



Village of Maine Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2021

Special Village Board Meeting

Maine Municipal Center

6111 N. 44th Avenue

Wausau, WI 54401

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Maine will hold a Special Board Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The Special Board Meeting will be held at the Village of Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI. *** NOTE - we are continuing to take COVID-19 precautionary measures.

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order – Betty Hoenisch, Village President
2. President will entertain a motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes
 - A. Discussion regarding 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee or subcontractor over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in connection with Maine's Administration, Fire Department, Utility, Public Works Departments and Committee members.
 - B. Discussion regarding 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of 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 in connection with land purchase, shared services agreements and/or wastewater treatment systems upgrade.
3. Adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Board Meeting
4. Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in item 2A and 2B
5. Discussion and possible action to approve Board of Appeals members for term ending May 2025
6. Discussion and possible action to approve Plan Commission members for a term ending May 2025

7. Adjournment

I certify that this agenda was posted at the Brokaw Post Office, Brokaw Village Hall, Red Granite Bar & Grill, Richard's Restaurant & Bar, Schmidt's Bar and the Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI on April 22, 2022. Agenda was also posted on Maine's website.

Betty Hoenisch,

Village President

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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Maine held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Village of Maine Municipal Center, 6111 N. 44th Avenue, Wausau, WI.

Call the meeting to order

President Hoenisch called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Present were President Hoenisch, Trustee Schoepke, Trustee Graveen, Trustee Mullaley, Clerk Bailey Administrator Rusch and Attorney, Randy Frokjer.

President will entertain a motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes

Trustee Mullaley made a motion to go into closed session at 1:00 p.m. and invite Administrator Rusch, Clerk Bailey and Public Works Employees into the closed session. Trustee Russ seconded the motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote of four in favor and zero opposed.

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Adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Board Meeting

President Hoenisch asked for a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Mullaley made a motion to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Special Board Meeting at 4:08 p.m. Trustee Schoepke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on matters discussed in item 2A and 2B

Motion on 2A:

The Board had a lengthy discussion about their findings of employee wages and benefits from surrounding municipalities. They also discussed employee shortages throughout the State and the fact that most municipalities offer higher wages with a full benefit package.

Trustee Schoepke made a motion to authorize Clerk Bailey to increase paid vacation, health care subsidy and wages for each full time Public Works employee effective May 1, 2022. Trustee Graveen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion on 2B:

The Board discussed the issues with the Wastewater Treatment Plant operating in the red, the issue of the old plant residing on TERx property and not being owned by the municipality, and the extensive wages needed to run the former papermill Wastewater Plant. Some of the issues that prevent the Wastewater Treatment Plant from operating with a balanced budget are the cost for utilities, chemicals to treat the waste, and the extensive time in the forms of wages to repair and run the old plant. This has been complicated due to Mr. Laszewski's workers compensation related injury and his need to have surgery. This has now left the Village of Maine without a certified operator.

Trustee Russ made a motion to authorize President Hoenisch to take steps toward starting the process of hauling waste from the former Village of Brokaw and discontinue processing the waste at the current plant located on TERx property. Trustee Schoepke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action to approve Board of Appeals members for term ending May 2025

President Hoenisch stated that Joseph Yelle had been serving on the Board of Appeals and had agreed to serve on the Plan Commission. She had spoken with Randy Julson and he has agreed to finish Joseph Yelle's term on the Board of Appeals. She also discussed that Peter Wolff and Jon Graveen had agreed to serve for an additional term.

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Trustee Russ made a motion to accept Joseph Yelle's resignation on the Board of Appeals and approve the appointment of Randy Julson to replace Joseph Yelle until the term ends May 2024. Trustee Mullaley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Schoepke made a motion to appoint Peter Wolff and Jon Graveen as members of the Board of Appeals for a term ending May 2025. Trustee Mullaley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action to approve Plan Commission members for a term ending May 2025

President Hoenisch explained that Rochelle Frank and Wes Schoepke had agreed to serve for another term on the Plan Commission and that Joseph Yelle had agreed to an appointment as a new Plan Commission member representing Ward 4.

Trustee Mullaley made a motion to reappoint Rochelle Frank and Wes Schoepke for a Plan Commission term ending May 2025 and appoint Joseph Yelle to the Plan Commission for a term ending May 2025. Trustee Russ seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

President Hoenisch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Mullaley made a motion to adjourn 5:42 p.m., seconded by Trustee Schoepke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted and approved May 9, 2022.

Cindy Bailey,
Village of Maine Clerk