

**VILLAGE BOARD OF CLEVELAND, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

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 6:03pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at the Cleveland Village Hall, 1150 W Washington Ave, Cleveland, Wisconsin.

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

Board Absent: None

Staff Present: Stacy Grunwald, Director of Village Services

Motion Warosh/Paasch to approve the agenda as posted; carried without negative vote.

- II. CITIZEN INPUT AND COMMUNICATIONS.** President Holzwart asked for citizen input, noting the Village Board couldn't answer questions about pending litigation.

The following people spoke during Citizen Input. Each person's comments are summarized as one entry.

Gretchen Scheidt, 655 Westview St. Read and distributed to the Village Board a list of questions; a written response was requested within 30 days.

Sheryl Nehls, 1424 Webster Ln. Raised concerns with the unapproved 2025 utility budgets, amount and methods for issuing Village debt, the pending lawsuit, and Village Board member meeting preparation.

Jacob Schweigl (non-resident; no address provided due to employment as law enforcement officer in another municipality.) Identified himself as a former employee who recently filed a lawsuit against the Village, charging equal protection clause violations. Asked questions and read a prepared statement regarding issues that resulted in the lawsuit. Handed out copies of former chief Daniel Reed's resignation letter.

Barrett Paasch, 1232 Franklin Dr. Addressed past conduct by Board members and Schweigl lawsuit.

Brittany Schweigl (non-resident; no address provided due to employment as law enforcement officer in another municipality.) Asked questions and commented on issues related to her husband's lawsuit.

Jason Berdyck, 1040 Juniper St. Offered comments on the discussion from the perspective of a former Village trustee.

Larry Schetter, 1522 W Washington Ave. Commented on performance of Director Grunwald, her increasing responsibilities over time of employment, and suggested someone look closer at her before and now.

Gina Burkhard, Village Art & Created Goods, 1202 W Washington Ave. Witnessed issues identified as rumors and heard things said at meetings that didn't end up in meeting minutes.

Russell Bonde, Bonde's Quik Mart, 1517 North Ave. Stated taxpayers have a right to say what they want.

Cheryl Kohl, 1235 Lake Bluff Ct. Stated she had been on the Village Board and currently served as Cleveland Municipal Court Judge. She objected to slander and the things being said on websites.

Deborah Geiger, 1270 Meadowbrook Dr #3. Not on anyone's side and concerned with the impact on the Cleveland community.

Trustee Paasch thanked everyone that spoke and hoped everything could be put aside and people could work together. Understood there were problems and asked that everyone try to work through them.

Trustee Ader noted he had served a long time on Plan Commission and Village Board because he cared and believed in working for the betterment of the community, not to the advantage of an individual. They worked hard and tried to come up with the best answer possible.

Trustee Jackett reported he was contacted regarding the failure of dog owners to clean up after their pets as required by local ordinance. *Referred to Public Works and Utilities Committee.*

- III. 2023 STREET PROJECT inc, PAY REQUEST #4: Joe DeYoung, MSA Professional Services.** Joe DeYoung of MSA Professional Services presented an update on restoration, W Washington Ave warranty work, and recent discussions with Peters Concrete. After discussion, motion Warosh/Jackett to authorize Payment of \$91,818.70 to Peters Concrete Company with \$80,000 retainage; carried without negative vote.

IV. MINUTES

A. RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT OF OCTOBER 21, 2024, MINUTES. Motion Warosh/Ader to reconsider and amend the October 21, 2024, Village Board meeting minutes to reflect a \$2000 performance bonus to Chief Eric Fisher; carried without negative vote.

B. NOVEMBER 19, 2024; DECEMBER 18, 2024 (TWO MEETINGS); and JANUARY 21, 2025. Motion Warosh/Paasch to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024, regular meeting and the December 18, 2024, special meeting as written; carried without negative vote. Approval of the remaining minutes was held over.

V. FINANCIALS

A. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS. Motion Ader/Burkhard to approve the monthly financial reports; carried without negative vote.

B. HOLIDAY DÉCOR PROPOSALS. Motion Ader/Paasch to approve the Holiday Outdoor Décor quote for nine holiday decorations and garland in the amount of \$5551.75 and authorize electrical drops from We Energies to light them, at an estimated total project cost of \$7513 to be drawn from the street décor designated fund. Motion carried with two negative votes (Jackett/Warosh).

C. CROSS CONNECTION INSPECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT: HydroCorp. After discussion, motion Warosh/Paasch to hold over approval of the Professional Service Agreement with HydroCorp so the Public Works and Utilities Committee could obtain quotes for comparison; carried without negative vote, one abstention (Jackett).

D. ASSESSMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT: Accurate Appraisal LLC. Motion Warosh/Jackett to approve the Agreement for Assessment Services with Accurate Appraisal LLC for the 2026-2029 assessment years at a cost of \$12,000 per year; carried without negative vote.

E. INNOVATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION. Motion Warosh/Jackett to authorize the Village President and Director of Village Services to prepare and file an Innovation Planning Grant to assist with municipal court transition planning as needed; carried without negative vote.

- VI. AMPLIFIED SOUND APPLICATION: Lions Club (Dairyland Festival, 08-02-25 to 08-03-25).** Motion Warosh/Burkhard to approve the amplified sound application submitted by the Lions Club for Dairyland Park on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 7am to 11pm and Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 8am to 6pm; carried without negative vote.
- VII. HUMAN RESOURCES**
- A. **CONFIRM CLERK’S APPOINTMENT: Stacey Wilker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.** Motion Warosh/Holzward to confirm Director Grunwald’s appointment of Stacey Wilker to the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; carried without negative vote.
- B. **CONFIRM PRESIDENT’S APPOINTMENT: Pamela Waak, Election Inspector, thru 12/31/25.** Motion Warosh/Paasch to confirm President Holzward’s appointment of Pamela Waak as Election Inspector through term ending December 31, 2025; carried without negative vote.
- VIII. WATER QUALITY DISCUSSION.** Public Works and Utilities Committee Chair Jackett reviewed the status on addressing the arsenic problem in the water. Deputy Director of Public Works prepared a detailed summary that was posted on the Village’s water quality webpage by Director Grunwald with a high-level update. They are looking at bringing in engineering firm Donohue & Associates to review suggestions from Hawkins since it appears a chemical additive wouldn’t address the arsenic long-term or at the desired level.
- IX. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS**
- A. **POLICE REPORT.** Chief Fisher’s report was provided in the meeting packet.
- B. **DIRECTOR’S REPORT.** The building permit report was provided in the meeting packet. Director Grunwald answered questions from the Village Board.
- C. **COURT REPORT.** The municipal court collections report was provided in the meeting packet.
- D. **FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 02/19/25.** No report; all items were on the agenda.
- E. **HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 02/12/25.** Chair Warosh reported the committee continued work reviewing the Employee Handbook, discussed building inspector transition planning and a proposal for joint municipal court services.
- F. **PLAN COMMISSION, 02/13/25.** President Holzward reported the commission worked on a certified survey map from Lakeshore IRF (the ClearSky hospital property) and a request from Andy Williams to consider abandoning the rights-of-way on his property.
- G. **PUBLIC WORKS, 01/23/25.** Chair Jackett reported the committee was considering the addition of electronics recycling for the bulk goods event and work remaining for the 2023 street projects.
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENT REPORTS**
- A. **THUR FEB 20. MUNICIPAL COURT, 5:30PM**
- B. **MON FEB 24. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- C. **WED MAR 5. PLAN COMMISSION, 6PM**
- D. **MON MAR 10. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- E. **WED MAR 12. HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 6PM**
- F. **TUE MAR 18. VILLAGE BOARD, 6PM**
- G. **SET DATE FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF ATV/UTV ORDINANCE.** March 19, 2025, at Lakeshore Technical College.
- H. **ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS.** None.
- XI. TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS.** None.
- XII. CLOSED SESSION**
- A. Motion Holzward/Warosh to convene in closed session pursuant to (1) Sec. 19.85 (1) (e), Wis. Stats., to deliberate an offer by Owen Jost to purchase a vacant lot on Linden St [Parcel 31-515-000-021.00]; (2) Sec. 19.85 (1) (g), Wis. Stats., to concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village Board with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to be involved—Jacob Schweigl complaint; and (3) 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.
- Village Realtor Dane Checolinski of NAI Pfefferle presented the offer from Owen Jost to purchase Lot 21, Parkview Subdivision. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to reject the offer.
- [Item (2) and (3) redacted]
- [Director Grunwald rejoined the meeting—10:47pm]
- B. Motion Warosh/Paasch to reconvene in open session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (2), Wis. Stats. to act on any closed session item described above. Roll call—all ayes. Motion carried.
- C. ACT ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. Motion Holzward/Burkhard to reject the Offer to Purchase submitted by Owen Jost to purchase Lot 21, Parkview Subdivision, and directing Village Realtor Dane Checolinski to work with him on a second option; carried without negative vote.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion Burkhard/Warosh to adjourn; carried without negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Grunwald
Director of Village Services

Approved on 04-15-2025