

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Works Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order.

Roll call: Robert Borchert, Steve Marquardt, and Craig LeFebre

Also present: Larry Shallow, Terry Earley, Craig Schuh, Jodi Marquardt, Terry Hinds, Also, Marilyn Marquardt and David Brown at 10:45

Approval of agenda: Motion made by Marquardt/Lefebre to approve the agenda with moving agenda item 6B to top of the agenda. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of the minutes from December 13, 2022: Motion made by S. Marquardt/LeFebre to approve the minutes from December 13, 2022, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

Call with Laura Gerold, WDNR: Call with Laura Gerold, Amy Garvey, Carrie Flemming and Heidi Schmidt from WDNR. Beginning in fall 2021, WDNR began working with Saputo regarding testing issues. The Village also began to notice increased outflow, which began the quest to eliminate industrial waste into the Village of Lena's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Village of Lena is non-compliant with toxicity with increased Quaternary Ammonia. Per WDNR Quaternary Ammonia presents from Industrial Cleaners, from the food industry. DNR is monitoring and will continue to work with Village of Lena Wastewater Department to determine testing sites and recommendations to address the non-compliance. Larry Shallow will identify manhole numbering to determine testing locations and report to Laura Gerold.

Public Comment/Complaints: Marilyn Marquardt, 610 W Maple St, present, along with David Brown to address concerns with her sewer lateral replacement during the W Maple project. According to Marilyn, she was originally told she did not need replacement and concerned with why it was later done. Also, on 9/19/2022 she was told by sub-contractor Joski's office that she was not responsible for paying. She does not feel she is required to pay. Craig Schuh, Ayres Associates, reported on the project and stated it was determined upon excavation that the line was old material, cast iron, and required replacement to meet ordinance code. Schuh will address the process with Great Lakes and Joski.

David Brown addressed concern with lighting and speeding on West Maple Street in the area of his home.

Utility Report: December 2022 Informational. Sewer Main on Main Street was blocked with roots and cleaned.

Influent/Effluent Flows: Informational. Continue to notice decreased discharges consistent with the W. Maple Street improvements.

Ford Ranger: Will advertise the sale of the 2004 Ford Ranger in the lot for 1 week, then sell to highest offer.

Monthly Expenditures: Informational only.

Ayres Update: Craig Schuh discussed the plan for Spring 2024 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades. Ayres would like to involve the company Applied Technologies into the planning due to the complexity of the project. Applied Technologies would complete the majority of the planning and Ayres would continue to oversee the project. Craig Schuh will submit a new contract for the project in February..

Ice Rink: Addressing maintenance as needed throughout the season.

Complaints/Concerns: Jerome Stodola is concerned with the his water usage. Typically, he uses 8,000 gallons per quarter and this last billing was 26,000. He has requested a cross connection and meter check to determine the source. He is requesting he pay for his typical use as he did not do anything excessive with anything in his home. Adjustments will be made for the excess 18,000 this quarter and monitor next quarter. Steven Strojny and David Brown do not want snow piled up on their property during street plowing.

Next Meeting Items/Date: Items: Sidewalk plan, water meter replacement, wastewater plant, toxicity testing
Next meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 2023 @ 10:30am.

Adjournment: Motion by LeFebre/S Marquardt to adjourn. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi A. Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer