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## VILLAGE BOARD 2.01

**2.01 MEETINGS.** (1) **REGULAR MEETINGS.** Regular meetings of the Village Board shall be held on the second Monday of each calendar month at 7:00 p.m. in the North Freedom Community Center. Any regular meeting falling on a legal holiday shall be held on a day designated by the Village Board and at the same hour and place.

(2) **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Village President or 2 Trustees by filing a written request with the Clerk-Treasurer at least 24 hours prior to the time specified for such meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer shall immediately post a notice of the meeting, together with the agenda and seasonably notify each Trustee of the time and purpose of such meeting. Emergency meetings may be called upon no less than 2 hours notice, pursuant to 19.84(3), Wi. Stats.

(3) **MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC; PUBLIC NOTICE.** Except as provided in 19.85, Wi. Stats., all meetings of the Village Board, committees thereof, and Village boards and commissions shall be open to the public and public notice given as required by 19.84, Wi. Stats.

(4) **QUORUM.** Four Village Board members, including the Village President, shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time or compel the attendance of absent members.

**2.02 ORDER OF BUSINESS.** The business of the Village Board shall be conducted in the following order:

1. Call to order by presiding officer.
2. Roll call (if a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned, which may be to a specified date) & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. "Meeting Certification". A report by the Clerk-Treasurer regarding compliance with the open meeting law.
4. Correction and approval of Minutes of previous meetings & adoption of Agenda.
5. "Public Comment". Hear citizens requesting to address the Village Board.
6. "Department Reports". Reports of Village officers and employees.
7. New business, including introduction of ordinances and resolutions.
8. "Old Business". Unfinished business from previous meeting.
9. Committee Reports.
10. "Approval of Expenses, Receipts, Expenditures". Payments of claims.
11. All other matters which legally may come before the Board.
12. Adjournment.

**2.03 PRESIDING OFFICER.** (1) CONTROL OF MEETING. The Village President shall preserve order and conduct the proceedings of the meeting. Any Board Member desiring to introduce matters on the agenda of a Board Meeting shall be able to provide the agenda issue in writing or electronic mail (e-mail) and provide any supporting written documentation thereof to the President, or Village Clerk at least five business days before the day of next scheduled Board Meeting.

(2) ABSENCE OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT. If the Village President is absent at any meeting, the Vice-President shall preserve order and conduct the proceedings of the meeting. If the Vice-President is absent, then the Clerk-Treasurer shall call the meeting to order and preside until the Board selects a Trustee to preside for that meeting.

**2.04 COMMITTEES.** (1) STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS. At the first regular Board meeting following the spring election, the Village President shall, subject to confirmation by the Village Board, appoint 3 Trustees to each of the standing committees. The Village President shall designate committee chairmen. The standing committees are as follows:

- (a) Finance, Personnel, and Insurance Committee
- (b) Law & Ordinance, Zoning and Cable regulation Committee
- (c) Water and Sewer & Lagoon Maintenance Committee
- (d) Street & Sidewalk Maintenance Committee
- (e) Building Maintenance and Rental Property Committee
- (f) Park, Refuse and Recycling Committee
- (g) Civic Improvements Committee

(2) SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The Village President shall appoint all special committees and designate the chairman of each.

(3) COMMITTEE REPORTS. Each committee shall, at the next regular meeting, submit a written or oral report on all matters referred to it. Such report shall recommend a definite action on each item. Any committee may require any Village officer or employee to confer with it and supply information in connection with any matter pending before it.

**2.05 ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.** Ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, communications and other matters submitted to the Board shall be read by title and author. No ordinance or resolution shall be considered unless presented in writing by a Trustee. Unless requested by a Trustee before final vote is taken, no ordinance or resolution need be read in full.

**2.06 PARLIAMENTARY ROLES.** (1) SPEAKING BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall address the presiding officer and shall not be interrupted except by a call of order.

(2) MOTIONS. When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the chair or, if in writing, shall be read by the Clerk-Treasurer.

(3) MEMBER CALLED TO ORDER. When a member is called to order by the presiding officer, he shall not proceed without leave of the Village Board.

(4) ROBERT'S RULES. Meetings of the Village Board shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, revised, except as otherwise provided herein.

(5) VOTING, (a) Voice Vote. The presiding officer may call for a voice vote on any matter not requiring a roll call vote by law. The presiding officer may direct, or any member may call for, a division.

(b) Aye and No Vote. The ayes and nays may be required by any member and the Clerk-Treasurer shall call the roll. Or confirmation and on the adoption of any measure assessing or levying taxes, appropriating money, or creating any liability or charge against the Village or any fund thereof and final action on all ordinances, the vote shall be by ayes and nays. All aye and no votes shall be recorded in the minutes.

(c) Reconsideration. It shall be in order for any member, if in the majority, to move for the reconsideration of any vote in question at the same meeting or at the next succeeding regular or adjourned meeting. A motion to reconsider having been put and lost shall not be renewed.

(d) Members Required to Vote. Every member present when a question is put shall vote unless the Village Board shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

**2.07 SUSPENSION OF RULES.** The foregoing rules or any part thereof may be temporarily suspended in connection with any matter under consideration by a recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present.

**2.08 OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' EXPENSES.** The Village President, when required to leave the Village on business of the Village, and also other Village officials and department heads given leave for such purpose by the Village Board or by the Village President, shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses, e.g. travel, meals and hotel, upon the filing of a regular and itemized voucher with the Finance Committee.

**2.09 VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE.** The Village President attending a Board Meeting shall be paid an expense allowance of \$70.00 per meeting and if attending an official standing committee meeting shall be paid \$50.00. The Village President shall be paid \$600.00 a year in addition to the meeting allowance. Payments shall be made quarterly.

**2.10 VILLAGE TRUSTEES' EXPENSE ALLOWANCE.** Each Village Trustee attending a Board Meeting shall be paid an expense allowance of \$50.00 per meeting and if attending an Official Standing Committee as an Official Committee Member (I.E. Only Committee Members get paid for attending Committee Meetings) shall be paid \$40.00. The expense allowance shall be paid quarterly.