



MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

TIME: 6:30pm

LOCATION: Combined Locks Civic Center,
Council Chambers, 405 Wallace Street

MINUTES

- A. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Village President Neumeier at 6:30pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- C. Roll call:** Board members present – Neumeier, Schinke, Leicht, Heckner, Rietveld, Ponto, and Stutzman. Board members absent – None. Village staff present – Administrator Shampo-Giese, Public Works Director Swick, and Assistant Public Works Director Weyenberg. Others present – Michael Leidig of Robert E Lee & Associates and several residents.
- 1. Public comment for matters not on the agenda:** None
 - 2. Review and consider approval of Special Exception for Culver's drive-thru restaurant in The Locks Business Park:** The Administrator and Trustee Heckner reported on the Plan Commission's unanimous recommendation to approve the special exception for Culver's. The recommendation comes with a few conditions including extension of the 6' vinyl fence all the way to the west lot line, heavier landscaping for the south west corner of the property and final review by the Village's engineer and staff. Mr. Leidig explained that the conditions will be met, and building is expected to start this fall. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the special exception with the conditions as recommended by the Plan Commission. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 3. Review and consider approval of CSM to realign lot lines for lots 10 and 11 in The Locks Business Park:** The Culver's owners are also buying lot 10 in The Locks Business Park. The lot is adjacent to the Culver's lot and will be used to construct an office for the owners. As part of the site plan for Culver's the owners would like to change the shared lot line to make lot 10 slightly larger and accommodate the future office building. The Plan Commission has recommended approval of the CSM. The matter was discussed. T. Stutzman made a motion to approve the CSM to realign the lot lines for lots 10 and 11 in The Locks Business Park. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 4. Review and consider action to reconsider an ordinance allowing chicken and other fowl keeping within the Village:** President Neumeier addressed the audience with the information received about Senate Bill 912, which did not receive enough votes to pass. He also explained that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities opposes any legislation that removes local autonomy. He did agree that the bill will be reintroduced sometime in 2025. He then asked the audience for any comments. Residents supporting an ordinance for fowl keeping in the Village thanked the trustees for hearing their request. They also asked the trustees if there were any additional questions for them. Trustee Leicht stated that he has talked with several residents about the topic. Many said they never thought about what fowl keeping in the Village would mean but were somewhat interested in getting more information. President Neumeier reminded the residents that a board member who voted no when the matter was last considered must make a motion to consider a vote on the matter again. He stated that he does not believe that farm animals belong in the Village is will not make the motion. Trustee Schinke also said he would not make the motion, and Trustee Heckner agreed stating that the residents he spoke with are vehemently against fowl keeping in the Village.

5. **Hear update on Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO from Trustee Heckner:** Trustee Heckner reported information he received during the kickoff meeting of the Appleton (Fox Cities) MPO. He explained that population and land use changes are driving the need for the updated MPO which will give municipalities a voice in coordinating road and bridge construction projects. Communities with a minimum population of 5000 are voting members, but communities with a lower population are still able to voice concerns and support for upcoming projects. Trustee Heckner will keep our Village Board updated.
6. **Other business, updates and future agenda items**
 - a) **Final 2024 Village Board meeting schedule: 10/01, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, (budget hearing and approval), 12/03, and 12/17 (if needed):** The trustees confirmed these dates.
7. **Consider motion to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. *Wages and benefits for 2025 budget preparations:*** T. Stutzman made a motion to move into closed session. B. Schinke seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
8. **Consider motion to return to open session; action if appropriate:** B. Schinke made a motion to return to open session. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. J. Ponto made a motion to approve the health insurance plan and 30% incentive for employees who opt out. M. Rietveld seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
9. **Adjourn:** A. Leicht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ponto seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.