

# VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Finance & Human Resources

DATE: August 8, 2024

TO: BETSY MANCL

CC: LONN RADTKE

TIARA GRUNDEN

JOSEPH ZURFLUH

RICK HESS

JENNIFER MOORE

ERIK SAYLOR

NICK ABTS

DUANE GAU

SCOTT DREW

DUSTIN LEASE

BEN MARTINSON

DIANE TREMMEL

**Purpose of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting – Marshall Buehler Center

**Attendance:** L. Radtke, T. Grunden, J. Zurfluh, B. Mancl

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** S. Drew, D. Gau, D. Tremmel

**Citizens:** Jim Bena, Rick Hess, Leo Thomasgard

## Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:

### Regular Monthly Meeting

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Radtke at 5:00 p.m.
- Motion (Zurfluh/Grunden) to approve the agenda and July 2, 2024 minutes. Motion carried. All ayes.
- **Public Comments on Agenda Items:** Jim Bena, Superintendent of Port Edwards Schools, stated that he had conversations regarding the need for a School Resource Officer (SRO). He commended Chief Drew and Officers Abbott and Mertes for their work in the school. He is hoping the Village will help fund a Community Resource Officer (CRO) with expanded hours to make the community better and safer.

Leo Thomasgard attended to represent the Police and Fire Commission. He questioned whether the proposal is to create a new Police Chief position who also serves as an SRO. Trustee Radtke stated that the Village is currently in discussions regarding that matter. Mr. Thomasgard stated that Scott Stewart had questions about who that position would report to.

- **Committee Chairman's Comments:** None
- Motion (Grunden/Radtke) to approve the monthly bills, journal entries for the previous month and financial reports. Motion carried. All ayes.
- Motion (Zurfluh/Radtke) to approve proposed Resolution 2024-05 amending 2024 adopted budget. Motion carried. 2-1 (Grunden-no)
- Interim Administrator Gau gave a brief presentation of the proposal for the Administrator's departure. He suggested a pilot program as outlined in his proposal.

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Trustee Radtke stated that he supports the pilot program.

Trustee Grunden stated that she is not comfortable with the pilot program because the Village needs a visionary and someone to promote economic development.

Trustee Zurfluh stated that he agrees but it should be discussed further at the Committee of the Whole meeting to follow.

Trustee Radtke stated that all communities are struggling financially, and the Village needs to take a common sense approach.

- The trustees received the 6-month 2024 budget expenditures report before the meeting. The report is given to the Board at the end of every month.
- There was brief discussion regarding the pay and job duties for the new Police Chief. The Police and Fire Commission is looking for direction in preparing the job posting. Interim Administrator Gau stated that he received the sample job description from the police chief. A wage range of \$70,000 to \$80,000 was suggested. Some trustees felt the wage range should be higher. This will be discussed in further detail at the Committee of the Whole meeting immediately following this meeting.
- **Old Business:** Interim Administrator Gau gave a brief update on the DMI permit application process.
- **New Business:** None
- **Correspondence Received:** Trustee Radtke acknowledged that Leo Thomasgard's email was received by the Board members.
- **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Monthly bills, journal entries and reports; review IT proposals.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Lonn Radtke, Committee Chair