

Village of Lena

Utility/Board Meeting Minutes

Monday September 23, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call: Nick Heise, Craig LeFebre, Terry Hinds, Linda Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Larry Belongia and Steve Marquardt.

Also present: Amy Peterson, Ben Pytleski and Charlene Meier.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by L. Hinds/LeFebre to approve the agenda and allowing the President to move item A. Lena Public Library Cooperative Agreement Budget 2020 up on the agenda. Motion was voted and carried.

Approval of the minutes: Motion made by L. Hinds/Belongia to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019. Motion was voted and carried.

Open forum: None.

New Business:

Lena Public Library Cooperative Agreement Budget 2020: Informational only. Library is requesting an additional \$2500 from the Village and the Town of Lena for their 2020 budget and 3% increase for each year in the future to keep up with inflation of utilities.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Personnel & Wage: Monthly financials were submitted as information only. Transfer of funds – Motion was made by T. Hinds/LeFebre to transfer into the operating account \$74,124.38 from the sewer replacement fund. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried. Line of Credit from Fortifi Bank – Motion was made by L. Hinds/Belongia to authorized the Finance Committee to apply for the lined of credit through Fortifi Bank for future sewer construction costs. Motion was voted and carried. Motion was made by T. Hinds/Patenaude that the purchase of the plow truck be exempt from the formal bid procedures. Motion was voted and carried.

2020 Employee Wages – Item was moved to the end of the agenda.

Public Works: Monthly utility report was informational. Brush Chipping Policy Revised – Motion was made by Patenaude/L. Hinds to approve the revised brush policy. Motion was voted and carried. Intent to purchase 2020 Monroe Plow Truck with attachments from Packer City International Trucks – Motion was made by L. Hinds/Patenaude to purchase the 2020 Monroe Plow Truck with attachments from Packer City International for a sum of \$149,750. Roll call vote: Heise nay; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried. Motion was made by LeFebre/Belongia to enter into a lease for the new plow truck from Tax Exempt Leasing Corp for 10 years @ \$17,779 a year. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried. The Old plow truck will be sold on the surplus action. Municipal Street Improvement Program Less than 20,000 (MSIPLT) – A meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2019. T. Hinds will attend.

Public Safety: Police monthly report was informational only. Town meeting for budget was held for only the Town of Stiles Chairman Dick Scott present. Mutual Aid Agreement between Police and Village of Suring, Lena, City of Oconto

Falls and Oconto - Motion was made by T. Hinds/Belongia to approve of the MOA between Village of Suring, Lena, City of Oconto, Gillett and Oconto Falls. Motion was voted and carried. Old Squad – Motion was made by Patenaude/L. Hinds to sell the old squad on the website for municipal vehicle auction website and at Village Hall. Motion was voted and carried.

Plan Commission: Rosera Business Park was informational only. Comprehensive Plan update: Work continues on the comprehensive plan. Voluntary Permanent Base Acre Reduction USDA – Motion was made by Marquardt/LeFebre to approve the Voluntary Base Acre Reduction from USDA. Motion was voted and carried. Rosera Business Park Marketing plan – tabled.

Weeds: Nothing to report.

Recycling: Resolution 2019-03 Participation with Oconto County 3 year Recycling Agreement – Motion was made by T. Hinds/LeFebre to approve the agreement with Oconto County for 3 years for recycling. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried. Joint recycling meeting with the Town of Lena went well.

Promotions: L. Hinds reported on the Taste of Fall scheduled for October 5, 2019. Volunteers are needed.

Village Complaints/Concerns: Informational only.

Presentation of Bills: Motion was made by L. Hinds/Belongia to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$94,930.95. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: A street permit was submitted from the Promotions Committee for Saturday October 5, 2019 Taste of Fall. Motion was made by Marquardt/Belongia to approve the street permit. Motion was voted and carried.

Announcements/General Information/Set next meeting date: Monday October 21, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. Currently working with another possible new business coming into the Village of Lena and the expansion of the Wooden Shoe. Work continues on getting a bank.

2020 Employee wages: Closed session per WI State Stats 19.85 1 (c) to consider employment, promotions, compensations or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion was made by T. Hinds/Patenaude to convene to close session per WI State Stats 19.85 1 (c). Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Patenaude aye; Belongia aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried at 8:38 p.m. Clerk was excused from the closed session.

Open Session per WI State Stats 19.85 and possible action from items discussed in closed session: Motion to reconvene to open session was made by Patenaude/LeFebre. Motion was voted and carried at 9:08 p.m. Motion to set 2020 wage rate was made by T. Hinds/LeFebre and referred back to the Finance committee for funding.

Adjournment: Motion was made by LeFebre/L. Hinds to adjourn. Motion was voted and carried at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/Treasurer