



Village Board Joint Meeting Minutes
Union Grove Municipal Center 925 15th Avenue
Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Village Board President, Douglas Nelson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Village Trustees	Administration	Community
Douglas Nelson, President Dan Maurice Steve Nelson Cory Bartlett Absent: Robert Funk	Michael McKinney, Administrator Janine Carls, Clerk Nick Carriker, Public Works Mgr.	Tim Allen (UGYFD) Jordan Brown (RCEDC) Cassandra Glenn (RCEDC) Nick Nogalski (Merz)

3. Consent Agenda - approval of:

- a. January 8, 2024 - VB/PC Meeting Minutes
- b. \$36,874.14 Village Invoices

Motion (Maurice, Bartlett) to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, Motion Carried (MC).

4. Business - Discussion and possible action on the following:

a. 2023 Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) annual report

Jordan Brown presented the annual report highlighting 2023 accomplishments and outlining 2024 focus areas. Cassandra Glenn reported on her work with existing businesses. Discussed market trends including an increase in private, build-to-suit specialty buildings and a decrease in data center development interests in Racine County.

b. 2024 Racine County Economic Development Corporation economic development agreement

McKinney stated that the agreement has not changed from last year and remains at \$20,000.

Motion (S. Nelson, Bartlett) to approve the 2024 RCEDC agreement as presented, MC.

c. 13900 Grandview Parkway/1800 South Sylvania Avenue (West Frontage Road) pedestrian crosswalk installation request

Nick Nogalski stated that employees cross the road between the two Merz buildings for work and/or health and wellness purposes and have requested that a crosswalk be considered to increase safety. Discussed options such as a painted crosswalk and signage and where to place.

Motion (Maurice, Bartlett) to table this agenda item pending additional research, MC.

d. Wisconsin Electric Power Company underground electric distribution easement for 1390 Grandview Parkway.

McKinney explained that the easement request is for a limited amount of new work as well as covering past work completed without filing an easement. He noted that the Sewer and Water Commission had approved the request contingent upon the Village Attorney and Engineer review and approval. The power company is reviewing the water tower access drive plan to confirm any impact it may have on their infrastructure, or their easement may have on it.

Motion (S. Nelson, Maurice) to approve the easement contingent upon review and approval by the Village Attorney and Engineer, MC.

5. Reports

a. Engineers Report

No report. Maurice noted that two roads had been submitted to Madsen for bid estimates.

b. Yorkville Stormwater Utility District Report | No report

c. Roads/Public Works Committee Report

Maurice stated that he had received several complaints about snow plowing on rural roads on the Saturday following the snowstorm. He reached Kirschling at Racine County who did send a plow out after 5 p.m. that day. Discussed whether additional snow fencing on these roads would help.

d. Union Grove/Yorkville Fire Commission | No report

e. Village President's Report | No report

f. Clerk's Report

Carls stated a newsletter is planned to go out first week in March and invited input for articles. Also discussed email contact information on the website and limiting spam by making some changes.

g. Administrator/Clerk's Report

McKinney stated that the Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners are withholding approval of the 2 2-mile bridge unless Yorkville agrees to dredge the canal as part of the bridge project. The difficulty with this request is obtaining additional permits and resubmitting plans to the Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR. It is also unknown if a delay will affect the funding of the project. Discussions are ongoing. McKinney also reported that we are accepting soil testing proposals for lift stations.

6. Public Comments, Questions, and Suggestions | No comments

7. Business – Discussion and possible action on the following

- a. Closed Session:** The Village may entertain a motion to go into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e)* to discuss Union Grove/Yorkville Fire Department fire station land acquisition and issues related thereto

Motion (S. Nelson, Maurice) to go into CLOSED SESSION at 6:54 p.m. Roll Call – Maurice, yes; D. Nelson, yes; S. Nelson, yes; Bartlett, yes; Motion Carried. Also remaining in attendance: McKinney, Carriker, Allen

Discussed Union Grove/Yorkville Fire Department fire station land acquisition and related issues.

- b.** The Village Board shall RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION reserving the right to take action on the matters discussed in CLOSED SESSION and to move to the remaining meeting agenda as posted.

Motion (S. Nelson, Bartlett) to RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION at 8:06 p.m., MC.

No action taken on this agenda item.

8. Adjournment

Motion (S. Nelson, Maurice) to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., MC. The next scheduled Village Board meeting at the time of this submission is February 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Carls, Village Clerk