Order 4301; Resolution 24-01, A Resolution Proclaiming the Celebration of Arbor Day in the Village of Bayside; Resolution 24-02, A Resolution Proclaiming the Celebration of World Migratory Bird Day in the Village of Bayside; Resolution 24-03, A Resolution to Encourage Bayside Residents to Support the Monarch Butterfly Population within the Village of Bayside; Resolution 24-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Bayside to file the Urban Forestry Grant Application; Resolution 24-05, A Resolution Recognizing May as “No Mow May” and suspending the Enforcement of Municipal Code Section 104-153(c); Resolution 24-06, A Resolution Recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Village of Bayside. Motion carried unanimously.

V. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Finance and Administration Committee

- a. Presentation on Bayside/North Shore Versiti Blood Drive program.

Jamie Krampf, Community Blood Drive Coordinator for the Village of Bayside, presented the Bayside/North Shore Versiti Blood Drive Program and spoke on the importance of donation. Four blood drives will be hosted in Bayside in 2024. No action was taken.

- b. Discussion/action on December 2023 Administrative Services Report.

Administrative Services Director Safstrom spoke on the December 2023 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, tax bills were printed and distributed in December and the 2023 preliminary audit was completed.

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

- c. Presentation of 2023 Administrative Services Annual Report.

Administrative Services Director Safstrom and Assistant Village Manager Hofer presented the 2023 Administrative Services Report. Of significant note, grant revenue awarded for 2023 was over one million dollars, the Village received the GFOA distinguished budget award and retained a bond rating of Aa2, and the Bayside Buzz had an impressive open rate of nearly 70%. No action was taken.

- d. Discussion/action on Ordinance 24-750, An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 104-47 of the Municipal Code with Regard to the Issuance of Building Permits.

Assistant Village Manager Hofer provided an overview of Ordinance 24-750, an Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 104-47 of the Municipal Code with Regard to the Issuance of Building Permits. The Village has encountered issues with permits not being closed. The proposed ordinance modifies the duration of open permits and is more in line with other North Shore Communities. The Village is working with SafeBuilt to develop a system to notify property owners of open permits prior to expiration.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Rudman, to approve Ordinance 24-750. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Discussion/action on Ordinance 24-751, An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 104, Article VII (Section 104-177-186) of the Municipal Code with Regard to Vacant Premises.

Assistant Village Manager Hofer provided an overview of Ordinance 24-751, an Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 104, Article VII (Section 104-177-186) of the Municipal Code with Regard to Vacant Premises. The proposed ordinance establishes guidelines for vacant properties that are under construction with active building permits.

Motion by Trustee Zitzer, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve Ordinance 24-751. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Works Committee

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

Operations Superintendent Albers presented the 2023 Department of Public Works Report. Of significant note, the wall construction of the east planter bed is completed. Vegetation installation will be in spring.

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

- b. Discussion/action on 2024 Road and Stormwater Management Project modification.

Operations Superintendent Albers gave a brief overview of the 2024 Road and Stormwater Management Project modification. Due to a significant utility conflict, the resurfacing of East Brown Deer Road was requested to be suspended until 2025.

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Marazza, to approve the 2024 Road and Stormwater Management Project Modification. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Safety Committee

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

Communications Center Director Scharnott spoke on the December 2023 Communications Center Report. Of significant note, FBI Chaplin Greg Young provided training on trauma and resiliency.

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

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

Police Chief Liebenthal spoke on the December 2023 Police Department Report. Chief Liebenthal highlighted Officer Frankie Russell's one year anniversary with the Bayside Police Department and spoke on the progress Officer Russell has made.

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

4. Architectural Review Committee

- a. Discussion/action of One North PUDD1 Master Signage Plan.

Trustee Barth opened discussion on the proposed One North PUDD1 Master Signage Plan. Modifications were made to plan based on recommendations from the Architectural Review Committee. The Board discussed the proposed digital sign on North Port Washington Road and the potential impacts on nearby residents. Jessica Timmer, Senior Architect with Rinka, was present to answer questions.

Motion by President Walny, seconded by Trustee Barth, to approve the One North PUDD1 Master Signage Plan per the document with the following exceptions: Allow a 22-foot sign on West Brown Deer Road; No LED changeable sign on North Port Washington Road; Removal of the restrictions on per day changes for the sign on West Brown Deer Road. Motion carried unanimously.

II. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Walny gave a brief overview January 1, 2024, sales tax increase for Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee and spoke on incidences of online vendors charging Bayside residents City of Milwaukee sales tax.

III. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Pederson reported the Citizens Academy started with 10 citizens participating.

IV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Barth, seconded by Trustee Zitzer, 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 (Dispatching Services Agreement); and Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Manager). Motion carried unanimously.

A closed session of approximately 20 minutes was held in which the Village Board discussed the Dispatching Services Agreement and the Village Manager.

X. 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.

Trustee Barth provided a summary of the Village Manager's 2023 performance evaluation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Rudman, seconded by Trustee Barth, to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Hello, neighbors. I'm Gerry Feldman of 133 E Glencoe Place, and I'm here to talk about leadership.

We are standing on the edge of a cliff. If the North Shore Library cannot raise another \$3.3 million by August, they will have to enter into a two year lease at \$24,000 per month. Compare that to their current lease in Glendale, which costs only a dollar per year for the next 14 years.

How did we get here? As you may recall, hundreds of residents showed up at a public meeting in 2018 to protest this project. The committee tabled the motion to proceed, and then very quietly proceeded anyway, having never explained to the public why they claim a beautifully renovated building to be in need of rehabilitation. Without that blatant lie, they could not pass the special TID tax subsidy for the developers, which has already reduced tax revenue by over \$200,000, and is on track to lose \$2.5M by 2042.

Don't you think the first \$2.5M of revenue from new construction should go to the village, to at least make this revenue neutral? And perhaps another \$3.3M for the library so they don't have to pay \$24,000 per month to lease the space? Nope. The first \$35M goes straight back into the developer's pocket before anyone ever sees a penny.

So how did we end up with such a bad deal? Where was the public pushback? Unfortunately, most of us were forced to stay home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only the minimum number of public hearings required by law were held, and they were in person, masks optional, with no teleconference offered. Several residents who could not attend for health reasons asked me to speak on their behalf. But rather than hear their input, the president gavelled me down and threatened to have me arrested. Can you believe that? Using the people's gavel to silence them? And backing that up with the threat of physical force?

My fellow citizens, this is not how a representative democracy is supposed to work. Our representatives are supposed to look out for all of our best interests, not the interests of a select few. They are supposed to keep us highly informed. They are supposed to welcome our input, not threaten to arrest those who speak out.