



Village Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: President San Felippo called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Trustees presented included Mark Bichler, Elizabeth Manian, Barbara Ruege, Mike San Felippo, Eric Stowell, Keri Wallenkamp, and Blaine Werner. Also in Attendance were Attorney John Macy of Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C. and Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: This was recited by all those in attendance.
3. Public Comments: None
4. New Business:

- a. Hiring New Municipal Attorney-Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C: President San Felippo explained the reason for bringing Attorney Macy to the village is with regards to help figure out the fire department configuration.

Attorney Macy gave some background information about himself and his firm. Macy became an attorney in 1979 and in 1984 started the law firm Arenz, Molter, Macy & Riffle which kept growing and they decided a few years ago to shorten the name to Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C. The firm has 15 attorneys and all they do is municipal law and litigation. Macy further explained that the litigation portion deals with when a municipality is being sued. The firm represents over 60 municipalities of all sizes, however the really large ones retain on staff counsel. Macy explained that he has dealt with many fire department issues over the years and most recently the consolidation of departments in the SE Wisconsin area.

Macy stated that their firm charges \$199 per hour and that they encourage board members not to call his office as they will not take calls from individual board members. This way it helps eliminate duplication and keeps the cost of their services down. Macy recommends that all contact and questions be done through the Clerk.

Trustee Ruege made a motion to hire the new law firm Municipal Law & Litigation Group, S.C. for municipal services. Trustee Wallenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

5. President San Felippo read the following: Consider and Act by Roll Call Vote to Enter into Closed Session Pursuant to SS. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Fire Department). Trustee Stowell made a motion to enter closed session at 7:24 pm. Trustee Ruege seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mark Bichler; aye Elizabeth Manian; aye Barbara Ruege; aye Mike San Felippo; aye Eric Stowell; aye Keri Wallenkamp; aye Blaine Werner; aye Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned from closed session at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer