

Village of Lena
117 E Main St., Lena, Wi 54139
Village Board Meeting
July 15, 2024, 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Steve Marquardt, Terry Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Linda Hinds, Nick Heise, Craig LeFebre, Robert Borchert

Also Present: Jodi Marquardt, Clerk, Craig Schuh-Ayres Associates, Patrick and Angie Ahlgrim-Oconto Falls Ambulance, Rita Krause

Agenda: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve agenda with changes as needed

Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2024: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from June 18, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Oconto Falls Ambulance Service presented an annual report to the Village. They were honored with being recognized as 2023 EMS Service of the Year and Patrick Ahlgrim the 2023 Service Support Provider of the Year. Their annual meeting will be held July 24, 2024, at 6:30 at the Ambulance garage.

Nick Heise presented a 137 signature petition he has circulated to protest the rezone and TID formation for the multi-family development. Heise is asking to stop the process until the requests can be investigated. The petition will be sent to the Village Attorney for his review.

Rita Krause spoke on concerns from a resident perspective and concern with the number of apartments in one area, traffic and the infrastructure with the sewer utility with the project. She is requesting the Village consider a smaller scale project.

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

T Hinds discussed the Finance Committee's request to write off the accounts receivable Fire Department fund balance. The 4th quarter Fire Dept billing was receipted at the end of the year as accounts receivable in 1st quarter 2024. All billings have been paid, except the Town of Spruce. Audit 2023 shows the receivable. Since the Board voted to not proceed with the Town of Spruce claim, a motion was made by T Hinds/LeFebre to write off the balance at the end of 2023 from the Fire Department accounts receivable funds in the amount of \$31809.49. Motion voted and carried.

Public Safety Speed Sign. The Finance Committee is recommending the use of ARPA Funds to pay for the Public Safety speed sign. Motion by T Hinds/Lefebre to pay for the west side speed sign in the amount of \$4009.75 using ARPA funds. Motion voted and carried.

Office Copier-Discussion on replacement of current photo copier/printer in Clerk's office which is not repairable and requires replacement. Motion by T Hinds/LeFebre to approve the purchase of a Ricoh IMC 2510 copier from Wisconsin Document Imaging, in the amount of \$6125 with the maintenance plan of \$25/month plus copies, using capital outlay account funds. Roll call vote Borchert-Aye, LeFebre-Aye, Heise-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion carried.

Public Works: Report Informational. The Public Works department received a bid from Little Joe's Landscaping for consideration to outsourcing lawn cutting in the overpass area. The concern was presented with liability insurance. Referred to Public Works for discussion. LeFebre states he is feeling better from his recent illness and will return to his commitment to Public Works.

Ayres Update: Schuh reported on WWTP. Approval has been received from the DNR to proceed with the extension on changes in the plan from the DNR. Multiple changes and amendments have delayed the project. There is a necessity to proceed with adding a clarifier to the plan. We are on track to bid for the job in late August, to allow 3 weeks for the contractors to bid. Due to the last-minute updates to the scope an increase in expense of about 30% will be noticed on the initial plan. Concerns were raised by the Village Board with the fact that the amendments and lack of notice to the failing systems and the miss in proper planning and original assessments of the plant. Request by S Marquardt to Ayres/Applied Technologies to determine if their pricing will be adjusted as a result. It was suggested that the Village patron notice an increase in sewer rates with the project. Amendment #4 to the project was presented and a special Village Board meeting will need to be scheduled to vote on the amendment. Meeting to be scheduled for July 17 at 8am.

Bug Trussel is requesting to place pedestals in the Recycle Center area in exchange for fiber line to what water treatment plant, wells and the shop, which would better improve communications for the Village. A contract is to follow.

Public Safety/Weeds Update: An offer was made of the old tanker fire truck. The clerk will post the truck on Wisconsin Auto Surplus Auction Site. Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to punt the old tender out for auction on Wisconsin Surplus Auction site with a starting bid of \$2500. Motion voted and carried. The Police Department has noted an increase in feral cats in the Village. National Night Out is scheduled for August 6. Weeds/property appearance including backyards and alleys require attention. This includes maintain all Village property

Promotions Update: No meeting. Thunder on Main will be held on July 26.

Plan Commission Update: Public Member to Joint Review Board. S Marquardt talked to community members, and Lisa Misco has agreed to represent the Village of Lena as a public member on the Joint Review Board. Patenaude/L Hinds made a motion to appoint Lisa Misco as the Lisa Misco to the Joint Review Board. Motion voted and carried with a 6-1 vote, with Heise opposed.

Multifamily update. The first draft of the Developer's Agreement was prepared by the Village attorney, and we are waiting for a response from Rival Properties and Ehlers.

Seventh Day Adventist Sign- Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to accept and grant the variance to exceed the sign size in the Village Ordinance of 4'x4' to the Lena Seventh Day Adventist Church. Motion voted and carried.

A developer has reached out to the Village for a possible project in the Rosera Business Park. The Village Board agrees the developer should meet with the Planning/Zoning Committee.

Park and Recreation Update: No meeting. Finalizing the ball diamond with sod and dug outs withing the next few weeks. The Museum had the furnace/air conditioner installed. Ice Rink requires some planning to begin the improvements. The Village received the ARPA grants.

Recycling Update: No report

Lena Library Update: Informational report.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to pay the July bills in the amount of \$64,022.91, with a hold on the Core and Main check until system is in place and progress to the program. Roll Call Vote: Borchert-Aye, Lefebvre-Aye, Heise-Aye Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve the Gathering Permit for Lena Lions Club for the Dairyfest on September 6/7, 2024. operator's license for Julie Marquardt and Brenda Dellise. Motion voted and carried.

Announcements: Astrea has been contracted to repair the building behind the Village Hall. Consideration is being given to a monthly rental to space on the Village property in exchange for Village internet services. A contract is to come.

Next Meeting- July 17 8am, special Village Board meeting
August 19 6pm Village Board

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Motion voted and carried.