

**VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL.** Village President Jake Holzwart called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01pm on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W. Washington Ave., Cleveland, Wisconsin.

Board Present: Jake Holzwart, Village President
John Ader
Jason Berdyck
Debi Cevaal
Jon Hoffman
Danielle LaLonde (appointed Item XII; not seated)
Barry Nelson

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Motion Berdyck/Hoffman to approve the agenda as posted; carried without negative vote.

- II. CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS.** The Village Board received a one-page personal history from Barrett Paasch.

- XI. 2022 STREET PROJECTS PAY REQUEST NO. 2: Superior Sewer & Water.** Director Grunwald answered questions from the Board regarding the street projects. Motion Berdyck/Ader to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Superior Sewer & Water in the amount of \$260,781.86; carried without negative vote.

XII. APPOINTMENT TO FILL VILLAGE TRUSTEE VACANCY

The process required President Holzwart to make the candidate appointment to the Village Trustee position followed by a majority vote of the Board to confirm it. Motion Holzwart/Berdyck to open the floor; carried without negative vote. Each candidate was asked to confirm he or she was still interested in serving as Trustee; willing to serve on the Plan Commission as a Citizen member if not selected; provide the length of time living in village; and whether willing to circulate nomination papers to be on the ballot in 2024.

A. CANDIDATES

- 1. Barrett Paasch, 1232 Franklin Dr.** Willing to serve on Board or Plan Commission. Very interested in serving on Finance Committee. Was likely to attend Board meetings even if not appointed. Resident of Cleveland more than 40 years. Willing to circulate nomination papers.
- 2. Danielle LaLonde, 1279 W. Washington Ave.** Willing to serve on Board, not Plan Commission unless also a Board member. Interested in serving on Finance or Public Works Committees. Resident of Cleveland 8 years. Had experience working in the Clerk's Office. Did not want to circulate nomination papers but would consider doing so if necessary.
- 3. Thomas Warosh, 337 E. Jefferson Ave.** Willing to serve on Board or Plan Commission. Likely to attend meetings regardless of appointment. Resident of Cleveland 1 year. Willing to circulate nomination papers.

- B. DISCUSSION.** President Holzwart contacted Ms. LaLonde to serve as Trustee due to her interest in the position with the last vacancy. He reported his first instinct was to appoint Ms. LaLonde as Trustee and Mr. Paasch as Plan Commissioner, but he was uncertain after listening to the candidates.

The following comments developed during the Board's discussion. All thanked the candidates for their interest and believed any would be an asset to the Village Board or Plan Commission.

Trustee Nelson believed Mr. Paasch was a better fit due to his long-term residency and his interest in serving on the Finance Committee. The Board would also benefit from including a retiree member.

Trustee Berdyck was concerned Mr. Warosh envisioned a commercial future for Cleveland when many like himself chose to live in the village due to its residential character. Mr. Paasch offered the perspective of a long-time resident, which had been beneficial with former Trustee Albert Forner. Ms. LaLonde had been interested previously and had a financial degree.

Trustees Cevaal and Hoffman believed any would be an asset to the Board or Plan Commission.

Trustee Ader appreciated the candidates had broad perspectives and weren't focused on a single issue.

Trustee Berdyck asked the President for the qualities he was seeking in his appointee. President Holzwart remained torn as Ms. LaLonde had an accounting degree which fit the Finance Committee and Mr. Paasch offered diversity as a resident of 40+ years.

Trustee Nelson commented serving on the Board was a greater commitment than people realized. He preferred a candidate who

could settle in and complete the term, which he believed was more likely with Mr. Paasch.

Trustee Berdyck appreciated that Mr. Warosh willingly spoke his opinion, which was important for the Board to hear.

Trustee Ader stated his choice for the Board was Ms. LaLonde due to her experience working in the Clerk's Office and finance background for his committee.

Motion Holzwart/Berdyck to open the floor; carried without negative vote.

Ms. LaLonde clarified she was willing to serve on the Plan Commission if a member of the Board but not interested in serving as a Citizen Member of the Commission. Trustee Berdyck did not want to appoint someone to the Plan Commission who did not want to be there. Ms. LaLonde responded she was very interested in serving on the finance and public works committees but was not interested in issues relating to the parks, for example. Trustee Hoffman indicated he would be willing to serve on the Plan Commission if Ms. LaLonde was appointed to the Board.

Motion Holzwart/Ader to close the floor; carried without negative vote.

Trustee Nelson appreciated Ms. LaLonde's finance background but was concerned her time constraints as a college student and then with a new job would make her less effective or lead to missed meetings. Mr. Paasch would likely have greater availability as a retiree, although that wasn't guaranteed.

Trustee Berdyck was concerned Ms. LaLonde was not interested in obtaining nomination signature, which he believed was important for engaging the public. He was also concerned that Mr. Paasch's strong interest in finances would lead to taxing the staff's time, which happened with a former trustee.

Trustee Cevaal noted Mr. Paasch did not have an accounting degree but she appreciated his strong interest in the budget and village finances. She was leaning towards Mr. Paasch for the appointment, believing he could bring a good perspective to the Board.

Trustee Hoffman supported Ms. LaLonde or Mr. Paasch.

Trustee Ader noted all three candidates would be a great resource for the Village. He suggested the Village Board consider changing the Plan Commission membership to incorporate an additional Citizen Member or changing the vacant Trustee seat to a Citizen Member seat. *Plan Commission composition referred to the August Village Board meeting.*

President Holzwart remained undecided but could support Ms. LaLonde since she was the only candidate that received a strong recommendation, and that recommendation was offered by the chair of the committee on which she would serve.

- C. PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT TO FILL VILLAGE BOARD VACANCY.** President Holzwart appointed Danielle LaLonde to the position of Village Trustee.
- D. ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY.** Motion Holzwart/Ader to approve the appointment of Danielle LaLonde as Village Board Trustee through term ending April 15, 2024; carried without negative vote.

E. PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS TO FILL OPEN POSITIONS

- 1. Finance and Budget Committee Secretary.** President Holzwart appointed Danielle LaLonde as Finance and Budget Committee Secretary.
- 2. Board of Review Member.** President Holzwart appointed Danielle LaLonde as a member of the Board of Review.
- 3. Plan Commission Citizen Member.** President Holzwart made no appointment since Commissioner Krause had not vacated his seat at the time of the meeting.

F. VILLAGE BOARD ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENTS. Motion Berdyck/Hoffman to approve the appointment of Danielle LaLonde as Finance and Budget Committee Secretary and Board of Review Member; carried without negative vote.

XIII. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE. Director Grunwald administered the oath of office to Danielle LaLonde.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT. Motion Berdyck/Hoffman to adjourn; carried without negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stacy Grunwald

Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved on 8-23-2022

UNOFFICIAL COPY