

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held via GoToMeeting on April 19, 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
Assistant Village Manager Tim Blakeslee
Director of Building Services Joel Oestreich
Finance Director/Clerk Jaimie Krueger
Interim Police Chief Patrick Whitaker
Library Director Nyama Reed
Deputy Clerk Erin Granstrom

II. Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2021.
2. Investment Report for March, 2021.
3. Ordinance No. 1883 to repeal and recreate Section 15-6E of the Municipal Code pertaining to "Class B" Alcohol Licenses.
4. Village President's recommended appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

III. Report of Village Officers

1. **Village Attorney**—No Report
2. **Village Manager**—Boening thanked both Trustee Davis and Trustee Saunders for their service on the Village Board and the committees that they have served.
3. **Village President**— No Report
4. **Miscellaneous Trustees**—No Report

IV. Petitions and Communications

Two letters were received and emailed to Trustees earlier today.

V. General Business

1. **Discussion/action on Ordinance 1884 pertaining to compensation for Village President and Village Trustees.**

Per discussion at April 5, 2021 Village Board Meeting it was proposed to increase Village President pay to \$2,400 per year and \$1,200 for Village Trustees.

It was moved by Trustee Davis, seconded by Trustee Demet and unanimously carried that the Village Board adopt Ordinance No. 1884 pertaining to compensation for Village President and Village Trustees.

2. Discussion regarding options and procedures for filling Village Board vacancies.

Village Manager, Paul Boening, stated that in light of President Siegel's announcement during the last board meeting that she will be vacating her position in late May the Board will have to consider how they would like to proceed following her resignation. State statutes state that the authority to fill the vacant position lies with the Village Board. The statutes state how to fill the vacancy but do not outline a specific procedure for doing so. President Siegel's term is through April of 2023. Boening outlined options for the board: (1) leave position vacant for one or two years; (2) appoint a President for one year and place Village President on April 2022 ballot; (3) appoint a President for the remaining two years of President Siegel's term. Commonly a sitting Trustee is appointed to fill the President vacancy but is not required. President Siegel commented that it would make sense for one of the sitting Board members to be appointed President and then the Board take community applications for filling the Trustee vacancy. The two years are recommended to prevent the possibility of having 4 Presidents in 4 years. President Siegel reached out to Trustee Buckley as he has institutional knowledge and the time to serve as President. Trustee Davis inquired if it is possible for Trustee Saunders could fill a Trustee vacancy. To fill the Trustee position the board would have to discuss the procedure for filling the vacancy which could be either by application or nomination.

3. The Village Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, conducting other specified business whenever competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session – specifically regarding the MOU for the Community Ice Rink.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Fuda and unanimously carried that the Village Board convene into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, conducting other specified business whenever competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session – specifically regarding the MOU for the Community Ice Rink.

Trustee Buckley moved, seconded by Trustee Fuda to return to Open Session at 7:05pm. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote, 7-0.

Trustee Serebin moved, seconded by Trustee Saunders to provide notice to the Milwaukee Winter Club that the Village will not be exercising the auto renewal clause in the ice rink MOU. The notice does not preclude a new ice rink proposal and MOU. Ongoing conversation is anticipated and welcomed. Motion Carried, 7-0.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Davis, and unanimously carried by the Village Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Erin Granstrom
Deputy Clerk