

VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 5:58pm on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W. Washington Ave., Cleveland, Wisconsin.

Board Present: Jake Holzwart, Village President and Acting Police Chief
Jason Berdyck
Jon Hoffman
Danielle LaLonde
Barry Nelson

Board Absent: John Ader
Debi Cevaal

Motion Jason Berdyck/Barry Nelson to approve the agenda; carried without negative vote.

II. CLOSED SESSION. Motion Jake Holzwart/Jason Berdyck to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., to interview candidates and consider the employment of casual part-time police officers over which the village board has jurisdiction. Roll call—all ayes. Motion carried.

All candidates were asked the same 11 questions and invited to ask the board questions if time allowed. Each candidate entered the room at the scheduled time and left immediately after the interview's conclusion.

6:00pm Candidate A

Enjoys working in a small community and believes that community policing is an important part of quality of life for the citizens. Candidate A's focus would be on patrolling the village and getting to know the citizens. This candidate also understands the importance of good note taking and accurate reports.

6:30pm Candidate B

Currently works third shift and misses talking to people and helping with events. This candidate lives close to Cleveland and has a schedule that allows the candidate to work as needed. Is familiar with the community and has taken calls for service in the village in the past. Believes in taking as many notes as possible because body cams aren't always reliable.

7:00pm Candidate C

Currently works for a police department that focuses on community policing. Believes that many people need some type of help instead of giving a citation. Enjoys getting to know members of a community and making a positive impact. This candidate believes that maintaining a visual presence, especially in troubled areas, is very important.

The board discussed each candidate after the candidates had left and agreed that each candidate would be a quality member of our police department. The three candidates all have different personalities and previous experience, and our police department would benefit from this diversity. The board decided unanimously to send all three candidates a conditional offer of employment.

III. ADJOURNMENT. Motion Barry Nelson/Jon Hoffman to adjourn; carried without negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Jake Holzwart

Jake Holzwart
Village President

Approved on 10-18-2022