

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes
September 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Borchert called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Linda Hinds and Pauline Borchert.

Absent: Craig LeFebre – excused.

Also, present: Jim Koslowski, Tyler Marquardt, JJ Kugel, Chief James Herald, Jim Garrigan (arrived at 6:50 p.m.) and Charlene Meier

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

Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2021: Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to approve the minutes from August 9, 2021. Discussion followed regarding qualifications for a fire chief. P. Borchert thought there were 5 items. Clerk will check the recording. Motion was voted and carried.

Open Forum: None.

Police Report: Committee members reviewed the monthly police incident report of 107 calls. Chief Herald reported on the truck routes and discussion that were held with Saputo and McDermid Trucking. Police 2022 wages – Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to recommend to increase the Police Chief's wage to \$28.00 per hour for 2022. Motion was voted and carried. It was determined to leave the part time patrol officers at the current rate.

Fire Department: Training schedule documents were discussed and what training is required. No action was taken. Required training requirements were reviewed. The fire tender is ordered and nothing new to report. Quote for new spreader – Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to recommend to the Village Board for approval out of the 2% dues the purchase of a 32" Genesis spreader for an approximate cost of \$12,495.00 (includes two batteries and one battery charger) with monies from the 2% dues. Motion was voted and carried. There is a 6-month lead time. Other wish list items are another thermal imaging camera and a grain bin rescue. Fire Department roof – Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to recommend to the Village Board that we get quotes for the roof and to put it in the 2022 budget. Motion was voted and carried. Current Fire Department contracts will need to be reviewed. Town of Stiles requested that the time in and time out be included on their billing for fire calls. Discussion was held regarding Fire Department meetings and where they should be held. A shower facility is needed at the Fire Department. The Committee reviewed the preliminary 2022 Fire Department Budget. P. Borchert stated that 7 surveys have been returned. It was suggested to

have the firemen complete the survey and the beneficiary form at the next meeting. Fire Chief transition is in process. A recommendation will be determined by September 30th. Additional 200 hours of training will be required for the new Fire Chief. Fire Department Addendum-Motion was made by P. Borchert/L. Hinds to recommend to the Village Board that the four municipalities will be approached with a request to add a vehicle replacement payment in 2022 following the same escalator clause in present contract. Motion was voted and carried.

Ordinance #40 review – Tabled till next month.

Contract review-vehicle replacement: Discussed under the Fire Department.

Fire Department Public encounter/discussion: Informational only.

Ordinance #78: It was determined that there are no changes to be made to this ordinance.

Weed Issues, Update: P. Borchert reported that it has been mutual resolve for all parties involved.

Weed Issues at N. Rosera St.: A company has been contracted to cut the lawn and the bills will be placed on the tax roll.

Building Inspector – Buildings in disrepair: General information only.

Fire Inspector Update: P. Borchert met with Eric Blasek the fire inspector. Blasek was questioning what procedures are in place for violators.

Emergency Planning for Saputo Event: This is scheduled for September 23, 2021. Time to be determined.

Miscellaneous/General Information: A email came for incident training for the Fire Department. Chief Herald talked with the Fire Department regarding the homecoming parade enlisted the FD help.

Next Meeting Date: Monday October 11, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion was made by L. Hinds/P. Borchert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was voted and carried @ 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/Treasurer