

**VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA APPROVAL. In the absence of Village President Jake Holzwart, Director of Village Services Stacy Grunwald called the meeting to order at 6:32pm on Monday, December 18, 2023, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W. Washington Ave., Cleveland, Wisconsin.

Board Present: John Ader, Chair *Pro Tempore*
Jon Hoffman
Barrett Paasch
Andy Williams

Board Absent: Jake Holzwart, Village President/Acting Chief of Police (excused)
Tom Warosh (excused)

Staff Present: Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Also Participating: Barry Nelson

One Village Trustee position was vacant.

Director Grunwald requested a nomination for Chair. Motion Paasch/Williams to appoint John Ader as chair for the duration of the meeting; carried without negative vote. Trustee Ader accepted the appointment. Motion Williams/Ader to approve the agenda as posted; carried without negative vote.

II. VILLAGE TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT THRU TERM ENDING APRIL 15, 2024

- A. PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT OF BARRY NELSON.** Village President Jake Holzwart appointed Barry Nelson to fill the Village Trustee vacancy. At Mr. Nelson’s request, the Village Board held over the appointment to the next meeting.
- B. VILLAGE BOARD CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.** No action.
- C. OATH OF OFFICE.** No action.

III. CLOSED SESSION

A. RECUSALS FROM POLICE CHIEF SELECTION AND HIRING: Jake Holzwart, Barrett Paasch, and Tom Warosh. In the absence of President Holzwart, Director Grunwald explained President Holzwart and Trustees Paasch and Warosh had indicated in prior meetings they were recusing from (in other words, refraining from participation in) the Chief of Police hiring process. Director Grunwald further reported that President Holzwart believed the record should be clear on that point. Trustee Paasch confirmed this was his intent.

B. Motion Ader/Williams to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., to review the hiring process, consider applications, and conduct an interview for the Chief of Police position. Roll call: Ader—aye; Williams—aye; Hofmann—aye; and Paasch—aye. Motion carried. Trustee Paasch recused himself from the meeting; Director Grunwald and Mr. Nelson remained.

The Village Board reviewed new applications and prepared for the candidate interview, including review of the questions and scoring rubric. The candidate joined the closed session at 7pm and Director Grunwald stepped out, returning to the meeting after the interview and scoring were complete and the candidate left.

- C. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (2), Wis. Stats.** The Board did not reconvene in open session.
- D. ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.** No action was taken.

IV. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. TUE DEC 19..... VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING, 6PM**
- B. WED DEC 20 VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING, 6:30PM**
- C. MON DEC 25..... HOLIDAY**
- D. MON JAN 1 HOLIDAY**
- E. MON JAN 8 FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- F. WED JAN 10 HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- G. TUE JAN 16..... VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING, 6PM**
- H. WED JAN 17 MANITOWOC CO VILLAGE ASSN, KELLNERSVILLE, 5:30PM**
- I. MON JAN 22..... PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- J. SCHEDULE MEETINGS AS NEEDED.** No action.

V. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn; carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved on 01/24/2024