

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of
August 24, 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, Scott Adkins and Benjamin Jarvis.

Members excused: Stacy Riedel.

Also present: Administrator Jeremy Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy-Anderson, Attorney John Macy, 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 Wells, seconded by Zoellick to approve the August 10, 2021 Village Board meeting minutes.

Motion carried 6-0

4. Communications and Public Hearings

A. Village President Report

President LeDonne reported that on Thursday, August 26, Pints in the Park Traveling Beer Garden takes place from 5-8 p.m. on the Civic Center Plaza. This is immediately followed by the Outdoor Family Movie Night starting at about 8 p.m. or dusk. Wednesday, September 1 the Architectural Review Board meets at 4 p.m. in the Civic Center Committee Room. Monday, September 6 the Civic Center offices and Yard Waste Site will be closed in observation of Labor Day. Tuesday, September 7 the Public Works Committee meets at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center Board Room, immediately followed by the Finance & Personnel Evaluation Committee. Saturday, September 11 Touch-A-Truck takes place at Armory Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

5. Committee Reports

A. Board of Fire Commissioners

Trustee Uecker stated the board did not meet in August. At this time, there is no future meeting scheduled.

B. Community Development Authority

Trustee Adkins stated the board did not meet this month and that their next meeting will be in September.

C. Park and Recreation Board

1. Trustee Wells presented the recommendation made by the Park and Recreation board in regards to the Prides Crossing Park renovation plan.

Ms. McElroy-Anderson reported that staff is looking into Pickleball noise pollution that could occur and has asked for more time to research the issue and impact on the local neighborhood.

Trustee Uecker stated that he had concerns with a pickleball court and basketball sharing the same space at Prides Crossing Park and having similar issues that have arisen at Village Park between the two user groups.

Trustee Adkins asked why we are using Operational Funds for creation of the trail.

Ms. Dobbeck stated that she is not expecting any capital costs to be associated with the trail. Staff will be using existing trees, materials and equipment to build out the trail. Staff would work on the trail when time allows. Staff time would be

used during the fall and winter to remove dead or dying trees and clear the path. Trees would be chipped in-house and used as the base of the trail. The actual creation of the path would be over a couple years.

Trustee Adkins requested an operational cost and staff hours that will be needed for the creation of the trail. Ms. Dobbeck said she could obtain that information.

Park and Recreation Director Halie Dobbeck gave a presentation of the Prides Crossing Park replacement proposal brought forward by the Park and Recreation Board.

Discussion was had by the board about the recommendations made by the Park and Recreation Board.

Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Wells to approve of the Prides Crossing Park Replacement Plan with the following amenities and costs: replacement of the playground equipment from Burke/Lee Recreation in the amount of \$100,000; addition of fixtures (signs, garbage cans, benches) in the amount of \$10,000; resurfacing of the basketball court in the amount of \$10,000; tree replacements in the amount of \$1,000; site restoration in the amount of \$1,000; and ADA Path replacement to the playground equipment in the amount of \$4,000; for a total project cost of \$126,00 AND to send the proposed backstop back to the Park and Recreation board for reconsideration AND to direct staff to investigate potential pickleball noise pollution issues that could arise by placing a court at Prides Crossing Park. Motion carried 6-0

D. Pauline Haass Library Board

Trustee Zoellick reported that circulation for the year is up 22.6% from 2020, at 191,901 items. In July there were 32,660 items borrowed. There were 8,607 visits to the library in July, and 94 new library cards issued. The Library Board reviewed the agreement with FEH Design in Oconomowoc to conduct a space needs study and a facility assessment. Following a recommendation by the Building & Grounds Committee, they decided to have an attorney review the document and pending any recommended changes, move forward with the agreement. 55.32% of the study will be funded by impact fees, and the remainder will come from the Library's expansion or capital fund. The Summer Reading has been a big success with 1,374 participants signed up by the end of July. Outdoor story times in the grassy area behind Associated Bank have been popular with an average of 79 attendees per session. Other library programs have been held on the rooftop patio of the Civic Center and the Lions Open Air Shelter at Village Park, with great turnouts. The Waukesha County Library Services Planning Committee: Act 150 was passed in 2001 and gave counties in Wisconsin the right to establish standards for their public libraries. In Waukesha County, these standards are described in the Waukesha County Library Services Plan, which is reviewed and updated every five years. Library Director Adele Loria is serving on the committee this year and was recently appointed co-chair of the committee by County Board Chair Paul Decker. The committee will be looking at library standards, funding methods, and other issues that affect the library and our community.

Mr. Smith stated that he had received comments from the public that they would like to see garbage receptacles at the outdoor Storytime next year if possible.

E. Plan Commission

Trustee Zoellick stated he had nothing to report at this time.

F. Public Safety and Welfare

Trustee Wells stated that they did not meet this month.

6. Staff Reports

Ms. McElroy-Anderson reported that there was some storm damage and several residents lost power two weeks ago during the large weather event. At the next Public Works Committee meeting, staff will bring forward a proposed policy for them to consider for future large storm events and how to respond to those types of events. The library and civic center both served as cooling centers and charging stations for residents while power was out. There are some structural issues with trees on village property and those will need to be removed as a result of the storm and wind.

Mr. Smith reported that he sent out the proposed budget dates for budget meetings this year: September 16, September 23, October 7 and October 21 (if needed). The proposed budgets will be in your mailboxes the Friday before Labor Day. All meetings will start at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Macy reported that Governor Evers proposed two new ARPA grants. Act 61 was passed in relation to the closing of TIDS but wouldn't affect the village. All redistricting rules were released and our new population was also reported at 11,587, which is a little over 10% over the past decade.

Mr. Liebert reported that the block party was a success with about 5,000 people in attendance. The blood drive on August 18 was also successful and continues to be a good partnership with the village. There is a deer carcass on 164 south bound and the county has informed us they will take care of it soon. The Fall Recreation Guide has gone out and fall event registration has begun.

7. Comments from Citizens Present

There was no one present who wished to speak.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

A. Motion by LeDonne, seconded by Uecker to approve of Resolution 21-13 rescinding 2020 property taxes for tax key number SUXV-0200-082-011 in the amount of \$77.19, property tax key number SUXV-0282-060 in the amount of \$3,253.40, personal property tax key number SUXV T129 in the amount of \$45.61, personal property tax key number SUXV A145 in the amount of \$45.61 and personal property tax key number SUXV O107 in the amount of \$1,447.22.

Motion carried 6-0

10. Consideration on resignation and appointments

There no resignations or appointment to consider.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Adkins, seconded by Wells to Adjourn at 6:52 pm.

Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Liebert
Administrative Services Director, Clerk/Treasurer