

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Minutes
August 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

President Steve Marquardt called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Nick Heise.

Also present: David McPherson, Chris Hodkiewicz, Craig Schuh-Ayres, and Charlene Meier.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the previous Public Hearing.

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

Approval of the minutes from July 19, 2021: L. Hinds/R. Borchert made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2021. Motion was voted and carried.

Open Forum: David McPherson requested a variance regarding the registered sex offender restricted area to allow him to live in the former Clifford Dufek property located at 725 W. Main Street. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Finance & Personnel: Terry Hinds read the synopsis from the August 9th meeting. Monthly bank and comp reports were informational to the Village Board. T. Hinds reviewed the 2022 budget timeline. Motion was made by L. Hinds/S. Marquardt to make a \$250 donation to the Lena Youth Sports. Motion was voted and carried.

Public Safety: A re-cap from the Public Safety meeting on August 9th was reported. Police monthly incident and radar report were informational. Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to hire back Brad Shearer as a part time patrol officer. Motion was voted and carried. Movie night in July was a success with over 90 people in attendance. Next movie night is Friday August 27th. P. Borchert updated the Village Board regarding the new building inspector Tom Smith. Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to direct Tom Smith to begin the letter writing process to call for a timely repair or demolition of properties in disrepair. Motion was voted and carried. Motion was made by S. Marquardt/T. Hinds to inform the Building Inspector to set a dollar amount not to exceed the amount of \$300 for out-of-pocket expenses. Motion was voted and carried. P. Borchert is working on a resolution concerning weeds/fence on W. Main Street.

Chris Hodkiewicz reported that two new captains, Tyler Marquardt & Jim Koslowski have filled the vacancies. Also training officers are Ryan Schlosser and Ray McDonald. Chris H. also asked about purchasing a new battery operator spreader and a thermal imaging camera. The Fire Department will have a representative do a demonstration on the spreaders and will get specifications/costs associated with the purchase to bring to the Public Safety Committee.

Plan Commission: Nothing new to report.

Public Works: Monthly utility report was informational. Ayres is working on the specs for the Public Works building. There were no comments/concerns from the Public Hearing regarding the improvements at the wastewater building. Motion was made by T. Hinds/L. Hinds to decline an adjustment to the Lena Plaza #17-20 bill from June 2021. Motion was voted and carried. L. Hinds reported that the utility workers helped Oconto Falls with chipping twice with positive comments.

Promotions: L. Hinds expressed concerns regarding the Taste of Fall and Village of Lights due to COVID. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by T. Hinds/P. Borchert to cancel the Taste of Fall for 2021. Motion was voted and carried.

Recycling: Nothing to report.

Lena Historical Museum/Society Update: Work continues 501 (C) 3 status.

Village of Lena Centennial Participation Update: P. Borchert updated the Village Board on the status of the centennial. The fund raiser bowling tournament is October 16th.

Joint Library Agreement & Town of Spruce Approve/Decline: T. Hinds reported on the status of the Draft #7 agreement. No action was taken.

2022 Library Tax Exemption Letter Approve/Decline: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the 2022 Library tax Exemption letter. Motion was voted and carried.

OCEDC Update: Clerk Meier reported on new grants for broadband and a new Main Street Bounce Back grant. Informational only.

Presentation of Bills: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$79,576.77. Roll call vote: LeFebre aye; T. Hinds aye; L. Hinds aye; P. Borchert; R. Borchert; S. Marquardt aye. Motion was voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: A fireworks permit for the Lena Lions Club for Dairyfest on September 11, 2021. Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the fireworks permit pending paperwork to be received by the Clerk. Motion was voted and carried. A special thank you card was received from the City of Oconto Falls for the help they received by the Public Works employees to help with the chipping.

Announcements/General Information: S. Marquardt will be out of town on September 20th (next board meeting).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/treasurer