

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Minutes
February 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Roll call: Steve Marquardt, Robert Borchert, Terry Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Craig LeFebre, Linda Hinds

Absent: Nick Heise

Also present: Jodi Marquardt, Chanelle Meyer

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve agenda with change of sequence as needed. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2024: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve meeting minutes of January 15, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

Closed Session: Motion by to convene into closed session pursuant to Wi.Stat. 19.85(1)g Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Fire Protection Services Agreement Claim at 5:02 pm with Clerk present for the closed session. Roll call vote: T Hinds-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye, Borchert-Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hinds/LeFebre to reconvene in open session at 5:50pm. Motion voted and carried.

Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to approve the Village of Lena attorney, Atty Bouressa to contact the Town of Spruce for conversation regarding the current claim. Motion voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Chanelle Meyer present for discussion regarding the abandonment of alley on W Maple Street to her property line. This request will be referred to the Plan Commission for review.

Open Forum: Amy Marquardt present to update the Village Board on TEDCOR (previously OCEDC) activities as the Village of Lena representative. A grant was received by Rival Properties to assist in moving forward with the multifamily housing development. TEDCOR has been very resourceful with the development of the Village of Lena's Park Planning and ball diamond development.

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

-Online Utility Credit Card Payment: The Clerk discussed proceeding with an online payment option for Utility Bill payment through our current vendor All Paid. This will have no added cost to the Village and will be handled the same as it currently does for court payment. It has been requested by several Village Residents to allow an option for them to pay their bill online. This will not be a automatic funds transfer, but rather the resident will go in to the All Paid website and complete a credit card payment. Goal is to have this in place for the March Utility Billing.

Public Works: Report -Informational.

-Bug Tussel- An agreement is in planning to advance fiber optics to the water and sewer plants in lieu of space requested by Bug Tussel for placement of a pedestal for fiber optic connection on Village Property in the East side of the Recycling Center. Waiting for the contract to be sent and reviewed.

-Wastewater Treatment Plant Update- Nothing new to report.

-Larry Shallow has received the Outstanding Operator of the Year Award for his role in Lena's Wastewater Program.

Public Safety: There was no meeting in February. The committee attended the January Fire Department meeting as guests. The Fire Department bathroom requires improvements. The ceiling in the FD also requires attention in a few spots. The FD will host a meat raffle on Saturday, April 27 at the Wooden Shoe.

Promotions: the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 23.

Plan Commission: No meeting, no report.

Park and Recs: Informational report. A meeting was held with the youth sports group to educate them on the ball diamond project status, needs and planning.

Recycling: Nothing to report

Library: Report informational. Planning continues with the County Library Service Board to determine a County consolidated library formation. The Library Board will meet next week.

Village Complaints and Concerns: Nothing to report.

Presentation of the Bills: Motion by L Hinds/Borchert to pay the February bills in the amount of \$369,569.86. Roll call vote: Borchert-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve Gathering Permit for the Lena Lions for their annual Fish Fry on March 23. Motion voted and carried.

-Committee Expectations-Discussion held with feedback on expectations on Committee assignments. Committees will present short reports on their committees at each Village Board meeting to improve meeting flow.

-104 E Main working on improvements as required by the building inspector.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2024, at 6:00pm

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi A. Marquardt Clerk/Treasurer