

Village of Lena
117 E Main St., Lena, Wi 54139
Village Board Meeting
September 18, 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, Attorney Robert Gagan, Brian Roemer-Ehlers, Village Residents

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

Approval of Minutes of August 13 and August 20, 2024: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from August 13 and August 20, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Community members presented their concerns with TID #2, development location, development volume and concern with low-income housing. S Marquardt presented a timeline on the Multifamily development process involvement with the Village of Lena through Village meeting minutes, beginning in June 2022. Brian Roemer-Ehlers spoke that the Village did its due diligence in the process and has met statutory requirements to proceed with the TID. Discussions ensued. Atty Gagan spoke on the TID met all statutory requirements as in the project plan.

Clint Conrad Concerns with Multifamily Development: Presented concern with multifamily development company removing trees on his property and on the right of way on 3rd St. Concern the property was no surveyed prior to removal and what will be done to replace the cut trees. Atty Gagan said that if cut on hid property, they will be replaced. Atty Gagan stated he felt the Village was appropriate in agreeing to proceed with public roadway removal of trees, but it was not approved by the Village to remove private property trees.

Plan Commission Update: Consideration on possible action on a “Resolution Creating Tax Increment District #2, Approving its Project Plan and Establishing its Boundaries.” Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve Resolution 2024-04 Resolution Creating Tax Increment District #2, Approving its Project Plan and Establishing its Boundaries. Roemer spoke on TID development and Ehlers Proforma and feasibility analysis and the outcome of a recommended TID. Atty Gagan Discussion was held, and T Hinds questioned the Villages ability to adjust or make modifications to the project plan, especially the size of the project. Roemer answered yes, changes can be made. Atty Gagan commented that this current motion would need to include a change to include “contingent on changing the developer agreement”. Nick Heise spoke his opinion on TID and Development. No further discussion and motion stood. Roll Call vote- T Hinds-aye, Borchert-Aye, Heise- No, LeFebre-Aye, L Hinds-No, Patenaude-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion carried 5-2.

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

Motion by Patenaude/LeFebre to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for “considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” To wit: 2025 Employee Wages. Roll Call vote- T Hinds-aye, Borchert-Aye, Heise- Aye, LeFebre-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye.

Motion by T Hinds/LeFebre to reconvene in open session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session. Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to recommend a 2.5% wage increase to Village Employees to the Finance Committee, subject to budget limitations. Motion voted and carried.

Policy #22. Motion by T Hinds/Borchert to approve Policy #22. Discussion ensued. Motion voted and carried, 6-1 vote.

Public Works: Report Informational.

Public Works is working to complete the DNE lead and copper testing. The Village is now utilizing the new Sensus meter reading system. A letter was received from the DNR with increased toxicity noted and the DNR is requesting a plan to proceed with testing and elimination of toxicity.

Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to approve Resolution 2024-03, Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Roll Call vote- T Hinds-aye, Borchert-Aye, Heise- Aye, LeFebre-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye

Public Safety/Weeds Update: No meeting. Increased Village signage is needed to post authorized entry only on all Village properties. Weed letters have been sent.

Promotions Update: No meeting. There will be no fall decorations on the streets this year due to the cost. The pots are being removed. Oconto County Tourism guide advertisement will be completed. Flowers for next year have been ordered.

Park and Recreation Update: No meeting. A meeting is needed to finalize the remaining necessities and 2025 budget.

Recycling Update: No report

Lena Library Update: Informational report. The can bin was broken into again. There are 4 book clubs currently active at the library. There are many community programs offered at the library, with great circulation numbers. The funding for 2025 will be cut with County support changes, with trimming, the Library will be reaching out to the municipalities for financial assistance.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to pay the September bills in the amount of \$135,184.21 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 LeFebre/Heise to approve operator’s license for Jamie Egan, Jessica Thomson, Tori Bushmaker. Motion voted and carried.

Review of 2018 Fee Schedule. Discussion on the building permit fees for Rival Properties. Motion by Patenaude/T Hinds to charge permit fees to Rival Properties to include Driveway Permit \$50, Erosion

Control \$50, State Seal \$33, Zoning \$50, Building permit-over 25,000 cubic feet \$150, and culvert \$50.
Total \$483 for 2 buildings. Motion voted and carried.

Announcements: Next Meeting- October 21 6pm, special Finance Committee meeting
August 22 at 8am

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Motion voted and carried.