

**VILLAGE OF FOX POINT
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2025**

A meeting and public hearing of the Fox Point Village Board was held by a combination of in-person and virtual attendance via telephonic and video conferencing on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 in Schwemer Hall, 7200 N. Santa Monica Boulevard. Village President Symchych called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the Village Clerk Treasurer to take roll call. Roll Call of the Village Board present included:

Village President Christine Symchych
Trustee Greg Ollman
Trustee Liz Aelion
Trustee Jennie Stoltz
Trustee Freedman
Trustee Miller
Trustee Barry

Also, present were Village Attorney Eric Larson, Attorney Hanna Kolberg, Assistant Village Manager Kevin Ausman, Village Clerk Treasurer Sara Bruckman

Notice of the meeting was provided to the North Shore Now and to all others as required by State open meetings laws and posted on the official bulletin board at 7200 N Santa Monica Boulevard, as well as the village website at www.villageoffoxpoint.com, as per 2015 Wisconsin Act 79 and as described in Village Ordinance Chapter 116-2, 116-2(C).

Consideration and Possible Action concerning an Ordinance to Repeal and Re-Crete Section 112-4. C. and Create Section 112-4.5 of the Village of Fox Point Village Code Related to Creation of the Position of Acting Village Manager

Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by roll call vote (6-1 with Trustee Aelion voting nay), to approve Ordinance to Repeal and Re-Crete Section 112-4. C. and Create Section 112-4.5 of the Village of Fox Point Village Code Related to Creation of the Position of Acting Village Manager to accommodate the changes Trustee Stoltz suggested and Attorney Larson has noted.

Announcement of Appointment of Acting Village Manager, Subject to Village Board Confirmation.

President Symchych announced Pursuant to Village ordinance Section 112-4.5, and due to the Village Manager being unavailable to perform the duties of office, I hereby appoint Chief Chris Freedy to serve as Acting Village Manager, subject to confirmation of the Village Board, on the terms established by the Village Board.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Aelion, to convene into closed session at 7:12 p.m., Pursuant to State Statutes Sections: 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public,*

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would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; specifically for purposes of discussing matters pertaining to employment and sensitive personal matters involving the Village Manager. The Village Board may invite specific persons to attend the closed session, and if so, the persons invited will be announced prior to convening in closed session.

Trustee Ollman	Aye
Trustee Aelion	Aye
Trustee Stoltz	Aye
Trustee Freedman	Aye
Trustee Miller	Aye
Trustee Barry	Aye
President Symchych	Aye

Carried by roll call vote (7-0).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Ollman and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to reconvene into open session at 8:23 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- b.** *Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, to convene into closed session at 8:26 p.m., Pursuant to State Statutes Sections: 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; more specifically, to discuss and consider the possible confirmation, compensation and related terms applicable to the individual the Village President appointed as Acting Village Manager. The Village Board may invite specific persons to attend the closed session, and if so, the persons invited will be announced prior to convening in closed session.*

Trustee Ollman	Aye
Trustee Aelion	Aye
Trustee Stoltz	Aye
Trustee Freedman	Aye
Trustee Miller	Aye
Trustee Barry	Aye
President Symchych	Aye

Carried by roll call vote (7-0).

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Ollman and carried by roll call vote (7-0), to reconvene into open session at 9:36 p.m.

Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller and carried by roll call vote (5-2 with Trustees Aelion and Stoltz abstaining), to Pursuant to Village Ordinance Section 112-4.5, the Village Board finds the circumstances warrant the appointment of an Acting Village Manager and hereby confirms the Village President's appointment of Chief Chris Freedy to serve as Acting Village Manager, on the following terms:

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1. *The Acting Village Manager shall be paid 15% percent more than his current salary during the period of service as Acting Village Manager.*
2. *The Acting Village Manager's powers and duties include all authority described in Section 112-2 of the Village Code, except:*
 - a. *The powers described in Section 112-2 A. (1) (hire and fire)*
 - b. *The powers described in Section 112-2 C. (transfer of funds)*
 - c. *The powers described in Section 112-2. D. (sale of surplus property)**The Village Manager's powers not conferred on the Acting Village Manager are reserved for the Village Board.*
3. *This appointment addresses service in addition to, not to the exclusion of, the powers and duties of the office the appointee currently holds in the Village.*
4. *This appointment shall take effect immediately upon the Acting Village Manager's acceptance of the appointment on these terms and filing the official oath.*

CLOSED SESSION

- c. *Motion made by President Symchych, seconded by Trustee Miller, to convene into closed session at 9:41 p.m., Pursuant to State Statutes Sections: 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the government who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the governing body with respect to litigation in which the body is involved; more specifically regarding the Milwaukee County Circuit Court case entitled "The Town Club v. Village of Fox Point". The Village Board will be including the following staff: Village Clerk, Village Assistant Manager, Village Attorney.*

Trustee Ollman	Aye
Trustee Aelion	Aye
Trustee Stoltz	Aye
Trustee Freedman	Aye
Trustee Miller	Aye
Trustee Barry	Aye
President Symchych	Aye

Carried by roll call vote (7-0).

President Symchych recused herself and turned over deliberations to Trustee Ollman. Trustee Ollman took over Chair Pro Tem.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Ollman, seconded by Trustee Freedman and carried by roll call vote (6-0), to reconvene into open session at 10:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Ollman, second by Trustee Freedman, and carried by roll call vote (6-0) to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sara A. Bruckman
Clerk Treasurer

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