

VILLAGE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building, located at 201 S. Cherry Street.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order/Roll Call
2. Verification of Meeting Posting/Publishing
3. Approval of previous meetings minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Public Comment

UTILITY BUSINESS:

6. Action to approve the annual CMAR report;
7. Discussion/Action to approve software for electronic bill paying;
8. Regular Utility Business;

OLD BUSINESS:

9. Any old business;

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Approval of a resolution authorizing Vernon County to apply for an EDA grant on behalf of the Village of La Farge;
11. Discussion on the income survey;
12. Action on a request to sponsor "Music in the Park" for the 4th of July;
13. Discussion/Action on a Vehicle Repeater System to use with the current police radio systems, both in car and portable;
14. Open wood chipper bids and possible award;
15. Appointment of the Board of Review committee;
16. Action to amend existing Title 10 Chapter 4 ordinance sections on the All-Terrain & Off-Road Utility Vehicles, and Off-Road Motor Vehicle Operations, due to State language changes;
17. Police report/update;
18. Committee reports and updates;
19. Approval to Pay the Bills;
20. Adjourn.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Posted 5/10/2019

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019

*President Cheryl Purvis called the regular meeting of the La Farge Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building. Roll call was taken with board members Purvis, Reggie Nelson, Aaron Nemec, Terry Jensen, Barbara Melvin, and Aaron Appleman present. Absent was Frank Quinn. Also present was news reporter Lonnie Muller, Public Works

Manager Wayne Haugrud, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

*Verification of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcopa and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on May 10, 2019 was given.

*Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (4-8-19/Regular board meeting and 4-17-19/Special Board meeting). (Carried).

*No Correspondence.

*No Public Comment.

*Utility business:

*The annual CMAR (Compliance Maintenance Annual report) for the wastewater treatment plant needs approval for submission by 6-30-19. This report gives us a grade from what we do at the plant, which is submitted to the DNR. Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve the 2018 CMAR report. (Carried).

*The finance committee has been working with Utility Clerk Virginia Bilek and Wayne on software for a credit and debit card bill pay for the utility customers. Costs are as follows:

\$1,500.00 for the billing online payment interface through Payment Service Network (PSN)

\$149.00 for a one-time setup fee from PSN

\$ 50.00 for a one-time web customization charge from PSN

\$250.00 for a one-time credit card swipe machine from PSN

\$ 4.95 monthly fee for integrated swiped credit card machine maintenance fee

\$89.00 annual fee for Annual security compliance

The customer will pay the transaction fee of 2.75% of their bill. If under \$100, the charge is the 2.75% plus 50 cents. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve the software for the electronic bill paying. (Carried).

**Annually, Dairyland does a test on the generator. May 7th, it ran for 1 hour, and we maintained the required 1,520 kilowatts. It did run hot, so we need to take the radiator off and send it to Madison for repair.

**The civil defense siren is repaired. It didn't have flood water in it, but with all the moisture over the months, it took a toll on it. Had to buy a new circuit board.

**Wayne offered to take board members on a tour of the facilities if they're interested. Just let him know.

*Old Business: Mike Donovan stopped in before the meeting to see if he was on the agenda. Last month we had tabled his request for purchasing the 2 lots on the East side of the skatepark. He contacted the DNR and was told they charge for a study of the land. It is floodplain, too, and he would need an elevation certificate before doing any work. The board felt we should have DNR approval before selling. We told him we would put it on the agenda for next month.

*Discussed a resolution we received to authorize Vernon County to apply for an EDA grant on behalf of the Village of La Farge. Cheryl gave an overview of how this came about. Diane McGinnis with the county partnered with the MRRPC to form a pool of the surroundings 10 villages and cities, to go in on an EDA grant, for a higher amount to apply for. The grant is 80% to 20% cost share. It was decided to go with each community giving \$40,000 for a

\$200,000 grant. The group asked the County Finance committee for some Ho-Chunk funds and they received \$40,000 each, to use in their best interest each. The EDA grant process

to hear back is about 6-8 months. The resolution was first set up with wording saying up to \$40,000 for match. This was recently changed to "commit" \$40,000, a requirement of EDA. Cheryl would like our attorney to look this over for more clarification. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to table this until next months meeting. (Carried).

*Cheryl gave an update on the income survey that was sent to residents in the village to help the village see if we're an LMI community to be eligible for future grant opportunities. To date, 246 have been turned in. 135 are still out. We need an 80% return. The board was asked to take some names to contact people on this.

*The La Farge Lions club is asking for a donation for the "Music in the Park" for the 4th of July celebration. Jensen moved, Nemeć seconded to support a \$250 donation. (Carried).

*Chief Brown explained a Vehicle repeater system he'd like to use with the current police radio system.

He's had incidents where he's had problems with the current system. He talked with the Sheriff's office and they have a vehicle repeater system that allows your portable radio to use your car radio to transmit out. The sheriff said we can use their frequency signal, so we don't need to purchase our own, saving us around \$700. The Pyramid VRS Repeater, cable, labor and installation we need is \$2,525, which can be paid from the police equipment savings fund. Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve the vehicle repeater system to use with the current police radio systems, both in car and portable. (Carried).

*Opened one bid received on the old Vermeer 620 woodchipper. The Town of Webster bid \$800. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to accept the bid from the Town of Webster. (Carried).

*Cheryl Purvis, Frank Quinn, Terry Jensen, Barbara Melvin, and Clerk Walker were appointed to the Board of Review committee, which meets May 29th at 5 p.m. at the village office. Aaron Nemeć is the alternate.

*In April, the board approved the amendment and new sections to Title 10, Chapter 4 on the All-Terrain & Off-Road Utility Vehicles ordinance. Jon sent this to the state and they came back and said that due to a technicality in the language of the law, that if we designate routes, the state has to approve it, but if we approve the authorization of use on village streets, using a certain code, then it's alright. We just need to add that language in, which Jon had our attorney do. The board will just approve this additional change. The County has approved the routes outside of town, so we're just waiting to hear yet from Webster and Stark. Jensen moved, Nemeć seconded to amend the All-Terrain ordinance as presented. (Carried).

*Police Chief Jonathon Brown gave his report/update:

**75 letters were sent addressing unlicensed dogs in February. Most took care of them, but six warnings were given out, 19 citations were issued, 11 dismissed for compliance, 8 were found guilty for not showing up at court, and one pleaded not guilty, so going to trial June 6th.

**Had a great turnout for the Easter Egg hunt in the Village Park. Had no issues.

**This is National Police week. Tomorrow morning at the Sheriffs office is their annual police ceremony. They have asked Jon to take part in the color guard. So, he'll be there representing La Farge.

*Committee reports.

**Clinic: The empty space in the clinic has been rented out for a minimum of 3 months to an individual.

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

*Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer