

**Village Board Meeting
March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President McKaig called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Roll Call

President McKaig noted everyone present except Tr. Arndorfer who was excused.

3. Statement of Public Notice

Clerk Harrell stated that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.

Closed Session – the Village Board will adjourn into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel on strategy regarding pending litigation on various legal matters involving Roundy’s Supermarkets Inc. v. Village of Shorewood.

Trustee Moore Baldauff moved that the Village Board would adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel on strategy regarding pending litigation on various legal matters involving Roundy’s Supermarkets Inc. v. Village of Shorewood. Seconded by Trustee Couto. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0. The Village Board went into closed session at 7:04pm.

The Board discussed legal matters involving Roundy’s Supermarkets Inc. v. Village of Shorewood.

Trustee Stokebrand moved to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Trustee Ircink. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0 at 7:37 p.m.

4. Special Order of Business

a. Overview of EDI Strategic Planning Workplan - Kairo Communications.

Deborah Blanks reviewed the strategic workplan and indicated three areas which would serve as indicators of the ability for the Village to effectively implement the work plan which required specific action steps: 1) the Board’s setting the foundation for plan implementation by establishing a vision, mission, and goals; 2) the Village implementing improvements to provide accessibility to and equity in its hiring process; (3) the level of staff participation in developing a work plan that addresses workplace issues that impact diversity, equity, and inclusion.

b. Next steps for public works facility discussion.

Village Manager Ewald reviewed an updated timeline for public works facility discussions, as additional time is needed to further debrief on costs associated with a new facility. The next community workshop was scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:30pm.

c. Review of transfer station-dependent services.

Director Butschlick gave an overview of the history of the Village’s transfer station services and gave a comparison with a close proximity transfer station, having no transfer station then driving the material to a landfill/compost facility and

contracting services with a private vendor. Requests from members of the Village Board: 1) provide a comparison of services with other neighboring municipalities; 2) find ways the Village could begin forward-thinking rather than focusing on the status quo; 3) Seek out weekend refuse pick up from a private vendor for Atwater Park and Beach; 4) requested data that would show the comparison.

d. Review of conceptual site plans and service impacts.

Norman Barrientos provided an update on the overall study of conceptual designs the Morris, Holton and Vienna sites and the items that would be presented to the community workshop scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd.

5. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Ircink moved to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Trustee Stokebrand. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

- a. Presentation of Accounts - March 20, 2023.
- b. Consider regular Village Board meeting minutes - March 6, 2023.
- c. Consider accepting donation of pollinator demonstration garden at Nature Preserve entrance.
- d. Consider Fourth of July Fireworks Vendor Agreement

6. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - none

7. Public Hearing(s)

8. Citizens to be Heard

Ellen Eckman, 2500 E. Beverly Rd., gave an update of Shorewood School District's referendum that will appear on the April 4th Spring Election ballot as well as provided a question-and-answer to visit on the Shorewood School District's webpage.

9. New Business

a. Police Department update of activities and next steps for organizational study review.

Chief Wurth provided an overview of the activities in which she focused on communication with her personnel, a review of and prioritization of remaining Weiss Organizational Study recommendations, Public Messaging, Training, and Mental Health Wellness Services for the Department. Chief Wurth also stated community and service were the officers of the Shorewood Police Department's core value. Trustee Moore Baldauff asked where the Village is in terms of making sure the officers are provided resources for the trauma they experience. Chief Wurth stated all employees of the police department—commissioned and civilian—are mandated to attend a yearly "above the neck check" which is a mental health wellness check, in addition to that service they also receive 2 additional visits if needed the First Responder Psychological Services. President McKaig asked how the Village would know that more resources were needed, and Chief Wurth stated that because the law enforcement staff's mental checkup are confidential, the First Responder Psychological Services would reach out if any alerts arose, and Chief Wurth monitors the sick calls of her staff, any misbehavior and the amount of citizens calling to complain. Chief Wurth stated she has been selected as a peer member for the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Death Response (WILED) Executive Peer Support Team. Trustee Ircink asked how the morale of

the officers has gotten since her tenure. Chief Wurth stated the positive responses for their services have been appreciated and the overall morale was improving. Walk-alongs are encouraged. Trustee Couto asked how the collaboration with Metro Market was going. Chief Wurth stated overall the calls for service have lessened based on past meetings and frequent officer visits have been made.

b. Consider Ordinance 3050 amending Subsection 500-14 General Parking Restrictions and 500-27 Removal of Illegally Parked Vehicles.

