

VILLAGE OF WALDO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES FROM
DECEMBER 14, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Mike Hintz; in the absence of President Gary Dekker. Present at the meeting were Trustees Mark Spitz, Jerome Hammarlund, Chris Madgwick, clerk-treasurer Michelle Brecht, and Administrator Bruce Neerhof. Also present were WFD Fire Chief Jason Parrish, WFD Tyler Collins, several WFD representatives, Gary Collins, Amber Sixel and Kris Klein. Of note: The meeting was available for WFD members and Auxiliary to “Zoom” to. This was the first time the Village had the capability to do this.
2. Compliance with the Open Meetings Law was present.
3. The gathering recited the Pledge to the Flag.
4. The Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Budget Public Hearing and November 9, 2020 Village Board meeting were briefly reviewed. Both were approved after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Chris Madgwick.
5. Mike Hintz recognized Chief Jason Parrish as retiring from the Chief position. He shared a list of past Chiefs that included Jerry Wierman, Ben Dekker, Bill Kvindlog, Gary Dekker, and Don Baroun. He thanked Jason for his 12 years serving as Chief and for the countless hours of service that represented. He thanked him for dedication to training and for having the department in “tip-top shape”. He then presented him with an engraved clock as a token of the Village’s appreciation for his service. He also thanked him for choosing to continue serving on the department. Mike Hintz read the engraving aloud: “In acknowledgement of your time, dedication & competency serving the Village of Waldo, Jason Parrish, WFD Fire Chief 2008-2020”.
6. Mike Hintz shared that within the WFD ranks, a willing and capable member had come forward to serve as the new Chief. Tyler Collins was introduced as the new WFD Chief. Michelle administered his oath and thanked him for being willing to serve. The Zoom meeting was closed at this point and the WFD related visitors left the meeting. Kris Klein was the only visitor remaining.
7. At the November meeting the clerk was absent. In her absence there was confusion about an agenda item requesting approval of an Operator’s Liquor License. The confusion was over what an Operator License represented. (An Operator License is commonly called a Bartender’s License.) The license application was brought back to this meeting. Megan Sitzburger was approved for an Operator’s License on behalf of Leicht’s Waldo Café after a motion by Mark Spitz and a second by Jerry Hammarlund.
8. Ordinance 2020-02 was presented. It represents an amendment to Chapter 169.6 of the Waldo Sewer Lateral portion of the Code. The addition to the Code is as follows: “The maintenance and / or replacement of all existing sanitary sewer laterals from the Village main to the road right-of-way line shall be the Village’s responsibility. From the road right-of-way line to building shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property which it serves. For new homes or buildings constructed, the owner of the property served shall be responsible for the installation of the lateral from the building served to the Village main. The Superintendent (or Operator in charge) must be involved in the decision making and oversight of these projects and / or repairs.” Motion to approve as presented: Mark Spitz. Seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. No further discussion. Roll call approval was unanimous, with Gary Dekker absent.
9. The Vouchers were reviewed. Of note was a \$100 credit on the invoice from LiftX. We rent lifts from them when installing and removing streetlight Christmas decorations. They wrote an explanation that read: “Discount-Support of Local Community-Merry Christmas”. Motion to approve checks #15065-15112 plus payroll liabilities for a total of \$63,910.85 was made by Mark Spitz. Seconded by Chris Madgwick. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report included a Budget to Actual spreadsheet with commentaries in the margins. Of note is that the Town of Scott portion of the shared Routes to Recovery money has been spent and the State has reimbursed us. It is estimated that we will end the year with a surplus of about \$4000.00. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Mark Spitz. Seconded: Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.

10. Bruce Neerhof gave an Administrative Report that included the following notes:

- Homestead Development continuing progress
- Christmas Lights up and the Village looks very festive between these lights and residential ones
- Village is ready for winter
- Streetlights are not working in Hunter's Grove. Mike Kitzerow will be working on this.

11. Police Report included the following notes about Waldo:

- 1 speeding ticket
- 2 warnings. 1 for speeding. 1 for trespassing.
- 10 hours and 67 miles

12. Correspondence from clerk included *The Municipality Magazine* and referenced numerous vendor Christmas cards.

13. Reports and Updates from the Board included:

- A copy of the signed garbage contract for 2020 with JD Trucking
- The Clerk handed out draft copies of the pet ordinance to work on. The plan is to try and have the committee meet after the holidays again.
- Town of Scott "Thank you " card was sent
- Notification of April 6, 2021 election and incumbents Gary Dekker, Jerry Hammarlund and Chris Madgwick are circulating nomination papers for re-election
- Mark Spitz wanted to publicly thank the Waldo Fire Department for coming to his home and installing his outdoor Christmas decorations.

14. Public Comment: Kris Klein introduced himself as a representative of Top Shelf Properties. He is also Board member at the Town of Sherman and has been for about 8 years. He shared that he understands what the Board needs to consider with this. He and his partners have an accepted offer on the Waldo Wellness Center property. (This was formerly the Waldo School). They are requesting that the board change the zoning to multi-family residential. Kris said that he wants the Board to "be at ease" that they will not turn into low income, problem, apartments. They have hired an architect and have the goal of remodeling the space into "high end" apartments. They want to keep the structure's appearance and make them show case quality. Kris went to school there and has a personal interest in the structure and the community. He lives nearby and has roots in Waldo. His father Francis Klein worked for years at the Waldo Service Garage; back when there still was a tavern on the corner. The Board thanked him for coming.

15. Motion to adjourn: Chris Madgwick. Seconded: Jerry Hammarlund. Adjourned at 6:08 p.m.