

## REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held via GoToMeeting on May 17, 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, Demet, Fuda (arrived at 6:22 pm), Haller, Koltun, Serebin, and President Siegel.

Also Present: Village Manager Paul Boening  
Village Attorney Chris Jaekels  
Assistant Village Manager Tim Blakeslee  
Finance Director Jaimie Krueger  
Director of Building Services Joel Oestreich  
Interim Police Chief Patrick Whitaker  
Library Director Nyama Reed  
Deputy Clerk Erin Granstrom

### **II. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Trustee Demet, seconded by Trustee Buckley, and carried by the Village Board 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 3, 2021.
2. Claims for April, 2021.
3. Investment Report for April, 2021.
4. Appointment of Samuel Schultz to the Architectural Review Commission for a term to expire in 2022.
5. Temporary Class B Beer/Wine License for the Civic Foundations July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival.
6. Temporary Class B Wine License for the Whitefish Bay Business Improvement District's Wine Walk events on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>.
7. Temporary Class B Beer License for the Whitefish Bay Business Improvement District's Beer Walk on July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
8. Certified Survey Map to combine Lots 1 and 2 of CSM No. 8551 at 5866 N Shore Drive.

### **III. Report of Village Officers**

1. **Village Attorney**—No Report
2. **Village Manager**—Recognized Julie Siegel in her last meeting as president and thanked her for her service on the board and to the community.
3. **Village President**—No Report
4. **Miscellaneous Trustees**—No Report

### **IV. Petitions and Communications**

No Petitions and Communications.

### **V. General Business**

**1. Resolution 3088 - Proclaiming May 15<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Public Works Week” in the Village of Whitefish Bay.**

Trustee Serebin read the proclamation.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Haller and carried by the Village Board 6-0 to adopt Resolution 3088 proclaiming May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup> as “Public Works Week” in the Village of Whitefish Bay.

**2. Discussion/action on contract awards for the 2021 EAB Treatment Program.**

Village Manager Boening summarized the EAB Treatment Program and bids received for the 2021 program. Public Works staff has recommended awarding the contract to M&M Tree Care in the amount of \$84, 485.75.

Trustee Buckley moved, seconded by Trustee Serebin and carried by the Village Board 6-0 to award the 2021 EAB Treatment Project to M&M Tree Care in the total amount of \$84,485.75 with funds coming from account # 88000-542.

**3. Discussion/action regarding holding the June 7<sup>th</sup> Village Board Meeting in-person for facilitation of the pending Village President appointment process.**

Boening explained that since President Siegel has submitted her resignation and will no longer be president for the next Village Board meeting. The Village Board will have to discuss and possibly appoint a president at this meeting. There are no regulations on how to fill the vacancy, however, the board could decide to cast paper ballots which would be easier in person. If there is an appointment it would take effect immediately and an oath of office would be required which again would be easier if the meeting was held in person. Village Trustees are comfortable meeting in person for the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Trustee Serebin motioned, seconded by Trustee Haller and carried by the Village Board 5-0, President Siegel abstained, to hold the June 7<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting in person.

**4. Discussion/Action regarding the status of Ordinance No. 1869 (face coverings).**

Boening reviewed the recent CDC guidance on face coverings. Current Whitefish Bay Ordinance is set to expire on June 30, 2021. The Whitefish Bay Business Improvement District (BID) supports rescinding the mandate allowing individual businesses to decide if they would require face coverings going forward. Trustee Koltun inquired how other municipalities are responding to the recent guidance. The Village of Shorewood is meeting right now and the City of Milwaukee is reviewing guidance. The North Shore Health Department stated that it would be hard to enforce a face covering mandate with the new guidance. Trustee Haller mentioned that the library system would like to have face coverings continued to be required and can do so even if the ordinance is rescinded. The school district would do the same. Trustee Buckley inquired who has the authority in the library and other municipal buildings to require face coverings. Attorney Jaekels stated the library board and Village Manager with direction from the Village Board maintain that authority. Trustee Serebin asked how the Police Department would enforce if the ordinance is rescinded. Interim Chief Whitaker would enforce similar to trespassing. Trustee Demet suggested amending the mandate to individuals that are fully vaccinated would not be required to have a face covering. Trustee Buckley suggested adding an exception to the mandate for fully vaccinated individuals. President Siegel stated she supports rescinding the mandate as it is not enforceable.

Trustee Fuda motioned, seconded by Trustee Haller and carried by the Village Board 7-0 to rescind Ordinance 1869 effective immediately.

**5. 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 negotiations with special counsel and other consultants to provide assistance on traffic, zoning and land development matters.**

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Trustee Buckley moved, seconded by Trustee Fuda to return to Open Session at 6:51 pm. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote, 7-0.

**VI. Adjourn**

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Fuda, seconded by Trustee Buckley to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Motion Carried 7-0.

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Erin Granstrom  
Deputy Clerk