Trustee Stokebrand gave an overview of the committee meeting. Trustee Ircink moved to approve Ordinance 3050 and it was seconded by Trustee Lynn. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

c. Consider Ordinance #3051 Amending Subsection 500-17 Parking Prohibited

Trustee Stokebrand asked if there was feedback about the letters that were sent, and Chief Wurth stated there hasn't been. Trustee Moore Baldauff suggested letters, in general to impacted residents, should be sent to homeowners and apartment residents. Trustee Ircink moved to approve Ordinance 3051 and it was seconded by Trustee Moore Baldauff. Trustee Stokebrand stated wanting this delayed until the Lake Drive was redone because having this in place lessens parking on the east side. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5-1 (Stokebrand).

d. Consider notification of police department grant submissions.

Trustee Moore Baldauff moved to allow the Shorewood Police Department to continue to apply for federal, State, and private grants without seeking approval from the Village Board prior to submitting each individual grant application with the understanding that the Village Manager and Finance Department will be notified when an application has been submitted and when grant funds have been secured and it was seconded by Trustee Ircink. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

e. Consider contract award for 2023 ash tree removals.

Trustee Stokebrand expressed the desire for the Parks & Open Space Committee to weigh in on the utilization of park bonds. Manager Ewald stated there were no park bonds to utilize, as the park bonds were utilized to fund the over budget Hubbard Park parking lot. Any remaining funds were recommended to be added to the capital fund reserve balance, as the Q4 financial report noted that was virtually no room to absorb any cost overruns of budgeted projects. Trustee Stokebrand moved that a contract for ash removal be awarded to Wallace Tree Care in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 and direct staff to identify a corresponding reduction in the scope of work. Seconded by Trustee Moore Baldauff. Motion failed by a vote of 2-4 (Ircink, Couto, McKaig, Lynn). Trustee Ircink moved that a contract for the 2023 ash removal be awarded to Wallace Tree Care in the amount of \$78,830.00. and it was seconded motion carried by a vote of 5-1 (Stokebrand).

f. Consider Downer Avenue bike lane configuration.

Trustee Ircink reviewed the JP&L committee meeting of this item. Chris Kuss, 3551 Downer Ave, stated frustration with not being able to attend the meeting due to

conflict of the scheduling. He stated preference with having a sharrows being marked. Trustee Ircink offered apologies. Trustee Ircink withdrew his motion to move that marked bicycle lanes be included in the 2024 reconstruction of the 3500-3900 blocks of N. Downer Avenue with parking to be provided on the east side and eliminated on the west side to be consistent with the future N. Lake Drive design. Barbara Kiley Miller, 4051 N Downer, noted that there's no parking further down because the street narrows. Scott Knuth, 2630, stated there are more duplexes and families on the west side and theoretically more people will be crossing. For the greater good of the community, parking on the west side would be ideal. Trustee Ircink moved that marked bicycle lanes be included in the 2024 reconstruction of the 3500-3900 blocks of N. Downer Avenue with parking to be provided on the west side and eliminated on the east side to be consistent with the 400-4200 blocks of N. Downer Avenue. Seconded by Trustee Moore Baldauff. Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 (McKaig).

g. Consider contract award for River Park irrigation system.

Trustee Ircink moved that a contract for the 2023 River Park irrigation be awarded to RKM Irrigation in the amount of \$28,400 to be funded through the 2023 Capital Budget and capital reserves, affirming the River Park pathway will not proceed. Seconded by Trustee Moore Baldauff. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

h. Consider 2023-2024 police union labor agreement.

President McKaig asked if this item can be moved after Future Items of Consideration to go into closed session. It was unanimously agreed upon by the Village Board.

10. Reports of Village Officials

a. Village President

b. Village Trustees

i. Trustee Ircink stated Director Butschlick gave a remarkable lead lateral presentation before the Men's Club.

ii. Trustee Couto reminded the board of the upcoming elections and thanked Clerk Harrell for the work involved in preparation.

c. Village Manager

11. Future Items of Consideration

a. [Consider Policy on Dark Sky Compliance](#)

Trustee Ircink moved to have the Board consider a policy on Dark Sky Compliance by way of the Public Works Committee. Seconded by Trustee Couto. Barbara Kiley Miller, 4051 noted a similar consideration was asked and asked if the minutes from October 2015 Plan Commission be reviewed to understand why such a policy was not previously implemented.

b. Trustee Stokebrand moved to have the Strategic Initiative discuss the groins at Atwater Beach. Seconded by Trustee Lynn. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

12. The Village Board adjourned into a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss negotiating strategy for police union agreement.

Trustee Stokebrand moved, seconded by Tr. Ircink, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss negotiating strategy for police union agreement at 10:39 p.m. by roll call vote.

The Board discussed strategy regarding the police union agreement.

13. Reconvened into Open Session

Tr. Stokebrand moved, seconded by Tr. Ircink, to reconvene into open session at 10:51 p.m. Motion carried.

14. Tr. Stokebrand moved, seconded by Tr. Ircink to approve the police union agreement 2023-2024. Motion carried 6-0.

15. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Tr. Lynn moved, seconded by Tr. Ircink to adjourn at 10:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Toya Harrell
Village Clerk