

**VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/SELECT CHAIR/AGENDA APPROVAL. In the absence of the Village President, Director of Village Services Stacy Grunwald called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W. Washington Ave.

Board Present: John Ader (arrived 6:02pm)
Jon Hoffman
Barrett Paasch
Tom Warosh
Andy Williams, Chair *Pro Tempore*

Board Absent: Jake Holzwart, Village President (excused)
Linda Engel (excused)

Staff Present: Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Motion Paasch/Warosh to appoint Andy Williams to serve as Chair *Pro Tempore* for the meeting; carried without negative vote.

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

II. AUGUST 15, 2023, MINUTES. Motion Warosh/Paasch to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, meeting; carried without negative vote.

III. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS APPLICATION. Director Grunwald explained due to the medical leave and loss of staff during that period, the Village missed the 60-day window to file certain loan paperwork with the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. She asked the Village Board to approve the proposed resolution with updated interest rate. Motion Williams/Ader to approve the resolution authorizing application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands to borrow \$250,000. Roll call: ayes—Ader, Hoffman, Warosh, and Williams; nays—Paasch. Motion carried.

IV. UTILITY CUSTOMER DEFERRED PAYMENT REQUEST. After discussion, the Village Board supported Director Grunwald's approval of the customer's deferred payment request.

V. 2023 WATER UTILITY RATE CASE APPLICATION. Director Grunwald reviewed correspondence from the Public Service Commission (PSC) dated October 19, 2023. The letter explained PSC staff's preliminary recommendation for an increase greater than the \$162,488 requested by the Village. While they lowered the Village's proposed rate of return, they increased employee-related expenses (to accommodate the Village's staffing changes—+\$32,785), depreciation expense (+\$6896), taxes and tax equivalents (+\$13,424), and the change in classification of the water main as a Major Project (+\$383,969). These revisions resulted in the PSC staff recommendation for an increase of \$228,245, or \$65,757 more than the Village's initial request. The next step by the PSC was a cost of services analysis.

VI. SCHEDULE 2024 BUDGET HEARING. A Committee of the Whole meeting was set for November 9, 2023, and 2024 budget public hearing for December 5, 2023; both meetings to start at 6pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Motion Williams/Hoffman to adjourn; carried without negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved on 12-5-2023