

## A REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitefish Bay was held in-person January 5, 2026.

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  
Police Chief – Patrick Whitaker  
Director of Public Works – Matt Collins  
Deputy Clerk – Erin Granstrom  
Village Attorney – Chris Jaekels, excused.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Haller, to approve the consent agenda with amendment. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 15, 2025.

### **III. Report of the Village Officers**

1. Village Attorney – No Report.
2. Village Manager – Nomination paperwork is due tomorrow by 5:00 p.m. It will be determined if a primary will be required following that deadline.
3. Village President – No Report.
4. Miscellaneous Trustee – No Report.

### **IV. Petitions and Communications**

Tim Tharp (5654 N Santa Monica Blvd) spoke on the adoption of Ordinance 1919 regarding Tourist Rooming Houses. Mr. Tharp shared his views and experiences of running a tourist rooming house in the Village located next to his primary residence. The ordinance that was recently adopted will not allow for Mr. Tharp to continue operating as he has. There was a request to review the ordinance with current tourist rooming houses operators.

Collin West (1006 E Colfax Ave.) commented on that he is working on a patent for perpetual energy and will possibly seek funding to do so.

### **V. General Business**

1. **Discussion/action on Ordinance No. 1922 to create Section 6-1C of the Municipal Code pertaining to impounding vehicles used in the commission of reckless driving.**

Police Chief Whitaker, reviewed background on reckless driving in the Milwaukee area. Dangers of reckless driving were mentioned. The definition of public safety, public health and welfare within the ordinance was discussed. This ordinance is a tool for enforcement when encountering reckless drivers. North shore communities that have or will be adopting similar ordinances were mentioned. Number of reckless driving incidents over recent years were listed. It was discussed that the reckless act has to occur in Whitefish Bay for this to be enacted including if the event starts here our officers can enforce if a pursuit ends in another

municipality. Disposal of vehicles was further discussed.

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Kasper to adopt Ordinance No. 1922 allowing the Police Department to impound vehicles used in the commission of reckless driving. Motion carried 7-0.

- 2. The Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, conducting other specified business whenever competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session – specifically regarding 5111 N. Lydell Avenue, developer’s agreement with Sendik’s Food Market, and the Whitefish Bay School District’s use of park land.**

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Vanevenhoven that the Village Board convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investing of public funds, conducting other specified business whenever competitive and/or bargaining reasons require a closed session – specifically regarding 5111 N. Lydell Avenue, developer’s agreement with Sendik’s Food Market, and Whitefish Bay School District’s use of park land. Motion carried 7-0 at 6:21 p.m.

- 3. The Board may reconvene into open session. The Board reserves the right to take action on any topic discussed in Closed Session.**

It was moved by Trustee Serebin, seconded by Trustee Dettmann that the Board reconvene into open session. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:39 p.m.

**VI. Adjourn**

There being no further business, it was moved by Trustee Kasper seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



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Erin Granstrom, Deputy Clerk