

**VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/AGENDA APPROVAL.** Village President Jake Holzwart called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:34pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W Washington Ave, Cleveland, Wisconsin.

Board Present: Jake Holzwart, Village President
John Ader
Jon Hoffman
Jarrod Jackett
Becky Paasch
Tom Warosh

Board Absent: Rob Burkhard (excused)

Staff Present: Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Motion Hoffman/Warosh to approve the agenda as presented; carried without negative vote.

- II. CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS.** Trustee Paasch reported a non-resident requested Village Board agendas remain posted on the website.

- III. OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 12, NOVEMBER 19, AND DECEMBER 10, 2024, MINUTES.** The November 19, 2024, minutes were held over. Motion Ader/Warosh to approve the October 21, 2024; November 12, 2024; and December 10, 2024, minutes as written; carried without negative vote.

- IV. RECONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: Bradley and Katherine Jaeger, 6316 W Washington Ave.** Motion Holzwart/Paasch to open the floor; carried without negative vote. The Village Board reviewed the prior finding of the Village Board that the Jaegers' agricultural parcel (in Kultgen ownership at project start) was zoned R-1 *Single-Family Residential* for future development, and it received special benefits from the Birch St reconstruction through improved stormwater flow along Beech St., and by relocation of the hydrant at the end of Lincoln Ave., allowing the westward extension of Lincoln Ave.

Bradley and Katherine Jaeger addressed the Village Board, noting their belief the special benefits were not advantageous to their agricultural use of the property and the Board's prior decision was based on the opinions of Kultgen family members who were not associated with sale of the property. They questioned whether the benefit was determined in bad faith as leverage for the Village to obtain right-of-way. Lastly, they noted the Public Works and Utilities Committee earlier in the year determined there was no special benefit from the project.

Board members noted the property was in a prime development location across from Cleveland Elementary School and it wasn't treated differently than other similarly situated properties in the Village. The Village Board and Jaegers discussed determinations of special benefit for properties on E. Jefferson Ave., Cherry Hill Dr., and Westview St., within and outside the Village limits.

The Jaegers reiterated their position that they didn't benefit from the project at all and there should be a determination there was no special benefit.

Motion Holzwart/Warosh to closed the floor; carried without negative vote. Motion Holzwart/Ader to uphold the Village Board determination of special benefit as stated at the May 17, 2022; carried with one negative vote (Paasch).

V. FINANCIALS

- A. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS.** Director Grunwald noted the Klein Asphalt expense would be reimbursed by the Tax Increment District. Motion Warosh/Paasch to approve the November 2024 voucher report; carried without negative vote.
- B. REQUEST FOR SEWER UTILITY CREDIT: Andy Williams.** Andy Williams requested a sewer utility credit for water used to fill his pond since the water did not enter the sewer system. The Finance Committee recommended approval of a credit for gallons consumed greater than the 2024 seasonal consumption value. Motion Warosh/Ader to authorize a \$124.13 Sewer Utility credit to Andrew Williams' water/sewer utility account; carried without negative vote.
- C. ATV/UTV SIGNAGE FUNDING.** The Finance and Budget Committee recommended Trustee Jackett lead an effort to pursue donations for ATV/UTV signage funding. The total cost for the signs and posts was less than \$3000. The Year 2025 budget included funding for the project.
- D. FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS**
- i. Escalating Fees for Second and Subsequent Ordinance Violations.** The Finance and Budget Committee recommended utilizing an escalating fee schedule to encourage non-compliant property owners to respond timelier to complaints. Motion Jackett/Warosh to amend the Village of Cleveland Code of Ordinances or fee schedule, as appropriate, to establish escalating penalties for repeat violations for junk vehicles and other property maintenance concerns; and instructed Director Grunwald to work with the Village Attorney to implement same. Roll call—all ayes, one abstention (Hoffman).
- ii. Parking Ticket Penalties.** Chief Fisher recommended a higher parking ticket fine since it hadn't been changed in a long time. Motion Ader/Paasch to increase the parking ticket fine to \$20 and instructed Director Grunwald to work with the Village Attorney to implement same; carried without negative vote.
- E. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE.** Public Works and Utilities Committee Chair Jackett reviewed the Committee's recommended changes to the Capital Improvement Plan. The Village Board accepted the changes except acquisition of the house adjacent to Hika Park on Lincoln Ave and Lakeshore Dr was moved to *. Motion Jackett/Paasch to amend the Capital Improvement Plan tables as discussed; carried without negative vote.
- F. YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT.** * Motion Holzwart/Hoffman to approve the Year 2025 budget amendment as written. Roll call: ayes—Ader, Hoffman, Holzwart, Jackett, Warosh; nays—Paasch. Motion carried. [Resolution No. 2024-R-*]

VI. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS.

- A. POLICE REPORT.** Report on file. Trustee Paasch noted she heard many compliments about Chief Fisher.
- B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** The Board discussed a fence being installed at a Lincoln Ave property and learned the Village does not review zoning compliance unless a complaint is received.
- C. COURT REPORT.** The Village Board received an updated history of caseloads reported to the State of Wisconsin by the Municipal Court and the breakdown of 2023 court collections.
- D. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 11/25/24.** Chair Jackett and Trustee Hoffman reported on the Committee's discussion regarding 2025 street maintenance.
- E. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 11/11/24.** All items on this agenda.
- F. HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 12/11/24.** Chair Warosh indicated the Committee was researching a request to possibly buy or lease the VFW clubhouse as an art studio they completed review of Employee Handbook Section 100.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENT REPORTS.

- A. THU DEC 19..... MUNICIPAL COURT, 5:30PM**
- B. MON DEC 23..... PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- C. DEC 24-25... STAFF HOLIDAY**
- D. FRI DEC 27 NOTIFICATION OF NON-CANDIDACY DUE, 5PM**
- E. SAT DEC 28 EXTRA TAX COLLECTION HOURS, 8AM-11AM**
- F. MON DEC 30..... EXTRA TAX COLLECTION HOURS, OPENING 7AM**

- G. TUE DEC 31 STAFF HOLIDAY (AFTERNOON ONLY)
- H. WED JAN 1 STAFF HOLIDAY
- I. TUE JAN 7..... NOMINATION PACKETS DUE FOR SPRING ELECTION, 5PM
- J. WED JAN 8 HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 6PM
- K. MON JAN 13..... FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 6PM
- L. TUE JAN 21VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING, 6PM
- M. MON JAN 27..... PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 6PM
- N. ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS. None.

IX. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS. Search for auditor. Discussion on municipal court.

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Holzwart/Ader to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility—Director of Village Services/Clerk-Treasurer/Director of Public Works. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.
President Holzwart assumed responsibility for the minutes.

[Director Grunwald and the public left the meeting—8:53pm]

The Board did not reconvene in open session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn; carried without negative vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved on 04-15-2025