

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:37 PM BY PRESIDENT SKINNER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Kaskin, Barb Andres, Ken Perl, Aaron Karow, President Howard Skinner.

Absent: Sharon Bower. Also Present: Administrator Laura Jager, Police Chief Katie Hall, PW Foreman Stan Clause, Clerk Sabrina Waswo

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT: *Skinner/Fitzgerald Corporate Checking (including General Fund, Sanitation, Capital Projects-E/M, Sewer Utility, Lake Rehab, Sewer Hook-Up, Sewer Replacement, and Tax Account): 36425-36490, 478-489 Expenses – \$486,183.29. Motion carried 6-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Skinner/Andres motion to approve the September 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried 6-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS: None.

PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

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

Fitzgerald/Skinner motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Kenosha County and the Village of Twin Lakes for Stormwater maintenance and drainage facilities on East Lakeshore Drive.

Kenosha County stated if there was a serious issue they would step in and help. *Motion carried 6-0.*

TRUSTEE AARON KAROW - BUILDING AND ZONING, PLAN COMMISSION, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

September 2024 Building Permits: 36; Valuation: \$526,827.98, Fees Collected: \$6,611.61

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

September 2024 Code Enforcement: Active Cases: 11, Closed Cases: 4

Perl/Skinner motion to approve a quote from Gencomm for a radio in the amount of \$9,341.48. Motion carried 6-0.

Perl/Skinner motion to approve a quote from Ultra Strobe Communications Inc for a squad build in the amount of \$15,367.34. Perl rescinded the motion. Skinner withdrew his second.

Perl/Skinner motion to approve the squad build from a company not to exceed \$15,367.34. Motion carried 6-0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT HOWARD SKINNER

2025 Budget Workshop #1

The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Monday, November 4, will be canceled. Instead, a Special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:00 pm to incorporate election results into the budgeting process.

The budget is over by \$1 million, mainly due to \$450,000 for rescue personnel, \$600,000 for road projects from reserve funds, and \$267,611 over last year's expenses. Half of the police department's budget increase comes from wage and insurance costs, with additional expenses in training, equipment (e.g., squad cars, drone, wellness), and the possible addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO) with partial funding from Lakewood and Randall School Districts.

Public Works Budget & Equipment: PW will replace one zero-turn mower in 2025 estimated at \$13,075. Next year, PW will undertake a \$750,000 road project funded by reserves.

Downtown Beautification: Support expressed for maintaining downtown flowers.

Cemetery Upgrades: Donations will fund repainting. Suggested charging for memorial bricks and increasing non-resident fees to help fund maintenance costs.

Future Equipment Needs: An F550 dump truck will need replacing by 2026. Salt costs have risen; currently storing salt with Kenosha County. Additional revenue could come from enforcing winter parking restrictions.

Code Enforcement: Program to continue. Consideration to revise building/zoning contracts to a percentage basis for cost flexibility.

Chloride Rebate Program: The program remains in place; only a small amount of this year's \$30,000 allocation has been used.

Fees and Fines Review: Licensing fees, building & zoning fees, and fines have not been raised in over 15 years. An increase is under consideration, especially for disorderly conduct fines, which could go from \$176 to up to \$1,000.

The board agreed to continue assessing these areas for the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Skinner/Karow motion to go into closed session for the following reasons:

1. Pursuant to Wis. §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding Police Department collective bargaining agreement expiring December 31, 2024.
2. Pursuant to Wis. §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding Public Works and Sewer collective bargaining agreement expiring December 31, 2024 3.) Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c) and (e) related to employment, compensation, promotion, or performance evaluation for the purposes of reviewing Public Works Foreman candidates (Roll Call Vote)

Roll Call: Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Kaskin, Ken Perl, Barb Andres, Aaron Karow, President Skinner. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Andres/Skinner motion to return to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session. Motion carried 5-0 to go into open session at 8:26 p.m.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the Police Union contract as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve a wage increase of 3.3% (CPI) for public works, sewer, and the rest of the village hall employees. Motion carried 6-0.

Andres/Skinner motion to extend an offer to Al Stop for the Public Works Foreman position. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN – Skinner/Andres motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk