

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Minutes
June 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order.

Roll call: Nick Heise, Craig LeFebre, Terry Hinds, Linda Hinds, Pauline Borchert, Robert Borchert and Steve Marquardt.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Also present: Karen Kerber (by phone conference), Amy Peterson (arrived at 7:45 p.m.) and Charlene Meier.

Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by L. Hinds/N. Heise to approve the agenda and allow the President to rearrange 2020 Audit (Karen Kerber) and Lena Library Amy Peterson as needed. Motion was voted and carried.

Approval of the minutes from May 24, 2021: P. Borchert stated that in the May minutes that she and her husband should have abstained on the vote on the fence permit for 180 W. Railroad St. Motion was made by L. Hinds/Heise to approve the minutes from May 24, 2021, and correct the permit section listing each operator's license. Motion was voted and carried.

Open Forum: None.

Finance/Personnel: Monthly synopsis was read by T. Hinds. Monthly finances and comp detail report were informational. 2020 Audit: Karen Kerber called in and reviewed the audit report for 2020. Motion was made by T. Hinds/B. Borchert to approve the 2020 Audit as presented. Motion was voted and carried. Village is in good standing. P. Borchert questioned about the trustee's responsibility regarding the financials.

Plan Commission: Heise discussed possible changes to the zoning pertaining to Air BNB; tiny houses, canopies, accessory buildings, and transient housing. More work to be done. The completed 2021 Comprehensive plan was given to the Village Board.

Public Works: Utility report was informational. USDA grant update for public works building/vehicle – Specs are needed for the building. Ayers will help get the specs needed. Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to allow the clerk to advertise for bids on the new public works vehicle. Motion was voted and carried. CMAR – Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to approve the 2020 CMAR as presented. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; P. Borchert aye; B. Borchert aye; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried. The utility workers will talk with K. Cook Construction on the costs of repairing sidewalks.

Public Safety/Weeds: The May monthly police report was informational. Weed notices were sent out. The clerk informed the Village Board about the Fire Dept. Officer's meeting she attended and what was discussed. The Police Department will be having an outdoor movie night on Friday June 25th at dusk. Fire Chief LeFebre stated that there is a need for officers. That will be addressed at the next monthly meeting. Discussion followed on disciplinary documentation and procedures.

Promotions Update: L. Hinds stated the highway 141 sign was cleaned up and a banner was placed on the back of the sign. L. Hinds thanked Bob & Penny Borchert and Terry Hinds for taking turns at watering the flowerpots on Main Street. Next Promotion meeting is Thursday July 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

Recycling: Nothing to report.

Village Board Room/Conference Room Updates: The Special Committee is working on a list of items needed and costs. More work is needed. Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to purchase an external hard drive and an additional monitor for the clerk not to exceed \$500. Motion was voted and carried.

Lena Historical Society Agreement with the Village of Lena: Lengthy discussion followed. T. Hinds/P. Borchert made a motion, if possible, the Historical Society to close out the current bank account and open a new checking account as the Historical Society using the Village's federal tax ID number. Motion was voted and carried. 501 (3) (c) discussion continued. Motion was made by T. Hinds/P. Borchert to rescind the previous motion. Motion was voted and carried. A motion was made by T. Hinds/P. Borchert to, if possible, the Historical Museum/Society close out the current bank account and reopen it as the Lena Historical Museum/Society using the Village's federal ID number. Motion was voted and carried. Clerk is to contact the Village Attorney regarding setting up a 501 (3) (c) for the Lena Historical Society/Museum. Motion made by Marquardt/L. Hinds to table the agreement of the Lena Historical Society Agreement. Motion was voted and carried.

Lena Joint Library Agreement Possibility Adding the Town of Spruce: Amy Peterson, Librarian was on hand to explain what the Town of Spruce is requesting and how it will affect the Town and Village of Lena. The Lena Library Board will continue to keep working regarding the possible addition of the Town of Spruce. Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to have the library director (Amy Peterson) continue to pursue the potential of a joint library agreement that would include the Town of Spruce in it. Motion was voted and carried.

Village of Lena Centennial Participation Discussion: Motion was made by P. Borchert/Heise to table this item. Motion was voted and carried.

Presentation of Bills: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to pay the bills in the amount of \$109,064.66. Roll call vote: Heise aye; LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; Pauline Borchert aye; Robert Borchert; Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Motion was made by LeFebre/L. Hinds to approve the following permits: liquor licenses for the following: McGuire's Sports Bar & Restaurant, Wolter's Bavarian Inn, The Wooden Shoe Bar & Grill, The Lanes of Lena, Hunter's & Fisherman's Tavern, Village Tavern, the Schierl Corporation/The Store, Dollar General #21658 and Lena Fast Stop; operator's permit for Tyler Dior Johnson; sellers for Main Street Snack Shack, cigarette permit Lena Fast Stop, building permit Justin Larmay and demolition permit for Aaron & Sarah Denor. Motion was voted and carried.

Announcements/General Information: Correspondence was read. More notice for spring cleanup is needed. Next meeting is set for July 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Calendar of events would be helpful.

Adjournment: Motion was made by L. Hinds/LeFebre to adjourn. Motion was voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/Treasurer