

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held via GoToMeeting on January 18, 2021

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted on the public bulletin boards.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Siegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees Buckley, Davis, Demet, Fuda, Saunders, Serebin, and President Siegel.

Also Present: Village Manager Paul Boening
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels
Police Chief Michael Young
Assistant Village Manager Tim Blakeslee
Finance Director/Village Clerk Jaimie Krueger
Director of Public Works John Edlebeck
Director of Building Services, Joel Oestreich
Library Director, Nyama Reed
Deputy Clerk Erin Granstrom

II. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Serebin, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 28, 2020.
2. Claims for December, 2020.
3. Investment Report for December, 2020.
4. Appointment of Andrew Hunt as a regular member of the Board of Appeals for a term to expire in 2021.
5. Appointment of Erin Jelenchick to the Library Board for a term to expire in 2021.
6. Resolution No. 3082 regarding World Migratory Bird Day.
7. Resolution No. 3083 Recognizing January 18, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Trustee Saunders requested to read Resolution No. 3083 aloud in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

III. Report of Village Officers

- 1. Village Manager—No Report**
- 2. Village Attorney—No Report**
- 3. Village President—No Report**
- 4. Miscellaneous Trustees—No Report**

IV. Petitions and Communications

No petitions or communications were submitted.

V. General Business

- 1. Discussion/action on Resolution No. 3084 – Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,695,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A.**

Village Manager, Paul Boening, stated that the Ehlers serves as Financial Advisor to the Village and

periodically reviews our account to determine if there are opportunities for savings. Currently, there is an opportunity to refinance debt that was taken on in 2013. Dawn Gunderson Schiel from Ehlers stated that there were two possible areas to save at this time, however it was decided to only proceed with one option as the other provided a small savings and involves the North Shore Fire Department. Schiel stated that the interest rate on the 2013 debt is 2.25% to 3.5% which is callable starting on April 1, 2021. Timeline is slightly different than in the past as the next board meeting is on a Federal holiday so the financial markets would not be open. Proposed Resolution establishes the parameters for refinancing. Bids would be taken on February 17, 2021. Trustee Fuda inquired the interest rate would be locked in, Schiel stated that it would be on the day the bids are taken, February 17, 2021.

It was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Buckley and unanimously carried that the Village Board adopt Resolution No. 3084 authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,695,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 A.

2. Discussion/action regarding the Cahill Park Community Ice Rink and MOU between the Village of Whitefish Bay and the Milwaukee Winter Club.

President Siegel stated that a large number of comments were received concerning this item, however, she will not be taking public comment. Trustee Serebin stated she is generally in support of the ice rink at Cahill. Serebin stated that the lights seem to be brighter. Public Works Director John Edlebeck stated that they are the same wattage, however, over time they lose brightness so the new lights may appear brighter but are the same. Serebin mentioned that the lights have been on outside of the operational hours of the rink sometimes until 1:30 am. Serebin commented that there is noise from the Zamboni outside operational hours and that the chiller is louder than originally led to believe. Additionally Serebin stated that MWC has not adhered to the schedule, practicing until 9 pm and adding hours at times. She inquired about open skate rules that prohibit figure skating, however, there is hockey going on involving pucks. Serebin mentioned that past discussions stated no games would not be allowed nevertheless games have taken place. The parking lot was blocked off for a long period of time and building materials were there for a long time and were not available to the high school for use. Parking lot usage needs to be discussed prior to tear down. Serebin mentioned that the fencing missing on the Marlborough Dr. side of the rink and the materials sitting out do not look nice and need to be addressed. Trustee Fuda stated that this has become a regional facility but is surrounded by residential houses and the Board has to keep those families as their first and foremost concern. Fuda believes a new structure is required where the Village is the controlling entity. Trustee Saunders supports the ice rink but also mentioned the noise from the chiller and the lights are on too late. Saunders commented on the damage to the tennis courts where there are no rubber mats. Saunders stated there is some confusion on how the public skate hours are listed with hockey listed during public skate hours. Saunders stated that there is a game scheduled for January 27, 2021 between USM and MUH and this is not what the rink was meant for. There will be large crowds and the game will not be down by the hours listed in MOU. Fuda mentioned he asked local high school if they were using the ice and was told they were shut out of the process but do have 1 game scheduled. Serebin asked if the Village approved third party use of the rink. Boening stated he has been in communication on hours but not on third party usage. Saunders stated he feels there should be a mask mandate at the rink. Trustee Davis stated noise and light pollution needs to be addressed. Trustee Buckley agreed lights and Zamboni issues need to adhere to hours set in MOU. Buckley stated that for the public health aspect there were only scrimmages discussed, not games, and that social distancing needs to be adhered to or policed. Trustee Demet reinforced the residents around the rink take priority. President Siegel is not in favor of mask mandate and thinks MWC should be treated the same as tennis in terms of when the lights are on.

Mike Lindemann, President of MWC, apologize for lights and noise. In terms of being on late, issues came up at setting up rink causing lights to be on due to emergencies requiring work outside of operational hours. Lindemann mentioned that the Village's contribution was fixed and throughout the process, additional costs arose that MWC covered. For games spectators are limited to 2 per skater, no loudspeaker is used, only whistles to reduce noise. Since one rink is shut down and there is reduced ice time at USM there was a need to schedule games at Cahill. During public skate hours the rink manager "plays to the crowd" as if there is part of the rink for hockey. Rink 2 should be operational soon which would allow for separating hockey and public skate based on numbers.

Bob Peschel, rink manager, commented on issues resulting in lights being on late and stated they are working to adhere to MOU hours. Steps have been taken to lessen the noise from the chiller and the parking lot has been opened up for use by the high school. Peschel stated that adding the fencing on Marlborough will be investigated. He stated there are "no hockey" and blended hours during public skate

where pond hockey is played on part of rink. In terms of damage to the courts the preconstruction report will be turned over to the Village. A plan for the process of tear down will be starting next week.

Trustee Serebin stated that the Village Board should be present and part of discussions on issues. Trustee Fuda pointed out that a 7 pm game would not be over until 9:30 pm, which is outside of operational hours and Lindemann commented that the game would have to be adjusted. There was discussion on the number of spectators and the enforcement of the 2 spectators per skater rule. Trustee Saunders encouraged MWC to come the Village Board when there are any issues. Lindemann informed the Board that masks are required by WAHA during MWC hours and MWC cannot control this during public skate.

President Siegel proposed that the Board put together a letter for next steps and have a meeting later this week with MWC to work through issues raised.

Agenda items No. 3 through 6 were referred to the Public Works Committee by request of Trustee Davis and following consensus from the Board.

- 3. Discussion/action on Ordinance No. 1876 to revise the Stormwater Management Code.**
- 4. Discussion/action on Ordinance No. 1877 to repeal and recreate the Water Code.**
- 5. Discussion/action on Ordinance No. 1878 to create Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code (Plumbing Code).**
- 6. Discussion/action on Ordinance No. 1879 to create Chapter 21 of the Municipal Code (Sanitary Sewer Code).**

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Serebin, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Erin Granstrom
Deputy Clerk