

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of
April 13, 2021**

1. Roll Call

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

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

Members excused: None.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President LeDonne led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Meeting Minutes

Motion by Stallings, seconded by Uecker to approve the March 23, 2021 Village Board meeting minutes.

Motion carried 7-0

4. Communications and Public Hearings

A. Village President Report

President LeDonne reported that on Monday, April 19 the Spring StoryWalk®, presented in partnership with the Pauline Haass Public Library, begins at Village Park and continues through Sunday, May 2. The StoryWalk® begins at the trail south of the Village Park tennis courts. Hydrant Flushing begins and runs M-F through April 30. On Tuesday, April 20, the Public Safety & Welfare Committee meets at 6:00 pm in the Civic Center Committee Room. Plan Commission meets at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center Board Room. Parks & Recreation Board meets at 7:00 pm in the Civic Center Community Room. Wednesday, April 21 the Pauline Haass Public Library Board meets at 6:30 pm. Saturday, April 24 the Village will host a Drug Takeback event from 10:00 am to 2 pm at the Sussex Public Safety Building. Residents can drop off used and expired prescription medication for proper disposal by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department.

5. Committee Reports

A. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Uecker to approval of the March Check Register and P-card Statement in the amount of \$1,021,352.17. Motion carried 7-0

2. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Stallings to approve of the March Ace Hardware purchases in the amount of \$521.00. Motion carried 6-0
LeDonne abstained.

3. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Wells to approve of a Class "B" retail license for the Sussex Baseball Club (Cardinals) for the Hardball Concession Stand, in Sussex Village Park, N63 W24459 Main Street for the 2021 Baseball Season (May 1-September 30), Agent: Scott Wesline. Motion carried 7-0

4. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Stallings to approve of the allocation of the 2020 surplus for the following purposes: \$125,000 for the dog park, \$151,293 to close the cycle gap for the Public Works Garage, and the remaining (approximately \$212,801) to Park buildings. Motion carried 7-0

5. Motion by Bartzen, seconded by Wells to approve of the insurance renewals as presented. Motion carried 7-0

B. Public Works Committee

1. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Bartzen to approve of bills for payment in the amount of \$10,381.65.

Motion carried 7-0

2. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Uecker to extend the Silver Spring laterals to the public main in the amount of \$33,000 less the cost of the abandonment of the existing system which is to be paid by the homeowners.

Motion carried 7-0

3. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Bartzen to approve of Resolution 21-06 to close the road for the VFW parade.

Motion carried 7-0

4. Motion by Adkins, seconded by Stallings to accept of the bid from Northway Fence including Alternate Item 1 in the amount of \$34,000 plus a standard 10% contingency for a total project budget of \$37,400.

Trustee Adkins stated he was against having a fence in Village Park. He had voted in favor at the committee level, but has since reconsidered his position and is against the aesthetics of a fence in such a prominent place in the community. He would like to see this go back to the Park Board for additional discussion and consideration.

Trustee Bartzen stated that he has some of the same concerns as Trustee Adkins.

Trustee Wells stated that a large number of residents came to the Park Board asking for a fence to be put around the pickleball courts so they don't have to chase after balls in the wet grass and to protect the court.

Trustee Stallings stated that she agreed with Trustee Adkins. She would like to see if other parks could be considered for use for pickleball. She thinks that the fence would mess with the visibility of The Grove.

Mr. Smith stated that the Village Board may want to reconsider sending this item back to the Park & Recreation Board to have additional discussion about the fence and consider additional input from the pickleball group. Mr. Smith also stated that if action was not taken tonight on these bids, that they would no longer be good, as they expire after 30 days, and would have to be rebid in the future as steel prices continue to fluctuate in price.

Discussion was had about pickleball and tennis courts within the park system and options for future uses of the courts.

Motion by Stallings, seconded by Zoellick to table this item and send it back to the Park & Recreation Board for additional discussion and consideration.

Motion carried 7-0

6. Staff Reports

Mrs. McElroy-Anderson stated that the 2021 Village Road Program is going well and making good progress and are ahead of schedule in some areas.

Mr. Smith stated that the group, Milwaukee Parents, rated The Grove playground as the 14th Best Park in the Milwaukee-Metro area.

Mr. Macy stated that there were no new bills passed into law recently. There is currently a proposed bill circulating that would allow for Village Trustees to work part time for the Village. The Wisconsin Supreme Court over turned the Governor's mask mandate. The Wisconsin Supreme Court also ruled on not forcing the Election Board to purge the voter rolls statewide. There was also a ruling on Open Records requests and contractors in regards to releasing positive COVID cases amongst their staff. There is also a probability that the state will not pass a budget, in that case, the budget would default back to the latest budget passed as status quo.

Mr. Liebert stated today our Senior Dinner Drive Up dinner took place from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Open Book is scheduled for May 4 and Board of Review is Scheduled for May 26. There will also be office hours available to meet with the Assessor on April 28 and May 17, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm both days at the Civic Center.

7. Comments from Citizens Present

No one was present who wished to be heard.

8. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

9. New Business

President LeDonne thanked Trustee Stallings and Trustee Bartzen for their service to the community on the Village Board and wished them the best.

10. Consideration on resignation and appointments

No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Stallings to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

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