

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

September 3, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Village Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Twin Lakes, WI

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SKINNER AT 6:30 PM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL

CALL: Present: Trustees Bill Kaskin, Barb Andres, Aaron Karow, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ken Perl, President Howard Skinner. Absent: Trustee Sharon Bower. Also Present: Administrator Laura Jager, Police Chief Katie Hall, Clerk Sabrina Waswo.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

Peggy Pytko, 1937 Sunset Dr., had concerns about the golf cart parade and believes the board needs to consider the entire community, not just a small group of people. She suggested that police should issue tickets, and fines should be increased.

Lorrie Williamson, 1815 Esch Rd., had concerns about the police not enforcing the ordinances regarding the junk cars on her neighbor's property.

PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE SHARON BOWER - ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, JUDICIARY, LICENSING

Presentation by CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) regarding the 2023 audit findings.

CLA, the Village's auditors, provided a presentation on the 2023 audit. Internal controls have been deficient for many years due to the small number of staff. The auditors stated that this is a common finding in smaller municipalities.

Review of 2025 Budget Timeline.

Administrator Jager stated that the first budget meeting will be in October. We will meet three more times before the budget is approved on November 18th.

Update on insurance renewal.

The property insurance deductible of \$10,000 was a typo. The correct deductible is \$1,000.

TRUSTEE KEVIN FITZGERALD - STREETS & ROADS, EQUIPMENT, STREET LIGHTS, WEEDS, LAKE PLANNING AND PROTECTION

Discussion regarding the 2025 Road Project.

The road projects were presented. Greg Droessler stated that the project for 'Indian Point Road to the Split' is a loose end from a prior project that needs to be addressed. This will be included in the bid as an added item and will only be done if the bid for the rest of the project comes in under budget.

Discussion regarding two quotes from Asphalt Contractors Inc.

Droessler was aware of the portion by the lift station where part of the project was eliminated last year due to concerns about settling. The decision was made to allow the area to remain gravel and patch it the next time we had a paver in town.

Discussion regarding a requested speed study for Highway O.

A resident approached Administrator Jager requesting a speed study. Both the Town of Randall and the Village of Twin Lakes need to pass a resolution to conduct the study. The Town of Randall has already passed a resolution supporting the speed study. The current speed limit is 45 mph, and the proposal is to reduce it to 35 mph. Trustee Karow can also speak with the County Director of Highways to get the County's perspective. Fitzgerald and Karow agree with the 35 mph limit. A resolution will be brought to the board.

TRUSTEE KEN PERL - POLICE, FIRE, LAKE CONTROL, PARKS AND BEACHES

Discussion regarding a School Resource Officer.

Robert Antholine, District Administrator of Randall School District and Twin Lakes District #4, spoke in support of a School Resource Officer. Randall School has already approved 50% of an officer's salary for this year in their budget and up to 50% in next year's budget. He is hoping to partner with the Twin Lakes Police Department and Twin Lakes District #4 to share the services. He is a proponent of an SRO and feels it helps improve culture and climate, assists with family disputes, bridges connections with kids both in and out of school, and develops relationships and rapport with officers. The officer would need to provide monthly reports to the Police Department, School Boards, and the State.

Chief Hall has applied for a grant but won't know if it has been approved until October. The grant could provide \$125,000 over the course of 3 years, with \$55,000 in the first year, \$45,000 in the second year, and \$25,000 in the third year. The Village is only eligible for the grant if adding a new position; it cannot be used for a current officer position. The goal of the grant is to help fund the position so that municipalities can incorporate it into their budget.

Robert stated, at present, the SRO is only for Randall School. He plans to discuss the possibility of expanding this with the Twin Lakes District #4 School Board during their upcoming meetings, as their budget cycle starts in October. He has seen shared partnerships with splits of 60%/40% or 70%/30%. Chief Hall mentioned that Lakewood had expressed strong interest in the past. It was noted that the position does not come with a vehicle. The officer would return to the police department during the summer months.

Captain Bauer spoke on the benefits of the SRO, noting safety, response time in emergencies, crisis intervention, bullying prevention, drug prevention, and internet safety.

Update on November EMS Referenda.

The board has decided to put the EMS services to referendum again, which will be on the November ballot. The proposed amount has been lowered from \$526,000 to \$450,000. This will be a binding referendum, meaning if it passes, it will remain on tax bills indefinitely. The board is also in discussion with other communities on EMS options, but no decisions have been made yet. The two communities served by the Twin Lakes Fire Department have passed their referendums, so they would be able to contribute a portion of the funding.

The board emphasized the importance of informing the public about the referendum and the implications if it does not pass. Skinner stated that if the referendum fails, the Village would be forced to borrow money to fund the services, potentially costing more. There is a common misconception that taxes will increase due to revaluation, which is not necessarily true. The board also considered various ways to market the referendum, including open houses and social media. Liz Kinney suggested creating three-minute videos.

TRUSTEE BARB ANDRES - SEWER, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, YOUTH, LIBRARY

The Village will be hosting an Open House at the Sewer Plant on Thursday, September 12th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT HOWARD SKINNER

Discussion regarding an Event Permit for a Lake Elizabeth Manor Golf Cart Parade on September 22nd. The Board discussed the event permit but expressed disappointment that the applicant did not attend the meeting. Several restrictions were discussed, including a possible police escort, start and end times, the number of attendees in the parade, and the arrangement of vehicles (lead and last vehicle, and the need for everyone to stay in order). To guarantee a police escort, an officer would need to be paid overtime, which the group would have to reimburse.

The Fire Chief disapproved the permit, citing a recent accident involving a golf cart in that subdivision. However, he would be open to approval if all golf carts meet "road or street" legal requirements, including

headlights, tail lights, and turn signals. He would agree to waive this requirement if the front and rear vehicles have working flashing lights, such as hazard lights or an amber light on top of the golf cart.

The Board would like the event chair to attend the next meeting with more information about the event, including a plan to address the above restrictions.

ADJOURN – Skinner/Andres motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk