

APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Lisa Anderson.

Present at the meeting were: Trustee Josh Stolzenburg, Trustee Rubina Martini, and Clerk Treasurer Lisa Anderson.

Citizens present: Jared Linzmeier, Karla Leppen, Gary Anderson, Dan Bootz, Tor Anderson, Judah Haas, Stacy and Tarion O'Carroll, Judah Haas, Mark Pearson, Isaiah Miller, Wally Leppen.

Hiring an attorney – Clerk Anderson provided information on an attorney, James Kalny, from Davis Kuelthau, Attorneys at Law, who has served as city attorney for Green Bay and other municipalities and is an expert on municipal law. Other possibilities for attorneys that Josh and Bobby pursued didn't work out. Mr. Kalny is willing to give the village a reduced rate of \$250/hour with billing in increments of .10, or 6 minutes. They estimate that they could provide sufficient advice in about two hours. **M/S, Stolzenburg/Martini**, move to authorize up to \$750 toward hiring a village attorney to advise the board concerning open records laws and related topics, all in favor, motion carried.

Board vacancy – Bobby Bailey has submitted his resignation as village president due to conflicts with his employment. Clerk Anderson provided the board with information regarding their options and responsibilities in filling that seat. According to state statutes, the remaining members of the board may appoint a replacement or they may elect to hold a special election next April and leave the position vacant. There was much discussion with residents in attendance. As defined in local ordinance # 2019-03-12-1, Chapter 2019-03-2 Trustees (B), A village trustee shall be eligible for appointment as village president to fill an unexpired term. The remaining board members determined this was the best course of action. **M/S, Martini/Stolzenburg**, move to appoint Josh Stolzenburg to village president, all in favor, motion carried.

The appointment of Josh Stolzenburg to village president vacates his seat as trustee. There was much discussion with residents about the correct procedures for filling that position. Clerk Anderson read aloud the guidance provide by the WTA attorney (attached to these minutes). It was decided that Josh would create a notice soliciting interest from residents. This will be posted physically in the village in two locations on June 5th by Rubina Martini, and on the website on this date by Clerk Anderson. Responses will be received by Friday, June 7th, in order for the board members to review them by the June 11th meeting. An appointment will be made by the board at that meeting. Clerk Anderson will post the employee handbook on this date to the village website to assist interested residents with understanding the requirements of the position.

5:45 pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer

WTA Attorney Jann Charette: Thanks for the question. Pursuant to s. 17.24(1), Wis. Stats., the vacancy may be filled by appointment by a majority of the members of the village board at a properly noticed board meeting. The board may also opt to hold a special election under s. 17.24(2), Wis. Stats. However, due to the timeline set forth in that provision, the position could remain vacant until a special election is held in April next year. Thus, the remaining board members will have to decide whether that is a prudent move. The remaining board members may determine what to do at a properly noticed meeting. If they choose to move forward with an appointment versus a special election, they can ask for letters of interest and interview the candidates in open session. Or they can just choose to appoint someone without going through that process. It is in their discretion. Whomever they choose, it is always best to appoint someone who will be willing to work with the remaining board members as this person will be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of the term.