

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes
April 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: Judy Patenaude, Linda Hinds, Nick Heise

Also present: Chief James Herald, Jodi Marquardt, John Olson, Craig Simonson

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Heise/Patenaude to approve agenda as presented. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of the minutes from January 8, 2024: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: No one present

Fire Department: Report Informational

- The Departments current hoses are reaching expiration and need replacement. The FD would like to replace them with color coded hoses. Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to purchase new hose up to \$4000, with funds from 2% dues. Motion voted and carried.
- The 2% dues audit is complete with areas of the audit showing non-compliance and noted areas of improvement noted and action in place. The current bylaws need updating.
- The FD defibrillator needs updating with a quote needed.
- The FD fundraising group will host a meat raffle on Saturday, April 27 from 3-6pm
- Oconto County Emergency Management is requesting an updated Emergency Management Plan.
- Power outage emergency recap. The FD needs a generator to function garage doors, air compressors and SCBA compressor. It was recommended to consider an emergency awareness list of residents within the Village who may require increased assistance in emergency situations. The FD responded to several down lines within the Village.

Police: Monthly incident report was informational.

- Officer Mandel will be returning in May. Officer Schindel accepted a full-time job offer. Part time staffing is adequate, and no further officers will need to be hired.
- The 3 year audit went well.
- Bike Rodeo is coming up with PD presence.
- Dirt City extra hours are covered.
- There have been complaints regarding speed of vehicles entering from the West on Cty A/Main St. The speed sign on the east end of the Village has been highly successful in speed awareness. The Village Board has asked the PD to look at their budget to cover the cost of \$4000. The general PD budget cannot cover the cost, with \$1800 in the equipment fund. The capital outlay account will need to be used or assistance from the Village budget.

Building Inspector Update: Report Informational.

Stop Signs: Heise expressed his concerns with the stop signs and the process used to place the signs. The Wisconsin DOT has stated that as it is a Village Road, no state authority is required, but a declaration should be made. Heise noted the Ordinance stating use of MUTCD to determine placement and the complaints leading to placement did not warrant placement.

Miscellaneous: Heise

Next meeting date: May 13, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to adjourn. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jodi Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer