

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of
October 13, 2020**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President LeDonne at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Greg Zoellick, Lee Uecker, Scott Adkins, Ron Wells, Wendy Stallings, Michael Bartzen and President Anthony LeDonne.

Members excused: None.

Also present: Village Administrator Jeremy Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy Anderson, Attorney John Macy, Administrative Services Director Sam Liebert and members of the Public.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President LeDonne led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Meeting Minutes

A motion by Bartzen, seconded by Uecker to approve the September 22, 2020 Village Board meeting minutes and September 22, 2020 Village Board Budget Meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0

4. Communications and Public Hearings

A. Village President Report

President LeDonne stated that on Wednesday, October 14, there will be a Community Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at The Grove at Village Park. Monday, October 19, curbside leaf collection begins in the Village and will continue until the leaves are off the trees. In partnership with the Library, "The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin" Storywalk takes place at Village Park from October 19–25. This is a free event. Tuesday, October 20, in-Person Absentee Voting begins at the Civic Center and runs through Friday, October 30, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The Board of Fire Commissioners meets at 5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Committee Room at the Civic Center. The Public Safety & Welfare Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Committee Room at the Civic Center. The Plan Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room. The Parks & Recreation Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the Civic Center. On Wednesday, October 21, the Pauline Haass Library Board meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Quad Graphics Room at the Library. On Thursday, October 22, The Great Pumpkin Drive Thru takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. at Village Park. Free pumpkins and decorating kits will be given to the first 750 kids. The Village Board Budget Workshop takes place at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room.

5. Committee Reports

5.A. Finance and Personnel Committee

5.A.1. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by LeDonne to approve of the September Check Register and P-card Statement in the amount of \$3,089,047.76. Motion carried 7-0

5.A.2. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Uecker to approve of the September Ace Hardware credit in the amount of \$47.04. Motion carried 6-0
LeDonne Abstained.

5.A.3. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Stallings to approve of an Operator License for Rachel Koester subject to the standard conditions for operator license approval. Motion carried 7-0

5.B. Public Works Committee

5.B.1. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Bartzen to approve of bills for payment in the amount of \$1,093,465.93. Motion carried 7-0

5.B.2. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Uecker to approve the Salt Contract with Waukesha County. Motion carried 7-0

6. Staff Reports

Ms. McElroy Anderson stated the central section of the Maple Avenue project is nearing completion and should hopefully open back up to two-way by early next week. Public Works has finished brush pick up and leaf collection begins Monday October 19. The goal of the leaf pickup program is to pick up leaves from every home every two weeks. Residents can track leaf pickup on our website at www.villagesussex.org. Hydrant flushing is ongoing this week and will finish by Friday.

Mr. Smith stated that there were rumors of a planned protest this coming Friday. Since then, the group has pulled back on their planned protests and the Sheriff's office does not believe there will be a protest at this time.

Mr. Macy stated that the legislature is still not in session and that the senate does not plan to meet again this year. On a sad note, Virgil Hans Dawson passed away on October 8. He was always a huge supporter of Sussex and will be missed.

Mr. Liebert welcomed Caren Brustmann, the new Deputy Clerk for the Village. The November 3 Election is three weeks away. Over 2,600 absentee ballots have been mailed out so far. Early in-person absentee voting begins next Tuesday October 20 and runs through Friday October 30. The village is completely staffed and trained up for the upcoming election.

7. Comments from Citizens Present

No one presented wished to speak.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Consideration on resignation and appointments

10.A. Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Zoellick to appoint Trustee Greg Zoellick to the Plan Commission.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Zoellick – Aye
- Uecker – Nay
- LeDonne – Aye
- Adkins – Nay
- Stallings – Nay
- Wells – Aye
- Bartzen - Nay

The motion failed, due to a super majority of 2/3 of the board not in agreement. Per Village Ordinance, Village Board members appointed to the Plan Commission require a 2/3 vote for approval.

11. President LeDonne stated that the board would now consider a motion to convene into executive session under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(g) when conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved with respect to arbitration with the Town of Lisbon and under 19.85(1)(e) when 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 with respect to a settlement between the Village of Sussex and Town of Lisbon.

Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Stallings to convene into executive session. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 7-0

The Village Board went into closed executive session at 6:26 pm.

The Village Board went back into open session at 7:29 pm.

12. Adjournment

Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Zoellick to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Liebert
Administrative Services Director,
Village Clerk/Treasurer