

Village of Lena
117 E Main St., Lena, Wi 54139
Village Board Meeting
January 19, 2026, 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order

Roll Call: Craig LeFebre, Linda Hinds, Judy Patenaude, Terry Hinds, Steve Marquardt

Absent: Kathy Lindstrom, Kris Verduzco

Also Present: Jodi Marquardt, Chief Herald, Chief Deputy Chad Angus, Oconto County Sherriff Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion made by L Hinds/Patenaude to approve the agenda, with tabling item #14, Lena Public Schools-Ben Pytleski. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of Minutes of December 15, and December 19, 2025, Village Board: Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from December 15 and December 19, 2025. Motion voted and carried.

Open Forum: Nothing

Finance:

-Finance Report: Informational

-Clerks Bank and investment Report- Informational

-Clerks Comp/Overtime Report-Informational

- Resolution #2026- 01 Village of Lena 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan- Motion by Patenaude/L Hinds to adopt Resolution #2026-01 Village of Lena 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan. Roll Call vote: LeFebre-Aye; Patenaude-Aye; L Hinds-Aye; S Marquardt-Aye; T Hinds-Aye
-2026 P &L, Work Comp, Cyber, Fireman's Insurance Renewal- Review of Village's Insurance Plan for 2026. Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to accept 2026 P &L, Work Comp, Cyber, Fireman's Insurance policies in the amount of \$49,225. Roll Call vote: LeFebre-Aye; Patenaude-Aye; L Hinds-Aye; S Marquardt-Aye; T Hinds-Aye. Motion voted carried.

- Informational report regarding Contractor Application for Payment #5, in the amount of \$124,450.00, and Disbursement #6, in the amount of \$161,598.40, for the WWTP upgrade was informational and approved by Public Works and Finance at their meetings.

Public Safety: Shane Keith requested to be placed on the agenda with concerns about Harley St, but he was not present or attend the meeting. Linda Hinds did give a report about his concerns with 301 Harley St. Keith has been texting Linda Hinds with his concerns. Keith was advised to call the Lena PD, or the Oconto County Sherriff's Department non emergent line to report issues. Keith did attend the Public Safety meeting and voiced his concerns with criminal history's, fence issues, and activity in the neighborhood. Chief Deputy Angus spoke on the process and investigations from Oconto County. The Public Safety Report was informational.

Public Works: Informational Report. Progress on the WWTP project are slow, with prep and electrical work being done. Informational report regarding Contractor Application for Payment #5, in the amount of \$124,450.00, and Disbursement #6, in the amount of \$161,598.40, for the WWTP upgrade was informational and approved by Public Works and Finance at their meetings

Promotions Update: Will be meeting in February

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

Park and Recreation Update: Report informational.

Recycle: Nothing.

Library: Looking at best options for position of Director replacement. Current staff are doing well covering hours.

Oconto County Humane Society Contract- Review of presented contract. Motion by T Hinds/L Hinds to agree to and accept the animal control agreement with Oconto County Humane Society for \$300. Motion voted and carried.

Permits/Correspondence/Miscellaneous: request for Sellers Permit for Drip Coffee, mobile truck and Operator permit for Sikowski. Motion by Patenaude/LeFebre to approve. Motion voted and carried.

Closed Session- Motion by S Marquardt/L Hinds to convene into closed session pursuant to Wi.Stat. 19.85(1)e Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Request for Sale of Property. Also, Wi.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, Employee Matters Roll Call vote: LeFebre-Aye; Patenaude-Aye; L Hinds-Aye; S Marquardt-Aye; T Hinds-Aye. Motion voted carried.

Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to reconvene in open session and take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session. Motion voted and carried.

Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to enter into an annual contract with Cory marquardt to maintain equipment not to exceed \$7500/yr, at \$65/hr, without prior approval.
Discussion held. Motion by T Hinds/Patenaude to rescind the motion on the floor. Motion carried.
Motion by Patenaude/T Hinds to increase the hourly rate for Cory Marquardt as part-time maintenance mechanic at a rate of \$65/hr. Motion voted and carried.

Presentation of Bills: Motion by L Hinds/LeFebre to pay the January bills in the amount of \$674,584.83 Roll Call Vote, Lefebre-Aye, Patenaude-Aye, L Hinds-Aye, T Hinds-Aye, S Marquardt-Aye. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2026, at 6pm

Adjournment: Motion by L Hinds/Patenaude to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Motion voted and carried.