

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held in-person on April 21, 2025.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted on public bulletin boards.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees Dettmann, Haller, Kasper, Saunders, Serebin, Vanevenhoven and President Buckley

Also Present: Village Manager – Kelsey McElroy-Anderson
Assistant Village Manager – Anna Christopherson
Village Attorney – Chris Jaekels
Finance Director/Clerk – Jaimie Krueger
Director of Public Works – Matthew Collins
Police Chief – Patrick Whitaker
Library Director – Nyama Reed (Zoom)
Deputy Clerk – Erin Granstrom

II. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Haller, seconded by Trustee Dettmann, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 7, 2025.
2. Check Register for March, 2025.
3. Investment Report for March, 2025.
4. Appointment of Village Board members to Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2025-2026.
5. Citizen Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees for terms expiring in 2025.

III. Report of the Village Officers

1. Village Attorney – No Report.
2. Village Manager – No Report.
3. Village President – Welcomed Trustee Vanevenhoven to the Board and welcomed Trustee Kasper to her second term.
4. Miscellaneous Trustee – No Report.

IV. Petitions and Communications

No Petitions or Communications received.

V. General Business

1. Discussion on a proposed partnership at Cahill Square Park.

Director of Public Works, Matt Collins, provided background on Cahill Park and the potential partnership with TAPCO. Collins introduced Andy Bergholz from TAPCO. The current intergovernmental agreement with the school district for the baseball field at Cahill Park was mentioned. The school district has been informed of the potential of a partnership for the park and baseball field. Bergholz provided his background including he is a resident near the park and owns TAPCO, Inc. Bergholz presented information included in the meeting packet. Bergholz mentioned Krause Anderson, the company that worked on Maslowski Park in Glendale, provided

quotes for proposed work. Support from Whitefish Bay school district staff, organizations such as Whitefish Bay Little League, Whitefish Bay Tennis program and potential supporters if fundraising does occur in the future were mentioned. Drainage of a fully turf field was discussed. Benefits for Little League in the potential to host tournaments/post season games were mentioned. Past agreement with a sports entity, Milwaukee Winter Club, was mentioned in relation to open communication and creating a partnership that benefits the community as a whole. Responsibility of fundraising efforts and timeline were discussed. Estimate of time the building will be used by for baseball was discussed. Use of field and building by other organizations such as UW-Milwaukee was further discussed. Timeline of the entire project was discussed. How the fundraising would be structured in terms of creating a new entity for these funds were mentioned. The retention pond and the drainage was further discussed. Lighting for tennis courts and an upcoming project were discussed. The cost of a basketball court was discussed. The potential of homeruns being directed to homes with the proposed project was brought up. The idea of incorporating other sports was mentioned. Looking into funding from the school district was touched on. Indoor surfaces were described. The Village Board was in agreeance to proceed investigating this project. The cadence of borrowing along with the timeline presented was discussed.

Nicole Miskel (Whitefish Bay School facilities advisory committee member and board member of Jr. Blue Dukes Girls Basketball) spoke in favor of this project as a benefit to the entire community. Commented that timing in relation to the school facilities committee work is really great.

Matt Jelenchick (6025 N Bay Ridge Ave), the high school girls' tennis coach, mentioned he has been having conversations for several years with village staff about this park. Benefits for the tennis program were mentioned.

Jim Cauley (5020 N Woodruff Ave) stated he loves the idea but shared concerns. The stormwater retention area includes the baseball field and does not want that to be affected in any way. Parking with the increased attendance for baseball games/activities was mentioned. Encouraged community engagement during this project if it proceeds. Inquired for more details on the schedule of borrowing for this project.

Mike Schwartz (616 E Carlisle Ave), president of WFB Little League, stated that all families express that they would like more opportunities for practices. This project would increase opportunities.

2. Discussion/action to amend the Official Traffic Map for the intersection of Wilshire Road & Cramer Street.

Director of Public Works Collins stated this item was discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting and the committee was in support of the proposed change. The TADI study was reviewed. Viewing this as a pilot for future modifications within the Village was mentioned. Using paint to direct traffic to a 90 degree angle was discussed and if paint is not effective enough concrete or other methods could be considered in the future. Differences from typical traffic controls used in the past were mentioned.

It was moved by Trustee Dettmann and seconded by Trustee Saunders that the Village Board amend the Official Traffic Map to allow for a stop sign on N Wilshire Road and N Cramer Street as shown in the meeting packet. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Discussion/Action on an Ordinance amending Sections 8-65, 8-66, 8-67, 8-68 and 15-32G of the Municipal Code in relation to park usage.

Assistant Village Manager Christopherson highlighted changes and mentioned that police chief and attorney Jaekels were consulted on enforcement of ordinances. Allowing pickle ball and the hours allowed were discussed. The board discussed measures to lower the decibels from pickle ball for neighbors and directed staff to further investigate other options for the future. Allowing dogs in the parks was discussed. Chief Whitaker spoke on current enforcement practices and if the proposed ordinance passes what enforcement would look like. Timing of sound reducing materials and cost were mentioned.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin to amend hours of pickle ball to 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There was no second for this motion.

It was moved by Trustee Saunders to strike Section D of Section 8-66 to disallow dogs on leashes in parks. There was no second for this motion.

It was moved by Trustee Haller and seconded by President Buckley that the Village Board adopt Ordinance No. 1916 to amend sections 8-65, 8-66, 8-67, 8-68, and 15-32G as shown in the meeting packet. Motion carried 5-2, Trustee Saunders and Serebin dissenting.

4. Discussion/Action on the Library Solar Panel Project.

Director of Public Works Collins summarized memo in the meeting packet including funding for this project. Collins provided rationale for proceeding with this project at this time. Tax credits were mentioned. Public Works Committee is in support of this project. At this time staff is looking to get guidance from the board if they should proceed on obtaining bids for this project. Double vs single array was discussed in terms of asking for a bid and an alternate bid for a double array

It was moved by Trustee Serebin and seconded by Trustee Dettmann that the Village Board approve proceeding to develop bid documents and plan for the Library Solar Panel installation as described within the meeting packet with the amendment to include an alternate in the bid for a double array. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Discussion/Action on Bicycle and Pedestrian safety projects.

Director of Public Works Collins commented on the board approving the bicycle and pedestrian study earlier this month. New page on the village website on this topic was mentioned. Items previously approved were mentioned. The top nine recommended improvements were included in the packet. Making the nine improvements within budget was discussed. Centralized location/method for feedback was encouraged.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin and seconded by Trustee Haller that the Village Board approve the use of Roadway Safety Funds to purchase necessary supplies and services to implement bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements as listed within the meeting packet. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Discussion/Action on contract for the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Director of Public Works Collins reviewed the sidewalk improvement program in the Village. Bids received are included in the packet. Resident reporting of sidewalk issues was discussed.

It was moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Serebin, that the Village Board award the 2025 Sidewalk Improvement Project to Forward Contractors of WI, Inc. in the amount of \$173,393.00. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Kasper, adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



Erin Granstrom, Deputy Clerk