

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes
October 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Linda Hinds, Craig LeFebre, and Pauline Borchert (by phone conference).

Also, present: Chief James Herald, Judy Patenaude, and Charlene Meier

Approval of the agenda: Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the agenda with the elimination of 8G and 9A Ordinance #40 and Ordinance #78. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2021 (corrected) and September 13, 2021: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to approve the corrected minutes from August 9, 2021, and the minutes from September 13, 2021. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: None.

Police Report: 134 calls were in September. Homecoming decorating concerns were discussed. No action taken. Also, a possible new hire of Brad Shearer was brought to the committee's attention.

Fire Department: The new spreader was ordered. C. LeFebre stated that he wants to check the roof of the Fire Station again to be sure what is needed. He asked if Robert Borchert could help with this item.

2022 Fire Department Budget and Wages: Preliminary budget presented. Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to increase the firemen's call out pay to from \$15 to \$18 per hour for 2022. Motion voted and carried. Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to increase the meeting/training pay to \$15 per hour for 2022. Motion voted and carried. Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to increase the officer's pay for 2022 as follows: Fire Chief \$1500; Assistant Chief \$750; Treasurer \$500; Secretary \$700. Motion voted and carried. Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to increase captains pay to \$350 each for 2022. Motion voted and carried. Clerk will adjust the 2022 budget figures to reflect these changes. Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to recommend to Finance the changes in wages and the projected 2022 budget. Motion voted and carried.

Fire Chief Recommendations: C. LeFebre reported that this item was not complete yet.

Fire Contract Addendum – Vehicle Replacement 2022: Motion made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to forward the letter to the Town of Lena, Stiles and Spruce on the current Fire Services contract. Motion voted and carried.

Thermal Imager 3M Scott V320: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of a Thermal Imager 3M Scott V320 for a price of \$2985. Motion voted and carried.

Other Concerns/Information for Fire Department: More volunteers are needed. P. Borchert stated only seven surveys were returned.

Building Inspector-Buildings in Disrepair Update: Discussion followed. It was determined that a personal contact should be made prior to any action by the Building Inspector.

Weeds Update: Clerk informed the Committee that a letter was sent to Dollar General regarding their tall weeds.

Miscellaneous/General Information: None.

Next meeting date: November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion was made by L. Hinds/C. LeFebre to adjourn. Motion voted and carried at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Meier
Clerk/Treasurer