

VILLAGE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, June 10, 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. Regular Utility Business;

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Mike Donovan's request on possibly purchasing 2 lots by the skatepark;
8. Approval of a resolution authorizing Vernon County to apply for an ED grant on behalf of the Village of La Farge;

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Library Board members for a review of the Lawton Memorial Library By-Laws;
10. Action on a request for a Memory Garden on village land in the South of town;
11. Possible action on a request to deed back 2 lots below the skatepark to the Free Methodist Church for additional parking space;
12. Action on a request to consider an increase in the annual Attorney retainer fee;
13. Action on a picnic license application from the La Farge Volunteers for the 4th of July;
14. Action on a picnic license application for Legion ball games at school;
15. Action on renewal of business alcohol licenses;
16. Action to renew current operator licenses and new licenses;
17. Discussion/Action to share sponsorship, with LAPA, for a Driftless WI Ad campaign;
18. Discussion/Action on clean up and mowing of flooded properties;
19. Police report/update;

20. Committee reports and updates;
21. Approval to Pay the Bills;
22. Adjourn.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Posted 6/6/2019

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 10, 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 all board members present: Purvis, Reggie Nelson, Terry Jensen, Aaron Appleman, Barbara Melvin, Aaron Nemec, and Frank Quinn. Also present were news reporter's Lonnie Muller and Bonnie Sherman, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, Mike Donovan, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

*Verification of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcopo and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on June 6, 2019 was given.

*Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (5-13-19/Regular board meeting; 5-21-19/Regular Library board meeting; 5-23-19/Zoning Board of Appeals meeting; and 5-29-19/Board of Review meeting). (Carried).

*Correspondence: Received a thank you from the Delores Sandmire family for the memorial and flowers.

*No Public Comments.

*Utility Business: Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud is absent tonight. No updates to report.

*Old Business: Mike Donovan was present to request possibly purchasing 2 lots on the East side of the skate park. They are uncleared, wooded lots that are in the flood fringe according to the map. To do anything, an elevation survey would be required. They may also be in the wetlands. To have the DNR do a test, for up to an acre, would cost \$300. He'd like to acquire these and put them back on the tax roll, and possibly build a home. It's currently zoned residential. Access would come off the Main highway. The village purchased them years ago from Frank Roberts for \$618. Quinn moved, Nemec seconded to sell 2 lots to Mike Donovan, for \$620.00 plus him paying the closing costs. (Carried).

*Tabled from last month, was the resolution authorizing Vernon County to apply for an EDA grant on our behalf. We agreed to give our Attorney time to look it over, which he's done. He talked with Greg, from the MRRPC. The big issue was the \$40,000. If we don't use the total amount for the EDA project, the balance would go back to the county to our account to use for other floodproofing. The total EDA grant being applied for is \$800,000, to be shared with Ontario, Viola, and Readstown. They have all passed their resolutions. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to approve the resolution for the County to apply for the EDA grant. (Carried).

*New Business:

*Barb gave a report for the library board. They wanted to inform the board they are starting work to review their bylaws, to make sure we are up to date with local and state updates. Also reviewing the policies. Doing a lot of cleanup since the librarian (Rita Wachuta-Breckel) is retiring.

*Mark Phillips had contacted Cheryl on behalf of his church, to host a Memory Garden in the South part of town, preferably along Mill Street where the former Robert Rush property was located. That way it's more visible. They envision some benches, trees, flowers, etc. They will take care of the area. Currently a disc golf basket is located there, but maybe we can move it some. Appleman moved, Melvin seconded to approve the Memory Garden for Mark Phillips, on ½ acre lot or so, on the former Rush land. (Carried).

*Mark Phillips also asked if the village would be interested in deeding back 2 lots south of the skatepark to the Free Methodist Church for additional parking space use. They are growing in congregation and are currently using the EMS parking area for the overflow. The church originally owned these lots, but gave them to the village along with skatepark. They do the mowing. We did receive a call from the people living in the trailer next to this, with concerns on water runoff. Need to work with Mark on this, possibly sloping it away. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to deed these back to the Free Methodist Church. (Carried).

*Received a letter from Jenkins, Stittleburg, and Menn, on a request to raise the annual retainer fee, from \$2,700 to \$2,800. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to approve the increase request. (Carried). This is split between the Village and Utilities.

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve a picnic license for the La Farge Volunteers for July 3rd thru July 4th (4th of July celebration). (Carried).

*Todd Camlek called today and said the Legion has decided not to sell beer at the few games they have at the school ballfield. No action is required on this.

*Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to approve the 5 business alcohol license renewals: Phil & Deb's Town Tap, Bergum's Food Mart, Zzip Stop, Brosi's Pub & Eatery, and Organic Valley/Cropp Cooperative. (Carried).

*A list was reviewed of 39 renewal operator licenses and 3 new licenses, for Tiffany Garrity (schooling completed 5-3-19), Virginia NeCollins (schooling completed 5-14-19), and Kerri Johnson (holds a current license in the City of Viroqua). Quinn moved, Appleman seconded to approve them all. (Carried).

*Driftless Wisconsin has asked if we'd be a sponsor again this year for an ad campaign promoting area businesses in major areas. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve \$250, in cooperation with LAPA matching \$250, (for a \$500 sponsorship). (Carried).

*There are a couple properties on the south end of town that are no longer being maintained, and the people have left, due to last August's flooding. They're in the buyout process, but Jonathon wanted to see what actions we can take for the maintenance of the properties until that time. Everyone else is maintaining theirs. The two places have a lot of junk outside and worried this could be a public health issue. Discussed sending a letter first, giving them the opportunity to clean up. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to have the

attorney draw up the initial letter to clean up their property or the village will take action. (Carried).

*Police Chief Report:

**The approved vehicle repeater system has been installed and is working great.

**Completed a mandatory TIME coordinator training for the State at Chippewa Falls.

**Had Municipal Court June 6th. A trial set was resolved ahead of time.

**Working on 4th of July plans. The detour route for the parade has been approved from the State.

**The DNR met with local chiefs, trying to get everyone up on the ATV info.

*Committee Reports:

**Library: Starting to advertise for a new Library Director. And on Tuesday, June 18th, at 5 p.m.,

the board is invited to the Solar Panel Dedication at the Lawton Memorial Library.

**Clinic: Aaron is still working on anyone to rent the old clinic space.

**Planning Commission: Having a meeting this Thursday with the new committee members to look at some future planning.

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

*Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.
Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer