

**Village of Lena**  
**117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139**  
**Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes**  
**February 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Craig LeFebre and Pauline Borchert.

Absent: Linda Hinds - Approved

Also, present: Chief James Herald, James Garrigan-Assistant Chief, Craig Simonson-Secretary, Eric Blazek-Fire Inspector, Scott Magnin, James Koslowsky, Tracey Alsteen, Judy Patenaude, Steve Marquardt, Jodi Marquardt, and Charlene Meier. Arriving at 7pm, Scott Cook-Town of Lena, Dawn VanArk-Town of Lena, Steve Dupuis-Town of Stiles, Terry Brazeau-Town of Spruce.

Approval of the agenda: Motion made by P. Borchert/C. LeFebre to approve the agenda with change to move up Police Report. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2022: Motion made by C. LeFebre/P. Borchert to approve the minutes from January 10, 2022, with the following correction: With changes in start of meeting to 6pm and add Tracey Alsteen to new officers to fill vacancy. Motion by C. LeFebre/P. Borchert. Motion voted and carried.

Police Department: Monthly incident report was informational. Part time officer Stephanie Mandé near completion of training and doing well. Looking to fill one further position with 3 applicants being interviewed on March 14 at 6:30 pm. Radio Update. Radios have been sent back due to technical issues, with quote being redone and will again be presented to committee. Wage comparisons presented for informational purposes and will address information at next meeting.

Fire Department Report: Uniform Update, 5 sets of turn out gear ordered with 8 months wait and a 12% increase in price. Flashlights have arrived. Update of truck repairs for trucks 1611 and 1612 was informational. FD is attempting to repair as much as able in house. Scott Magnin to make a phone call to Waterloo regarding apparent defect with pump on 1612. Motion by C. LeFebre/P. Borchert to prepare a prioritized list with estimates of work needed to be done. Motion voted and carried. There are 4 new FD members (Cole Hodkiewicz, Alex Kaminski, John Olson, Justin Weaver) currently in FF 1 training. Also completing training for entire department in monthly meetings. Fire Department currently has 31 Members. Currently planning on 2 fundraisers in 2022. Old Pumper will go out for sale with bids as soon as able to get it out and specs with issues. Will be sold as is.

Building Inspector: No Report

Unsafe Building Review & Potential Action: Concerns with building at 328 W. Main St, garage at 133 W. Main St., garage at 330 W. Maple St., and garage at 102 W. Harley St. A letter will be sent to Verle Garrigan regarding the building at 328 W. Main St., which will invite him to attend a meeting to address the concerns. E. Blazek noted concerns with poor response from code concerns with property owners. E. Blazek stated a letter will be sent to follow up with concerns and if needed he will call in the building inspector to address. Motion by C. LeFebre/P. Borchert to send letters to the properties in question to invite them to the March meeting. Motion voted and carried.

Set next meeting date: March 14, 2022. Committee will meet at 5:30. Police Interviews @6:30pm. Building Concern meeting with property owners held Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30pm.

Fire Department Discussion with the Towns At 7PM, Meeting continued with addition of Town of Stiles Rep, Steve Dupuis; Town of Spruce Rep, Terry Brazeau; and Town of Lena Rep, Scott Cook and Dawn Marquardt. Continuation of Fire Department report with E. Blazek presenting 2021 yearly report, explanation of services and inspections. E. Blazek requested the Towns provide the Village Clerk of any changes to and keep them up to date on business openings. T. Brazeau, Town of Spruce, commented on the difficulties with unpaid invoices from fire calls and request to extend the FD contracts from 10yr proposal to 3 yrs., and fixed pricing. S. Marquardt from the Village of Lena then presented Spruce with a comparison in current billing. P. Borchert commented on providing the same contract for all townships and not individual. S. Dupuis, Town of Stiles, commented on wanting a 5 yr. contract. Also, requests address information and insurance information for their billing and timely billing. Town of Lena had no concerns or comment. P. Borchert presented information regarding improving the uniformity of the contract. Information on budgets, yearly vehicle replacement and 2% fire dues spending. Consideration for another meeting with the Towns in August to drive the budget needs.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by C. LeFebre/P. Borchert. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi A. Marquardt  
Clerk/Treasurer