

Village of Lena
117 E Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Meeting
December 16, 2024, 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order

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

Excused: Terry Hinds

Also Present: Jodi Marquardt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2024, Village Board and Public Hearing Minutes: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from October 14 and 21, 2024. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Linda Hinds mentioned the purchase of a storage unit for the Promotions item. S Marquardt mentioned Astrea was removing their distressed building behind the Village Hall. Consideration could include addition of a police garage and Village storage area. More discussion to come.

Finance: Finance Report: Informational

Clerks Bank and investment Report- Informational

Clerks Comp/Overtime Report-Informational

- A discussion was held with Rival Properties regarding expenses associated with the pre-developer's agreement. Rival agrees to pay the additional \$5000 of the initial request and an additional \$4500 toward TID #2 expenses. A proposal was made to transfer back to general funds a portion of the initial transfer for the development of TID #1 of \$10,000. Then transfer from the general fund \$5000 towards formation of TID #2.

- Resolution #2024-11 Village of Lena Budget Amended Levy Amount- Discussion held with motion by Patenaude/L Hinds adopt Resolution #2024-11 Village of Lena Budget Amended Levy Amount. Roll Call Vote: Borchert-aye, LeFebre-aye, Linda Hinds-aye, Patenaude-aye, S Marquardt-aye. Motion carried.

-Resolution #2024-10 Annual Carry-over Item of Funds- Discussion held with motion by Patenaude/L Hinds adopt Resolution #2024-10 Annual Carry-over Item of Funds. Roll Call Vote: Borchert-aye, LeFebre-aye, Linda Hinds-aye, Patenaude-aye, S Marquardt-aye. Motion carried.

Public Works: Report Informational. Toxicity testing continues with work with the WDNR. A timeline is being established for testing, diagnosis, and determining chemical toxicity.

-The Bug Tussel project at the WWTP is complete, serving the area, but also allowing WWTP access to internet.

-Clean Water Fund Loan- The Village did learn of 35%, \$1.345 million, principal forgiveness on the WWTP project, with loan funding for the remainder. Project plan to start early spring.

-CTW Bid- Well #2 is due for its DNR required rehab. The Public Works Committee voted and is recommending approval of the proposed bid. Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve the bid from CTW for well #2 rehab in the amount of \$13883. Roll Call Vote: Borchert-aye, LeFebre-aye, Heise-aye, Linda Hinds-aye, Patenaude-aye, S Marquardt-aye. Motion carried.

Public Safety/Weeds Update: Informational. Discussion was held regarding 2 complaints at 2 different apartment properties in the Village. The Fire Inspector did visit both sites and situations were addressed. The building inspector also visited one location and addressed complaints. Other complaints included fumes which were addressed by the Building Inspector and Oconto County Health and Human Services is aware. Also, complaints regarding PD not wearing body cams or car cams. Chief Herald addressing these concerns. The FD received a donation from Mursau's Piggly Wiggly Round Up, with a purchase of radios with the funds.

Promotions Update: No meeting. Village of Lights was successful with an impressive turnout and noted increased business at Lena businesses as a result. Saputo donated the Horse and Carriage rides, and Whispering Pines discounted the cost of the Christmas Tree. Many compliments were received for the event and the Village decorations.

Plan Commission: The Rosera Business Park road right of way with Ken Duhm is in process. Shallow surveying working on the legal description. Main Street Revitalization presentation on January 8. Village Board is encouraged to attend. Covenants for the business park are in place, and consideration should be developed for the rest of the Village. The ordinances need to continue to be reviewed and developed. The website needs to be improved, redesigned and updated with consideration to form a subcommittee to work on these improvements.

Park and Recreation Update: The Vibrant Spaces Grant was submitted for improvements of the Ice Rink/Railroad Park. Fencing is finished at the Baseball Park. Planning for Phase 2 of the Ball Diamond Park will be initiated in 2025. Ice Rink is being prepped for the season.

Recycle: No update

Library: Nothing new to report.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to pay the December bills in the amount of \$123,325.01 Roll Call Vote: Borchert-Aye, Lefebre-Aye, Heise-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: Motion by LeFebre/L hinds to approve Operators permit for Emily Kaszynski. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:00pm

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. Motion voted and carried.