

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Present: Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Kaskin, Barb Andres, Ken Perl, President Howard Skinner. Arrived Late: Aaron Karow. Absent: Sharon Bower. Also Present: Administrator Laura Jager, Police Chief Katie Hall, 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): 36260-36322, 1564-1567, 416-444 Expenses – \$768,218.99. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the July 1, 2024 Joint Plan Commission and Special Village Board Meeting; July 15, 2024 Regular Board Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS:

Peggy Pytko, 1937 Sunset Dr, is concerned about the ATV's, and believes they are dangerous.

Phil Johnson, 2506 Sherman Ln, thanked the Board for doing their due diligence in bringing this forward. ATV's and UTV's are extremely popular and he looks forward to the ordinance passing.

Aaron Karow arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Dan Wallace, 1532 Sunset Dr, voiced his support and encouraged the Board to adopt the UTV/ATV ordinance.

PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE SHARON BOWER - ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, JUDICIARY, LICENSING

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the "Class A"/Class "A" Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage Appointment of Agent, Jean Pikalek, for Twinkot Ltd DBA Berkot's Super Foods, 600 N Lake Ave. Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve a new Short-Term Rental Application for:

- 701 Lake St., Jessica Reese-Owner.
- 605 Vincent Rd., Lakeside Manor LLC-Owner, Brian Walmsley-Property Manager.
- 503 Wilmot Rd., Lakeside Manor LLC-Owner, Brian Walmsley-Property Manager.
- 604 Lake St., Harry Nicodem-Owner.

Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the Village's General Liability Insurance and other coverage with R&R Insurance. The crime policy was changed from Liberty to LWMMI due to cost. Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve an Event Permit for the American Legion for a Craft and Vendor Fair on September 14, 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the purchase of cameras for West Side Park. This system has the ability to add more cameras when necessary. Motion carried 5 to 1 with Trustee Kaskin voting "no".

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

July 2024 Building Permits: 18; Valuation: \$1,643,245.00, Fees Collected: \$17,430.56

Consideration of action taken at the August 14th Plan Commission meeting:

Karow/Skinner motion to approve a Design Review Plan for Complete Water Solutions (851 W. Main St) parcel 85-4-119-204-1500. Motion carried 6-0.

Karow/Skinner motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Diedrich Family Farm (2000 Richmond Rd) parcel 86-4-119-304-1001. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Perl/Fitzgerald motion to approve Resolution R2024-8-1 Adopting the Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Link to Plan: [CAPR No. 278 \(4th Edition\) - Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2023-2028 \(sewrpc.org\)](#). This is in regards to FEMA funding. Motion carried 6-0.

Perl/Skinner motion to approve Ordinance 2024-8-1 Pertaining to Boating. The ordinance will be published and sent to the DNR before it takes effect. This brings our code into compliance with state regulations. The regulation is an updated fire extinguisher requirement. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion regarding EMS funding referenda results.

Skinner feels that there wasn't enough public education on the matter. If we don't address this, the Village will be forced to borrow funds to cover the cost. This is a state regulation, and we are required to provide the service. Borrowing the funds will result in additional expenses for the Village.

Administrator Jager stated that people were concerned about the new assessed values of their properties. She read an email from Ehler's, which indicated that it's difficult to provide exact numbers on the impact of the revaluation since we won't have the updated assessed values until after the August 13th election. We expect to receive the values in October. On a high level the \$54 per \$100,000 of value should decrease as assessed values increase. Whether the overall tax impact will be higher or lower depends on how much a property's value increases compared to the Village as a whole. Properties re-assessed with a lower increase will see a lower impact than we are currently modeling; the opposite is true for properties with a higher increase. If we assume all homes are equally impacted by the re-assessment, the \$162 impact on a \$300,000 home would remain \$162 on the re-assessed value of \$400,000. If the Village's reassessment goes up by 10% and your home also increases by 10%, the impact remains \$54 per \$100,000. However, if your reassessment increases by 15% while the rest of the Village increases by 10%, the impact would rise to \$60 or \$70 per \$100,000. The opposite scenario also applies.

Even if your property value doubles, the Village still needs the same amount or is only allowed to increase by 2%. While the percentage might be slightly higher, it should not be drastically different. Fitzgerald feels we could have done more to explain that our current department is largely volunteer-based, and we will need to gradually transition to a different model; this is just the beginning of that process. Although we will find the money for it, it won't be easy, and theoretically, we could lose other services. Skinner agreed that the funds have to be made up somewhere. The board will continue discussions with EMS to refine costs and engage with Salem Lakes.

Skinner feels the board should place the referendum back on the ballot for November. Fitzgerald suggested giving Administrator Jager a chance to explore our options and see if we can lower the amount. Skinner believes the dollar amount should remain the same. Fitzgerald emphasized that the board has always been extremely fiscally responsible and wants to explore more options. Skinner suggested scheduling the next meetings to see what discussions arise with the departments and Salem Lakes.

July 2024 Code Enforcement: Active Cases: 9, Closed Cases: 3

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

Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance 13.04.230 Sewer Service Charges, New Construction. This ordinance was brought forward due to a complaint. Andres believes that four months is not enough time to build a house. Karow suggested extending the timeframe to six or eight months to alleviate concerns.

Andres/Fitzgerald motion to approve Ordinance 13.04.230 Sewer Service Charges, New Construction changing the sewer service commencement to 6 months after the date the building permit is issued for new construction. Motion carried 6-0.

Andres/Skinner motion to approve a quote from Great Lakes TV/Seal for Sewer Main Repairs. Quote was originally approved for Visu-Sewer; however, they are unable to complete the project. Motion carried 6-0.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT HOWARD SKINNER

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to appoint Jordan Cates to the Board of Appeals and Park Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Fitzgerald Ordinance 2024-8-2 Pertaining to All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility-Terrain Vehicles
Several key points were addressed. Fitzgerald expressed was not in favor of implementing this village-wide, preferring it only for specific areas, such as subdivisions and down to piers. He also suggested addressing golf carts at the same time; however, Skinner believed the issues should be discussed separately.

Andres remained opposed to the ordinance, citing no new information to change her stance. Perl shared insights from Elkhorn, where a similar ordinance was passed without issues. Karow provided a detailed comparison with other municipalities, highlighting the importance of strong enforcement and noting that issues such as noise and accidents were minimal when proper enforcement was in place.

The group discussed the necessity of proper signage and potential costs, with members of the community providing donations to cover the sign expenses. There was also a discussion about where UTVs/ATVs would be allowed, particularly in relation to parks, private roads/subdivisions, and the need to align the ordinance with state statutes.

Karow/Skinner motion to amend the ordinance to add language after the word village in section 10.45.050, to read, "...by the village, except where motor vehicles are allowed." Motion carried 6-0.

Skinner/Karow motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

The ordinance is not valid until it is published and sent to the DNR. Routes will not be open until all the proper signage is installed. Skinner recommended forming a club for maintaining signage and monitoring compliance.

Golf carts will be addressed at a later time, with the understanding that state statutes handle them differently from UTVs/ATVs.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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
Roll Call: Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Bill Kaskin, Ken Perl, Barb Andres, Aaron Karow, President Skinner. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:48 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Skinner/Andres 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 6-0 to go into open session at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURN – Skinner/Andres motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk

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