

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Minutes
October 16, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Roll call: Steve Marquardt, Robert Borchert, Terry Hinds (via phone), Linda Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Craig LeFebre, Nick Heise

Also present: Jodi Marquardt,

Approval of the agenda: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve agenda with change of sequence. Moving item #10 to the top, item #6. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes of September 18 and 20, 2023. Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the meeting minutes of the September 18 and 20, 2023 with striking jargon on Public Works report. Motion voted and carried.

Request for Rezone of Parcel 1460227023A: Review of concerns and comments from the public hearing. Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to approve the rezone of parcel #1460227023A from agricultural/residential to multifamily. Roll call vote: Borchert-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, Heise-Present, S Marquardt-Aye, L Hinds-Aye. Motion voted and carried.

Finance- Finance Report- Informational, Clerks Bank and investment Report-Informational, Clerks Comp/Overtime Report-Informational

Closed Session: Motion by S Marquardt/L Hinds to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit, Village Employee 2024 wage Rates and Hours. Roll call vote: Borchert-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, T Hinds-Aye Heise-Aye. Motion carried at 6:34pm

Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to reconvene in open session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session at 6:58 pm.

Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to adopt the proposed 2024 Employee Wage Schedule. Motion voted and carried.

2024 Draft Budget: The 2024 proposed budget was presented and discussed. The Village of Lena remains until the Levy Limit. Park and Recs budget items were added for the Museum, Ball diamonds, Firemen's Park, Veteran's Park, and ice rink. Each will have their own line items in the budget.

Public Works: Report -Informational. Well meters precise calibration. Ayres update-CWFL application has been submitted. Pelkey Street Project- In process. The land purchase offer from the Sept 20, 2023, meeting was rejected by the property owner. Duame's have submitted a quote to improve the utilities and road for the Pelkey Street extension. Front Foot Assessment sample ordinance was presented for review and will be directed to the Plan Commission for further drafting.

Public Safety: No meeting in October. Fire prevention night was held at the fire station. A meeting will be set up with the Towns to review the budget. New furnaces have been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Promotions: working on the Village of Lights, planned for December 2. Pumpkins were placed in the pots for fall.

Park and Recs: Grants have been applied for park and ball diamond development. We received a \$1000 donation from Bill Kramer Estate. MOU's for each park have been developed and will be completed by each supporting club. Earth has been moved at the diamonds and development under way. Labor and equipment have been donated.

Recycling: Nothing to report

Library: Budget is being completed. Oconto County continues to work on determining if a consolidated library is feasible. This is in the planning and discussing phase only. No libraries will close with this consolidation.

Village Complaints and Concerns: Concern that stop signs need to be placed at intersections of alleys and streets where stopping is expected. Consistency is needed. A complaint was received and requested to not Front End Loader on the sidewalk to plow snow.

Presentation of the Bills: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to pay the October bills in the amount of \$87,131.98. Roll call vote: Borchert-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, Heise-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye, L Hinds-Aye. Motion voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Motion by LeFebre/L Hinds to approve Operators permit for Lisa Misco, Candice Nielsen, Marian Carrao, Dustin Smith, and Brenda Dellise. Motion voted and carried

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023 5:45 Public Hearing Budget, and 6:00 Board Meeting

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to adjourn at 8:06pm. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi A. Marquardt
Clerk/Treasurer