# VILLAGE MEETING

# NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building, located at 201 S. Cherry Street.

All participants, including the public, can join in person or by using Zoom:

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to order/Roll Call

2. Verification of Meeting Posting/Publishing

3. Approval of previous meetings minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Public Comment

6. Utility Business

\*\*Action to approve the annual CMAR report

\*\*Start discussions on Sub-Station Relocation

\*\*Regular Utility Business

7. Any old business

8. Action on a Fair Housing Proclamation

9. Action to approve a new Personnel Policy

10. Action on advertising for a Street Supervisor

11. Action on bids for mowing/trimming of Chapel Hill Cemetery

12. Set a date for the re-organization meeting of the Village Board

13. Set a date for Open Book and Board of Review

14. Set a date for the 25th annual Village-Wide rummage sales

15. Action on a request for a Portable Toilet for the Farmers Market

16. Action on an operator license application

17. Police report/update

18. Committee reports and updates

19. Approval to pay the Bills

20. Adjournment

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Posted 4/09/2021

**VILLAGE OF LA FARGE**

**Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 12, 2021**

\*Village President Pro-Tem Frank Quinn called the regular meeting of the La Farge Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building. Due to a medical reason, Village President Cheryl Purvis excused herself from leading the meeting.

Roll Call - Present at the meeting:

All Board Members: Aaron Nemec, Barbara Melvin, Reggie Nelson (zoom), Terry Jensen, Aaron Appleman, Frank Quinn, and Cheryl Purvis.

Also present: News reporters Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman (zoom), Karen Leis, Dave Bonifas (zoom), Public Works Manger Wayne Haugrud, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, Utility Clerk Greg Lawton, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

\*Verification of the meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcope and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on April 9, 2021 was given. (Meeting was posted for using Zoom or attending in person).

\*Melvin moved, Jensen seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (3-8-21/Regular Village board meeting; 3-18-21/Finance & Personnel committee meeting; 3-23-21/Regular Library board meeting; 3-29-21/Finance & Personnel committee meeting; and 4-7-21/Special Village board meeting). (Carried).

\*Correspondence: A flag has been donated by the La Farge VFW for the Community Center building.

\*Public Comment: None.

\*Utility business: PWM Wayne Haugrud reported on the following:

\*\*The CMAR (Compliance Maintenance Annual report) for the wastewater treatment plant needs approval for submission to the DNR. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve the 2020 report. (Carried).

\*\*Substation relocation discussion: On Friday, we were notified the village received a $1 million-dollar CDBG-DR grant for moving the electrical substation that was submitted by CDA. Wayne contacted Forster today to get a proposal for the entire engineering part of the project, as they had done the original proposal for the application. He will try to find another electrical engineer for a price, but there are not many in our area. Will try to have this by our May board meeting. We are moving forward with the proposed location of the North side of the old sawmill site along Hwy 131 North. If this doesn’t pass, Wayne has had contact with Earl Nelson and Organic Valley, which are the alternative sites.

\*\*No regular utility business.

\*No old business.

\*A requirement of the CDBG Main Street grant, is for Village President Purvis to proclaim a Fair Housing week. Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve Cheryl to sign the Proclamation declaring the week of April 19th as Fair Housing Week in the Village of La Farge. (Carried).

\*Quinn reported the Finance & Personnel committee met on putting together a new personnel policy. All members have received a copy. This is a living document, meaning it’s a good start and changes can be made as needed. It’s been reviewed by our Attorney, and he recommended a couple changes that Frank reviewed. All the employees will receive this, and a signed copy will go into their file once they’ve read it. Nemec moved, Jensen seconded to approve the new Personnel Policy. (Carried).

\*At our last meeting we hired Adam Schlicht for the Groundman/Water/Wastewater opening, which left a vacancy for his position of Street Supervisor. The spot was posted internally, but there were no applicants. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to advertise for two weeks in the newspapers. (Carried).

\*Received one bid for mowing/trimming of Chapel Hill Cemetery. Justin’s Lawn Care bid $1,775 for the season. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve this bid. (Carried).

\*The re-organization meeting for Village board committee selections was set for April 21st at 6:30 p.m.

\*Open Book with the Assessor was set for May 20th, from 5-7 p.m. and Board of Review was set for May 27th, from 5-7 p.m., both at the village office. (Carried).

\*Set the 25th annual village-wide rummage sales for June 4th & June 5th.

\*Received a request for a portable toilet for the Farmers Market. Discussion felt this wasn’t the village’s responsibility, that it should be LAPA’s. Cheryl said she is planning to attend LAPA’s meeting next week and will talk with them. Nemec moved, Jensen seconded to table the request. (Carried).

\*Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve an operator license for Angela Flanders. (Carried). She completed the ServSafe Alcohol course on 3-4-2021. (Carried).

\*Police report/update: Chief Jonathon Brown had 65 calls for service in March. Municipal court was April 1st. Now with Spring coming, he’s monitoring ordinance violations. There are about 20 so far that he has contacted to come into compliance. The violations include animals running at large, open burning, and junk vehicles and appliances.

\*Committee Reports:

\*\*Clinic: Appleman reported the old clinic building is full. Hallistic Health has expanded renting more rooms, and we have a new renter, Angela Roherty, who is a licensed massage therapist. She is renting the old reception area and one exam room.

\*\*Library: Melvin said the library is starting to open a little. There are phases to go thru to totally open up.

And the Vernon County energy district gave a presentation on an energy monitor. The library is going ahead with it. They’re giving us the monitor and we’ll need to put it in.

\*\*Finance/Personnel: Quinn said meetings will be held to go thru the street applicants and do interviews.

\*\*Cheryl thanked Frank for chairing the meeting as she had mouth surgery today, and it’s hard for her to talk. As this is Reggie’s last meeting, she wanted to say it’s been a pleasure serving on the board with him. He was elected in 2017 and has served on several committees. We will miss you. Thanks!

\*\*Cheryl said now that the mask mandate has been overturned, and people are getting vaccines, she would like to know how the board feels on when we should wear them and not. Look at possibly having a discussion item on this next month.

\*Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve payment of the bills. (Carried).

\*Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer