

**Village of Prairie du Sac
Village Board Meeting
Minutes of Regular Meeting January 9, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Prairie du Sac Village Board met for their regular meeting on January 9, 2024, at the Sauk Prairie Police Department, 640 13th Street, Prairie du Sac, WI. Village President, Andrew Strathman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Board Members present: Mike Gesicki, (virtual), Jim Witecha, (virtual), Rich Judge, (virtual), Craig Bender, (virtual), Andrew Strathman, Nick Lester, and Lauri Meixelsperger. Also, present were Alan Wildman, Village Administrator, Troy Murphy, Director of Public Works/Utility, and Village Clerk/Treasurer, Niki Conway.
3. **Public Notice of Agenda, deletions/corrections – (Lester/Meixelsperger)** moved to approve agenda. **Motion Carried.**
4. **Presentation of Minutes**
 - a. **December 12, 2023 – (Meixelsperger/Bender)** moved to approve minutes. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes) –**

Tywana German, 2028 Sandhill Drive, Prairie du Sac, WI – January 17th is State of Sauk Prairie Riverway report at Leola Arts Center and January 29th is Sauk Prairie Chamber Annual Awards Dinner at River Arts Center.
6. **Communications**
 - a. **Treasurer’s Report** - Recognized
 - b. **Voucher Report** – Recognized
 - c. **Library Board Minutes of November 19, 2023** – Recognized
 - d. **Sauk Prairie Sewerage Commission Minutes of November 8, 2023** – Recognized
 - e. **Cliff and Cindy Thompson** – Recognized
 - f. **Jean Schneller, Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry** – Recognized
 - g. **My Neighbor in Need** – Recognized
 - h. **Sauk Prairie Room Tax Report 2023** – Recognized
 - i. **Sauk Prairie Police Commission Minutes December 13, 2023** - Recognized
7. **Action Items –**
 - a. **Consider Operators License Appeal** – Tera Jewell present stating that the last conviction she received was 26 years ago and wasn’t trying to falsify but read the question wrong. Met with Chief Sherman and Niki Conway prior to Village Board Meeting and both agree to honor license. **(Meixelsperger/Witecha)** moved to approve license appeal. **Motion Carried.**
 - b. **Consider Purchase Order – International 2025 MV607 SBA (Plow Truck) (Sourcewell Contract #060920-NVS)** – Included in the 2024 Capital Fund Budget. Sourcewell receives all bids and puts everything together. The price is a bit higher than budgeted; can borrow more funds or take from general fund. Will replace current 1997 flatbed which will be used to haul concrete or as a watering truck as there is not much of a trade in. There will be no payment made until delivery, which could be up to 2 years. **(Lester/Meixelsperger)** moved to approve purchase. **Motion Carried.**
 - c. **Consider Johnson Block Engagement Letter – Municipal Accounting Services** – This will not be a new service but just provided in a different manner, separately from the audit, same fees as previous years. **(Meixelsperger/Witecha)** moved to approve. **Motion Carried.**
 - d. **Consider Excusing Village Administrator from July 23, 2024, Meeting of the Village Board – (Witecha/Lester)** moved to approve with discretion of staff on whether a meeting is to be held due to pressing issues. **Motion Carried.**
8. **Discussion Items –**
 - a. **Early Learning Center** – Tywana German, SP Chamber Director, presenting childcare study and early learning center proposal. Childcare rose to the surface as an issue during a survey. There are 500 more children than daycare slots which puts SP Area in a childcare desert. \$75,000 was received in childcare grants, \$50,000 of which was invested into the current centers. After 18 months of research, proposing to partner up with SP Schools and the Village of Prairie du Sac to use 2nd phase of Culver Park building for infant to 3K, capacity of 156 slots. 1.3 million dollars have been raised so far, hope to get 1.9 million. Will be applying for a grant for capital costs which would match \$1 for \$1. Total estimated project would be 4.3-4.5 million dollars. The Village of Prairie du Sac would own the building and SP Schools would operate the Center. Friends of SP Rec is in full support of project. Space in the building would allow them to add on in the future. Will be open to anyone not just SP Families and will partner with

current daycare facilities. An expert was brought in to generate the budget, which includes reimbursements of all village costs. Agreements will be made with all parties involved. Village Board to give green light to move forward.

9. Reports:

- a. Committees –*Liaison*** – January 19th at noon meeting at Vintage.
- b. Plan Commission** – Two public hearings. Recommended action to approve CUP for new village well and amendment to official zoning map and general development plan to rezone the 40-acre property north of SP Road to Neighborhood Development. Also recommended approval for CUP to subdivide property at 1010 20th Street.
- c. Engineer** – Design of Capital Projects discussion and pre-ordering materials like last year.
- d. Director of Public Works/Utilities Report** – None.
- e. Administrators Report-** Village Hall update is to be completed on or by Feb 2nd, 2024.
- f. Presidents Report** – None.

- 10. Adjourn:** (*Lester/Meixelsperger*) moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm. *Motion Carried.*
Respectively Submitted, Niki Conway, Clerk Treasurer