

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 – 7:00 pm
Location: Village Hall – 810 Shorewood Blvd.
Hybrid – Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order:

Village President John Imes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present: Village President John Imes, Carol Barford, Dietmar Bassuner, Bob Falk, Mark Lederer, Shabnam Lotfi and Robb Stankey

Also in Attendance: Village Administrator Brian Mooney, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Fitzgerald

3. Approval of Agenda:

M/S Bassuner/Lederer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Statement of Public Notice:

Fitzgerald stated the meeting was properly noticed.

5. Procedures Orientation:

Facebook Live Statement: Imes noted that the meeting was being live-streamed on the Village's Facebook page and any comments provided through Facebook may not be considered contemporaneously by those at the meeting. Comments should be sent to the Village Administrator (bmooney@shorewood-hills.org) and he will disseminate them to the Trustees.

6. Public Comments, Appearances, and Communications:

Resident Cara Lee Mahany expressed her concern about differences in budget line item amounts from year-to-year. She said she would discuss more during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

7. Board Matters:

A. Public Hearing for 2025 Budget:

M/S Bassuner/Falk to open the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:06 pm.

i) Presentation by Village Administrator: Mooney gave a presentation on the proposed 2025 budget.

ii) Public Questions and Comments:

Residents Marilyn Townsend, Fred Wade, Cara Lee Mahany and Dave Benforado addressed the Board. Clarifying questions were asked about specific budget items and answered by staff. Discussion also included suggestions to look for cost-savings for the Village, offer more development incentives to help increase tax revenue and discussion regarding the pool building /community center planned renovations.

iii) Close Public Hearing for 2025 Budget:

M/S Bassuner/Falk to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Closed at 8:07 pm.

B. Initial Board discussion regarding 2025 Budget – No Action to be Taken

The Board thanked Administrator Mooney and staff for their hard work in preparing the budget and presentation. Lotfi stated that she would like to look into having gates installed on Shorewood Blvd at the railroad tracks so that the train wouldn't need to blow its whistle in the Village. It was pointed out that this is more of a CIP item and should be brought up as a possible future project. Board members then asked clarifying questions regarding the increase in refuse/recycling expenses (new tipping fees and fuel surcharges or contracted base amount), sources for the CPI comparison (WI Dept. of Revenue), and changes in budget book for Utility accounts (clarified by Fitzgerald).

It was noted that with the presented budget, the 2024 tax levy is only increasing approximately 2.58% over the 2023 levy. Of that levy increase, only an additional \$3,482 is going into the general fund. Lederer also pointed out that all TID debt payments are not part of the tax levy.

Overall, the Board was happy with the budget presented and will hold the vote for final approval at the next Board Meeting scheduled for November 25, 2024.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- A. Resident Engagement at Meetings
- B. Street Lighting
- C. Review of CUP fees (Falk)
- D. Website Update (Lederer)
- E. TIF Report for 2023 (Lederer)

9. Adjourn:

M/S Stankey/Falk to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Village Board adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fitzgerald
Village Clerk-Treasurer