

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes
August 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Borchert.

Roll Call: Craig LeFebre, Linda Hinds and Pauline Borchert.

Also, present: Steve Marquardt, Tim Magnin-Oconto Falls Fire Chief, Steve Depuis-Town of Stiles, Terry Brazeau-Town of Spruce, Dani Sonesen-Town of Stiles, Chief James Herald and Charlene Meier.

Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the agenda. Motion was voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes from July 12th & July 19th, 2021: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the minutes from July 12th & 19th, 2021 as presented. Motion was voted and carried.

Open Forum: None.

Police Report: Monthly incident report was reviewed. Chief Herald reported Dirt City weekend went well. Work is needed regarding ATV/UTV following rules of the road. Radar report was discussed and possible purchase of a radar unit. It was determined to not purchase a unit but to rent one when needed. Part time officer replacement – Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to recommend to the Village Board for approval of hiring former Officer Brad Shearer as a part time position. Motion was voted and carried. Movie night was very successful with 92 people attending. August 27th is the tentative date for the next movie. Chief Herald informed the committee that he talked with Saputo regarding the heavy truck/semi traffic. Disrepair properties were Village Tavern and Hunter's & Fisherman's back garage.

Fire Department/Towns: Tim Magnin reviewed the MABAS Box Alarm System and presented a few updates. 2020 Fire Inspections by Towns/Village were reviewed. The Fire Inspector's 2020 report, and the current Fire Department agreement were given as informational only. 2020 Fire Calls report by municipality were discussed. Clerk presented costs break down by section that the Lena Volunteer Fire Department services. Billing for the fire department was discussed. Town of Stiles Chair Steve DePuis asked to have the times they leave and return on the billing. Fire Department leadership/Transition – The Towns were notified that Fire Chief Craig LeFebre will be retiring as of January 1, 2022. Terry Brazeau-Town of Spruce asked about training documentation.

Qualifications for Fire Chief Position: After lengthy discussion the followed items were determined: 1) Communication Skills; 2) Organizational Skills; 3) Coach/Mentor/Disciplinarian. 4) Team Player/Respect and 5) Village representation.

Fire Department Consultant Considerations: Motion was made by Pauline Borchert to have Tim Magnin consult and to do an overview of our fire department at no cost. Motion died for lack of a second.

Feedback from Building Inspector regarding Property Issues: P. Borchert update the committee regarding discussions held with Tom Smith our Building Inspector. Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to recommend to the Village Board for approval to have Tom Smith Inspections send letters to the property owners that he feels are in violation/healthy and safety. Motion was voted and carried.

Weeds on Fence 710 W. Main, 706 W. Main, 611 W. Maple St.: P. Borchert will contact each resident that it concerns and try to come to a resolution to the problem.

Miscellaneous/General Information:

Next Meeting Date: Monday September 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/Treasurer