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In order to address questions regarding recent closed sessions of the Village Board of Trustees, state law authorizes closed sessions under certain circumstances.

Wisconsin State Statute section 19.85 (1)(f) provides that the Board may meet in closed session for the following purpose:

19.85 Exemptions.

(1) Any meeting of a governmental body, upon motion duly made and carried, may be convened in closed session under one or more of the exemptions provided in this section. The motion shall be carried by a majority vote in such manner that the vote of each member is ascertained and recorded in the minutes. No motion to convene in closed session may be adopted unless the chief presiding officer announces to those present at the meeting at which such motion is made, the nature of the business to be considered at such closed session, and the specific exemption or exemptions under this subsection by which such closed session is claimed to be authorized. Such announcement shall become part of the record of the meeting. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session. A closed session may be held for any of the following purposes:

(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 ... which, if discussed in public, 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.

The Board of Trustees must approve any closed session by a majority of votes.
Recent closed sessions have taken place based upon this statute.

Please note, this is a one-time statement with no further response being given.

Sincerely

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