

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Safety/Weeds Committee Minutes
January 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: Judy Patenaude, Linda Hinds, Kathy Lindstrom

Also present: Chief James Herald, Jodi Marquardt, Shane Keith

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

Approval of the minutes from December 8, 2025: Motion by L Hinds/Lindstrom to approve the minutes from December 8, 2025. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Shane Keith, 305 Harley St, present with concerns with trafficking in the Village and dangers to our community occurring on Harley St. Keith expressed concerns with a nuisance and trash and the fence on his property line. The building inspector, Tom Smith, did follow up with the property owner and with Chief Herald. They are aware of and addressing the fence concerns.

Building Inspector Update: No Report. Reviewed the correspondence regarding 301 Harley St.

Interviews for Part Time Patrol Officer – Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to convene to closed Session per WI State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotions, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion voted and carried.

Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to reconvene to Open Session per WI State Statute 19.85 (2) and possible recommendations from closed session. Motion voted and carried. Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to allow Chief Herald to extend an offer to part time officer pending clearance of background and reference checks. Motion voted and carried.

Miscellaneous: Nothing

Next meeting date: February 10, 2026, 530pm

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

Respectfully submitted, Jodi Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer