



Village Board Meeting  
Monday, December 19, 2022  
6:30 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING: 96 RUSSELL DRIVE

## Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: President San Felippo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Trustees present included Blaine Werner, Elizabeth Manian, Mike San Felippo, Duane Urbanski, Barbara Ruege, and Keri Wallenkamp. Eric Stowell attended virtually. Village staff present included Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie and DPW Director Peter Lederer. For additional attendees see attached sign-in sheet.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Those present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments.

Bill Goehring would like to thank all municipal employees and board members for their hard work. Inquires as to the Sheboygan County tax rate went down in the Town of Sherman but did it go up in the Village of Random Lake. President San Felippo informed the audience the county tax rate went up 4.4% in the village.

4. New Business:

a. Discussion and Possible Action the renewal Liability, Property Crime, Workers Compensation, and Employers Liability Insurance for 2023.

Clerk Waala informed the board the total of all policies will be increasing by 5.48% which is lower than the budgeted 9% estimate.

Trustee Werner inquired as to if the Fire Department vehicles and buildings should be part of the policy as they are a trust. Clerk Waala informed the board the policy does include the vehicles and building.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to approve as submitted, motion was seconded by Trustee Urbanski. Motion carried 6-1, Werner nay.

b. Discussion and Possible Action of the Establishment of Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Fredonia

Trustee Werner inquired as to if Fredonia and the Waubeka departments were combining. Fire Chief Depies informed the board at this time none of that has been done.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to approve as submitted, motion was seconded by Trustee Stowell. Motion carried 7-0.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendation of the Fire Department on the Medical Director position

Fire Chief Depies informed the board the Fire Department met last week and voted to stay with Dr Zils and will reevaluate in 1 year.

Trustee Werner read a letter sent to him by Dr Zils. Recommends to the board that Dr Zils is not able to prevent him from being on the ambulance but has done so which is illegal. Dr Martins is the Adell and

Town of Scott director and would request it make sense to have the same local examiner.

Trustee Ruege states that if there is potential of unbiased then she is unable to make a decision. This is more political then in the best interest of the village.

Trustee Wallenkamp inquires as to how many candidates were presented for the role. Fire Chief Depies informed the board the agenda item was to decide to seek others or stay with Dr Zils. There was a unanimous vote to stay with Dr Zils.

Fire Chief Depies states that Dr Zils should have the right to speak his side as he has been the Director for approximately 7 years.

Trustee Werner recommends no decision be made tonight and that Dr Martins be interviewed.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to postpone a decision until January for closed session with Dr Zils and the village attorney, motion was seconded by Trustee Urbanski. Motion carried 5-0, Stowell unavailable for vote, Werner abstain.

d. Presentation by Beth Manian and Duane Urbanski reviewing recent training

Trustee Manian presented to the board a presentation from a Beaver Dam representative on their downtown revitalization. Would recommend using same format as it was all planned out per detail. Took a walk around La Crosse and viewed the changes completed. Leadership training and the circle of community were her favorite part.

Trustee Urbanski presented to the board a presentation on Public Safety Funding with the possibility of going to a referendum or combining with local municipalities. Gave a grants handout on information found and suggested possibly creating a committee to research and apply for available grants.

5. Consent Agenda – items within the consent agenda can be considered individually if the Village Board chooses to do so:
- a. Approval of Payroll Vouchers for 12/15/2022: \$23,653.21
  - b. Approval of Accounts Payable Checks for 12/20/2022: General Fund \$40,421.23; TID # 4 \$50,000.00; Water Fund \$8,356.15; Sewer Fund \$12,541.23
  - c. Approval of the December 5, 2022, meeting minutes
  - d. Changing of January 2, 2023, meeting date to January 3, 2023
  - e. Review of the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Departments November Activity Report
  - f. Operator Licenses for:
    - Ryan Stephen La Brasca
    - Lacey Ann Owens

Clerk Waala requested item f be taken separately.

President San Felippo inquires as to why the Computer Services Specialists invoice was so high for a new computer as in the past, they were quite smaller. Clerk Waala informed the board that the new deputy computer had to be a tower system that would wok with the utility software. This cost more then the box computers bought previously. Additional cost was for the labor of installation.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to approve items a-e as submitted, motion was seconded by Trustee Urbanski. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk Waala recommends denial of Ryan Stephen La Brasca license due to pending of current charges.

Trustee Wallenkamp recommends denial of Ryan Stephen La Brasca license due to not full disclosure on application.

Trustee Werner requests a clear cut of what can be a deniable offense. Clerk Waala informed the board that a document was sent previously from the village attorney stating that information. She will send again.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to deny Ryan Stephen La Brasca application due to nondisclosure on application, motion was seconded by Trustee Stowell. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to approve Lacey Ann Owens application as submitted, motion was seconded by Trustee Ruege. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Staff and committee reports:

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Waala informed the board that tax bills have been sent out. With the office being closed for the holidays, 2022 payments can be postmarked by the 31<sup>st</sup> or received in the drop box by the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be back dated. Utility bills will be going out tomorrow.
- b. DPW Director Peter Lederer informed the board they have been working around the weather and on the issues at the treatment plant. The ice rink is up, and rubber border installed. More water has been put on to smooth it out. Update on the Grand and Spring St cameraing was all laterals were done up to homes. No issues related to the road project, but issues were in laterals in residents' yards. Either the pipes were old or there were roots in the pipes.

Trustee Ruege thanked the crew for cleaning of the snow.

President San Felippo suggests that letters be sent to residents on Grand and Spring St informing them of the findings.

c. Committees: None

d. Fire Chief Pat Depies informed the board of all activities and meeting conducted over the past month.

Inquiries were made on the explorers group. Chief Depies informed the board it is a program for all local kids between the age of 14-18. They do not need to live in the Random Lake area.

e. President San Felippo informed the board that ice rink donation thank you letter will be sent out. There has been some discussion about starting a Village of Random Lake Foundation to help fund non budgeted projects in the village. Read a thank you letter from Laurie Urbanski. Read a letter from Don Schroeder pertaining to property taxes. Requests of Gary to put something in the paper to see if residents and/or kids are willing to help the elderly with the upcoming snow.

7. Consider and Act by Roll Call Vote to Enter into Closed Session for the following:

- a. 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 (Contract Agreements)
- b. Pursuant to SS. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Employees).

Trustee Ruege made a motion to move into closed session at 7:53 pm, motion was seconded by Trustee Wallenkamp. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Reconvene to Open Session Pursuant to SS. 19.85(2).

Trustee Werner made a motion to move into open session at 10:17 pm, motion was seconded by Trustee Wallenkamp. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on closed session matters.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to move forward with the Schu Developers Agreement changes discussed after legal review, motion was seconded by Trustee Werner. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Wallenkamp made a motion to award the DPW Director and Clerk/Treasurer an additional 1-week vacation for 2023, motion was seconded by Trustee Urbanski. Motion carried 7-0.

Trustee Wallenkamp made motion to award the DPW Director a village vehicle to be driven to and from work, motion was seconded by Trustee Manian. Motion carried 7-0.

## 10. Adjourn at 10:20 pm

*Items on the Agenda may be taken out of order as listed. Created by Stephanie Waala on 12/20/2022.*

*WI Open Meeting Law (Wis. Stat. 19.83(2) and 19.84(2)) In general, the open meetings law grants citizens the right to attend and observe open session meetings of governmental bodies but does not require a governmental body to allow members of the public to speak or actively participate in the body's meeting. A governmental body is free to determine for itself whether and to what extent it will allow citizen participation at its meetings.*