

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE
Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 11, 2022

*Village 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 - Present at the meeting:

All Board Members: Aaron Appleman, Barbara Melvin, Aaron Nemeč, Frank Quinn, Terry Jensen, Karen Leis, and Cheryl Purvis.

Also present: News reporters Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman, Brad Steinmetz, Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, Utility Clerk Greg Lawton, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, Peggy Woods, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

*Verification was given of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcope, and of posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on April 7, 2022.

*Melvin moved, Nemeč seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (3-14-22/Regular Village board meeting; 3-22-22/Regular Library board meeting; 3-28-22/Special Board meeting; and 3-28-22/Police committee meeting). (Carried).

*Correspondence: None.

*Public Comment: Barb mentioned LAPA is planning a history walk for the 4th of July. Brad Steinmetz said it will also be on the 3rd, starting at Bean Park, and walking around talking about the buildings and what they were. Hopefully some of the plaques are done by then that are going on the buildings, and maybe do an unveiling of them at this time. This is still in the planning stages.

*Utility business: Wayne met with Forster and Caterpillar on the electric substation, along with Don Russell who has been hired by Forster as the consultant. Don has done work for the utilities for many years. The idea is having the plans done by mid-May, go out for bids the end of May, and awarding the bid in mid-June.

*Last month Wayne reported Well 3 was down on pumping. Water Well Solutions pulled the pump last week and found issues with the pump casing. It was soft and pitted. They are getting us a quote for repairs.

*On the bill voucher sheet is a charge to Diamond Maps. This is a GPS program where we are going around the village, mapping out the location of the valves, fire hydrants, transformers, poles, etc. that will be on an I-Pad, to show what we have. It can also be put on the computers. In the future, this can be expanded with layers (to include sanitary mains, direction of flow, etc.). Adam Schlicht found this, and Greg is helping. Cost is \$264 a year. It's a very useful tool.

*Also on the voucher sheet is a bill from Ryan Thurin Excavating. He did work on Spry Road for us. Needed to replace an electric pole that was washed out in 2018. He did an underground bore to get the line run under the creek and to Highway 82.

*Two houses were demolished/removed today in town thru the flood buyout program.

*Update on Grants: Still waiting on the skid steer and police squad applications. Cheryl did an estimate on what the village has received over the last couple of years for grant funding and came up with over \$4.1 million dollars. This included an economic development plan, Housing grant, and substation relocation. And TIF funds have also helped us. Cheryl recognized Wayne, Greg, and Kim for being instrumental with documentation, phone calls, and paperwork. And there's a lot more paperwork to come.

*Old business: Leis asked about the church land transfer (where the skatepark sits). It hasn't gone thru yet. Waiting for the church to get insurance. The village insurance runs out July 25, 2022.

**The pink X's on the village sidewalks are showing the cracked and flaking areas. Wayne is meeting this Thursday with Delta 3 and the cement company to review what needs re-done.

**The school kids are lined up to paint the curbs on April 22nd.

*The re-organization meeting for Village board committee selections was set for April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

*Open Book with the Assessor was set for May 11th, from 4-6 p.m. and Board of Review was set for May 18th, from 5-7 p.m., both at the village office.

*Set the 26th annual village-wide rummage sales for June 3rd & June 4th.

*Received two bids for mowing/trimming of Chapel Hill Cemetery. Justin's Lawncare bid \$2,730 (\$2,880 less \$150 for sales tax), for the season and Beau Biermann (Beau's Lawn Care) bid \$1,950 for the season. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to approve Beau's Lawn Care. (Carried).

*Quinn moved, Leis seconded to approve an operator license for Jenna Wegner. (Carried). The Responsible Beverage Seller server training was completed on 3-24-2022.


*Police report/update: Chief Jonathon Brown had 127 calls for service in March. April 7th was municipal court, but no one appeared that was scheduled. He reviewed his arrests and gave a report that just came in on a stolen car from October 2021.

*Committee Reports:

*Library: Barb reported masks are no longer required. The meeting room is now open for up to 12 people. The staff is busy preparing for the summer program. And in the process of hiring a new cleaning person. Interviews will be soon.

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

*Jensen moved, Nemeč seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer