

# VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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**OCONOMOWOC LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MONDAY, May 20, 2024**  
**Unofficial until approved by the Village Board.**  
**Approved as written  or with corrections ( ) on 6/17/24**

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake was held on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance:

Present: President Bickler and Trustees: Zimmermann, Waltersdorf, Taylor, Fellows and Fischer

Excused: Trustee Sheahan

Also present: Administrator/Police Chief Janicsek, Attorney Macy and Village Clerk, Teri Sayles

## ATTENDANCE

Ed Johnson (N Beach Rd); Mark & Kim Loehrer (3720 Lalumiere)

## MINUTES

### Discussion/action regarding approval of minutes from the April 15, 2024 Village Board meeting

Motion (Fellows/Waltersdorf) to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024 Village Board meeting. Carried Unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to Open Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items at 7:01 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

Ed Johnson (N Beach Rd) thanked the board for observing his birthday at a recent board meeting. Mark Loehrer (3720 Lalumiere) spoke against making changes to the ordinance to control fires.

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to Close Meeting to Public Comment on Agenda items at 7:03 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Bickler updated the board on the sale of Pabst Road property in the area concern related to the traffic study. The new owner has no plans to develop the property.

A History Committee meeting asked if the village is willing to build a new website, Mr. Bickler stated the issue may be brought to the board in the future.

## VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Trustee Fischer met with the village assessor regarding valuation of properties where homes are razed. He suggests more value be placed on land where homes are older than 25 years.

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Trustee Fischer stated the village received \$875,000 minus a 6% commission for the 2 lots that sold in the Lalumiere subdivision. He will put together a summary of the cost of the property plus all expenses for improvements and come back to the board with the result.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR**

##### **Discussion/action regarding the 2024 fireworks contract.**

We currently have \$29,930 in donations for the show. Chief Janicsek asked the board to approve the contract for his signature, the final contract amount will reflect donations given through the June board meeting

Motion (Zimmermann/Taylor) to approve the Administrator signing the 2024 Fireworks contract and return same to Wolverine. *Carried Unanimously.*

##### **Discussion/action regarding bridge inspections on Hewitt's Point and Valentine Road.**

Bridge inspections are due on both Hewitt's Point and Valentine Roads. This is a budgeted item and the contract is for \$2,100.

Motion (Fischer/Waltersdorf) to approve the contract for bridge inspections on Hewitt's Point and Valentine Roads and direct Chief Janicsek to sign the same. *Carried Unanimously.*

##### **Discussion/action regarding the traffic study for Pabst Road.**

Because of its' length, the result of the traffic study was emailed to board members. The conclusion indicates there will not be a significant impact on traffic operations on Pabst Road. Board members disagreed with some of the findings. President Bickler would like to meet with TADI at a future staff meeting to get further information. Attorney Macy stated as a next step the village has the right to create a controlled access ordinance detailing what we want for intersections on Pabst Road.

No action taken.

##### **Discussion/action regarding Ordinance 331, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 195 Entitled Ordinance to Control Fires.**

The proposed ordinance section 1 adds the allowance for specific controlled burn projects as in prairie management and for control of invasive species. There is also an addition to Section 2 providing for fire pits and campfires not to exceed 3 ft wide, 3 ft long by 3 ft high.

Motion (Zimmermann/Fellows) to suspend the rules to hear from the public. *Carried Unanimously.*

Trustee Fischer asked clarifying questions to audience member concern regarding burning.

Motion (Zimmermann/Fischer) to approve Ordinance 331, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 195 Entitled Ordinance to Control Fires. *Carried Unanimously.*

#### **POLICE CHIEF**

##### **Police Department Monthly Report for May 2024.**

Chief Janicsek stated there were 5678 patrol miles with 303 calls and 40 citations in April. No repairs or maintenance.

#### **PLAN COMMISSION**

No agenda items.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

No report.

**HISTORY BOARD**

The History Committee will meet on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

**ATTORNEY**

Attorney Macy requested an update on the sewer REQ's for the condo lot be placed on the June agenda.

**TREASURER**

**Discussion/action regarding approval of checks 50013 through 50068 and all electronic payments.**

Motion (Waltersdorf/Fellows) to approve check 50013 through 50068 and all electronic payments. *Carried Unanimously.*

**Discussion/action regarding acceptance of donations received from Village residents, as noted on Exhibit A, designated for use toward the fireworks display in July of 2024.**

Motion (Fischer/Waltersdorf) to accept donations received from Village residents, as noted on Exhibit A, designated for use toward the fireworks display in July of 2024.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Discussion regarding the monthly operating statement for May 2024.**

Trustee Fischer stated the village continues to earn interest on investments that exceed projections and building permit fees have come up. Line 124 reflects the cost of the engineering studies for the wood lot and Hewitts Point Road. Truck Maintenance overage is due to December 2023 repairs that were paid for in January 2024.

**Discussion/action regarding approval of the 2023 Financial Audit.**

Trustee Fischer reviewed the Management Discussion & Analysis portion of the audit report. Total assets are up 7.65% over 2022 and Liabilities down 28.4%. The total fund balance at the end of the year \$1,272,494, an increase of 13.37% over 2022. The village ended 2023 with \$255,000 surplus. Suggested uses of the surplus are for improvements to the wood lot, village walls or future investments.

Motion (Fischer/Waltersdorf) to approve the 2023 Financial Audit. *Carried Unanimously.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

President Bickler stated leadership for the 7 municipalities have all approved the hiring of an independent company to do a study on the cost allocation for the fire department. The study will be complete and member communities will meet to review the results before next year's budget preparations.

**Discussion/action regarding Fire Commission and Fire Board appointments.**

President Bickler stated the terms of Deborah White and Martin Gallun were up for re-appointment and both are willing to continue to serve.

Motion (Waltersdorf/Zimmermann) to appoint Deborah White to the Fire Commission and Martin Gallun to the Fire Board. *Carried Unanimously.*

**April Fire Department Report**

The Lake Country Fire & Rescue April Report was in the packet.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

No agenda items.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD (ACB)**

Minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting were in the packet.

**CLERK**

No report.

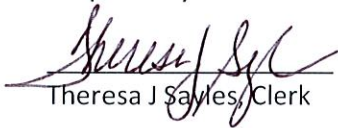
**COMMUNICATIONS**

A notice from the City of Delafield regarding text amendments in their zoning code was added to the packet.

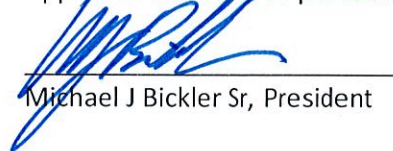
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion being heard, a motion (Fischer/Zimmermann) to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m.,  
*Carried Unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Theresa J Sayles, Clerk

Approved and ordered posted by:

  
Michael J Bickler Sr, President