

July 6, 2020 (Village Board)

**DENMARK VILLAGE BOARD  
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020  
4:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

President Mleziva called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Selner, Vince Wertel, Deb Kralovetz, Josh Leiterman, Paul Hargarten, Mary Jo Bielinski, Gregory Mleziva

Officials Present: Clerk Sherri Konkol, Treasurer Leah Goral, Director of Public Works Erika Thronson, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Witte via Video Conferencing, DEO's Karisa Verheyen and Hayden Estano

REMARKS/COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Mleziva welcomed all present. He recapped the rules of an open meeting and explained the only opportunity for the public to speak at the meeting is if they are a preregistered citizen or to discuss an agenda topic. Unless the rules of the meeting get suspended, the public cannot speak during the meeting.

PREREGISTERED CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Rich Verheyen, 5821 County Road R, via telephone conferencing, gave an update on Loyalty Days. The VFW Sate Commander approved changing the date to April 24, 2021.

Jim Bielinski, 410 West Woodrow Court, here to address 4 things:

1. Has anyone been fined for pushing snow in the road in winter or blowing grass on the road in summer?
2. Is anything going to be done with Mahlik Lane?
3. The home at the corner of Jorgensen Street and Pine Street that had a fire 2 years ago, is anything going to be done with it? It is an eyesore.
4. Asked about Girls Little League and why coaches got a call that the games were on before the Village Board meeting.
5. Does the Village want to buy the two lots across from the Highridge Baseball Diamond for parking?

Willie Mae Barbier, 130 Wisconsin Avenue, via telephone conferencing, observed people in her neighbor's back yard, and the tenants were upset because the ball players were leaving garbage on the property. Barbier did not say anything to those people. Joe Mills owner of the neighboring apartment building also on the phone stated he told the people to get off his property as it is an ongoing problem and the backyard is for the enjoyment of his tenants.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED UPON BY ONE (1) MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A TRUSTEE SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED AND PUT ON THE REGULAR AGENDA BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

**Selner/Bielinski moved to approve as presented.**

- a. **i. Village Board Meeting June 1, 2020**
- b. **Approve and place on file minutes from:**
  - i. **Plan Commission Meeting May 19, 2020**

**Motion carried.**

#### BOARD APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS

**Kralovetz/Wertel moved to approve the monthly disbursements as presented. Motion carried.**

#### REPORT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

##### Thronson

- Sending grass and weed violation letters
- Closing out 2019 projects, trying to get Hansen Street done
- Natural Beauty donated flowers again this year to make the community beautiful. Thank you to them
- Little Rock Fence repaired the backstop on the upper diamond
- Two storm sewers collapsed one at Grand and South Wall and the other at Hershman and Dworak
- Working with Witte on the Village owned conservancy and resident encroachments
- CMAR report is complete and the annual report is an item on the agenda
- Working on the Corrosion Control Study
- Working on Cellcom Water Tower Agreement

##### Konkol

- Gave an update on the Rummage Sale
- August 11 election update

##### Goral

- Working with the title company and Attorney Bartels on the closing of the BMO property

##### Witte

- Nothing to add to the existing report

##### Verheyen

- In June there were 10 traffic stops, 8 warnings, 1 OWI and a disorderly conduct by a motor vehicle

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- Attended a DEO meeting, DCBA meeting, and a meeting at the high school
- A letter was sent to a Chronic Nuisance Property for agreement to abate
- Working on packets for the SORB meeting in July
- Received a grant for a dash camera system
- Working on a Brown County Crime Prevention Grant application for \$3,000 possibly for a new speed board
- Did Inservice training
- 4 open investigative cases open in the Village
- Working with the Mobile Field Force Unit
- K-9 unit trained in the Village
- The new squad arrived last week, just need to finish up final paperwork, and change it over the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> (it takes 3 days to do the change-over)

### Mleziva

- President Mleziva shared there was a Plan Commission meeting for a proposed accessory building at 823 Black Granite Court, in which the owner is requesting a variation from the Zoning Code, requiring the request to go to the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission moved to recommend approval to the Village Board, however a board member that was at the Plan Commission meeting had some questions as to how this could be approved with restricted covenants in place through the developer. Mleziva then reached out to Attorney Bartels and explained the Village was advised by Bartels to not take any action on the recommendation from the Plan Commission until the developer signs off on the variation requested by the owner.
- President Mleziva asked for Board consideration of allocating additional funds for Witte to start his shift with driving around the Village to identify nuisance properties. All board members were in favor of this stating we need a policy to achieve the Village goals

### BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2020-05, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 315-21, POOLS AND SPAS, OF CHAPTER 315, ZONING, RELATING TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND TO PROVIDE LAND USE CONTROLS IN THE VILLAGE

President Mleziva turned the floor over to Witte.

Witte stated the Board approved recommendations for changes at their May meeting, and now just need to make it official and adopt the ordinance with the changes. **Leiterman/Kralovetz moved to approve Ordinance 2020-05, an Ordinance repealing and recreating section 315-21, Pools and Spas, of Chapter 315, Zoning, relating to the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals and to provide land use controls in the Village. Motion carried.**

### BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDING ORDINANCE 315, ZONING, SECTION 315-88, PARKING STANDARDS, SUB (G)(1) "IF PARKING WITHIN SIX FEET OF A PROPERTY IS A HARDSHIP, A VARIANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE VILLAGE," BY CHANGING THE WORD "VARIANCE" TO "VARIATION"

This item was tabled until the difference in definition of a variance and variation are explained.

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BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2020-06, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 315, ZONING, SECTION 315-88, PARKING STANDARDS, SUB (G)(1) "IF PARKING WITHIN SIX FEET OF A PROPERTY IS A HARDSHIP, A VARIANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE VILLAGE," BY CHANGING THE WORK "VARIANCE" TO "VARIATION."

This item was also tabled until the difference in definition of a variance and variation are explained.

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FOLLOWING THE PSC'S DECISION TO LIFT A MORATORIUM ON DISCONNECTIONS AND OTHER PENALTIES INCURRED AFTER JULY 15, 2020

President Mleziva stated the Village put a moratorium on disconnection and other penalties on sewer fees earlier in the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, following the PSC, and the PSC is now lifting the moratorium on Water disconnections and penalties. Mleziva recommends following the PSC's decision by lifting the moratorium on disconnections and other penalties for sewer charges as well.

**Selner/Bielinski moved to follow the PSC's decision to lift a moratorium on disconnections and other penalties on sewer charges incurred after July 15, 2020. Motion carried.**

BOARD DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 07-2020, WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NR-208 COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Thronson stated the resolution is needed in order to submit the report. **Wertel/Leiterman moved to approve Resolution 07-2020, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR-208 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2019. Motion carried.**

CLOSED SESSION

**Kralovetz/Wertel moved to convene into closed session pursuant to WIS. Statute 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, as it relates to economic development whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. Selner – aye, Wertel – aye, Kralovetz – aye, Bielinski - aye Leiterman – aye, Hargarten – aye, Mleziva – aye. Motion carried.**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION UNDER WIS STATUTE 19.85(2) TO TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM(S) IN CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURN

**Selner/Leiterman moved to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk