

Village of Lena
117 E Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Village Board Meeting
October 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Kathy Lindstrom, Craig LeFebre, Linda Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Terry Hinds, Kris Verduzco

Excused: Steve Marquardt

Also Present: Jodi Marquardt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the agenda with notation the Items D and E are informational and not action items. Also, item H, holds 2 motions, one for the Village and one for Police/Spillman. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2025, Village Board: Motion by L Hinds/Verduzco to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from September 15, 2025. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Nothing

Finance:

-Finance Report: Informational

-Clerks Bank and investment Report- Informational

-Clerks Comp/Overtime Report-Not presented

- Informational report regarding Contractor Application for Payment #2, in the amount of \$59,375.00, and Disbursement #3, in the amount of \$87,344.32, for the WWTP upgrade was informational and approved by Public Works and Finance at their meetings.

-2026 Budget- The proposed draft 2026 Budget for the Village of Lena was presented and reviewed. Changes to the proposed budget may be made up to the time of the budget adoption at the November Village Board meeting.

-Bug Tussel- The Village faced an unexpected internet disruption with the conversion from Astrea to Spectrum. There was a struggle in getting sufficient installation date, pricing and delays in providing service. As a result, a quote was obtained from BugTussel (which Oconto County also contracts with). The price is lower than Spectrum for the more service and they can install immediately. An emergency Finance Committee vote was required to proceed with daily function for the Village and Police Department. Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the contract with BugTussel for internet service to the Village Hall, previously voted on in the Finance Committee, from 10/14/2025. Motion voted and carried. The service with Bug Tussel will include 1 GIG, for \$80/month with a temporary line installed right of way.

-Oconto County MOU with Tech Services- Presented contract from OC that supports our computer and tech services with review. Motion from T Hinds/Patenaude to approve the MOU from Oconto County Tech services and the Village of Lena for 2026. Motion and carried. The MOU with the Village of Lena Police Department was presented and reviewed. Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve the MOU with Oconto County and the Village of Lena Police Department. Motion voted and carried.

-TTech Software Contract- Oconto County is changing the software for land information, dog licensing and tax receipt. A maintenance agreement was presented and reviewed. The new software will be changing with training in 2026. Motion by T hinds/Patenaude to approve the software maintenance agreement between TTech/Oconto County land records and the Village of Lena. Motion voted and carried.

Public Works: Informational Report. Toxicity issues are improving. Continue to test and consult with DNR. No report from Ayres.

-Park and Ride Maintenance- The DOT has approved a jurisdictional transfer of property to the Village for use of the driveway into the park and ride to access the road proposed for the Rosera Business Park. As part of the agreement, the Village will maintain grass, snow removal, but major maintenance, i.e.-paving, will be done by the DOT, as confirmed by the DOT. Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to approve the WI DOT the Park and Ride Jurisdictional Transfer. Motion voted and carried.

Public Safety: Report informational.

A meeting with the Towns was held to review the 2026 Fire Department Budget, without issue or concerns. There has been an increase in the number of direct texts to the Public Safety Chair in regard to civil concerns and ordinance violations. The Public Safety chair cannot act on these complaints, and they should be referred to the Police department and if no Village officer on duty, through the Oconto County non-emergent phone line. Consider sending a letter to send to property owner stating such. Property assessment for excessive yard waste is being completed with attention as needed.

Promotions Update: Trick or Treat planned for Halloween eve 4-6pm. Village of Lights planning is under way.

Plan Commission: The sub-committee is working on updates.

Park and Recreation Update: The Ice Rink project has been paved. The Lumberjack grant for the walking trails in the amount of \$10,000 will be used to purchase gravel base for the walking trails, starting behind the library and continuing through the school woods.

Recycle: No report.

Library: Budget work underway. Cost of expansion being researched.

Resolution 2025-08 County Clerk Email Notification Amendment- Presented and reviewed with discussion. Motion by L Hinds/Verduzco to approve Resolution 2025-08 County Clerk Email Notification Amendment. Motion voted and carried.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by LeFebre/L Hinds to pay the October bills in the amount of \$603179.62
Roll Call Vote: Verduzco-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, Lindstrom-Aye. Motion carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: No permits.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:45pm Budget Hearing, Board meeting 6pm

Adjournment: Motion by T Hinds/L Hinds to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion voted and carried.