

VILLAGE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020, 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:

1. Regular Utility Business;

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Any old business;

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kristina Ralph request for extra chickens (more than 2) in the village limits;
2. Approval of funds for a street sweeper and a roller;
3. Action on operator license applications;
4. Action on bidding out the mowing/trimming of Chapel Hill Cemetery;
5. Update on ordinance violations from the Police Chief
6. Police report/update;
7. Committee reports and updates;
8. Approval to Pay the Bills;
9. Adjourn.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Posted 2/07/2020

Minutes will be available after they have been approved during the April meeting.

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE
Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 9, 2020

*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, Frank Quinn, Terry Jensen, Barbara Melvin, Aaron Nemecek, Aaron Appleman, and Reggie Nelson. 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 Episcopo and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on March 5, 2020 was given.

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (2-8-20/Special Library board meeting; 2-10-20/Regular Village board meeting; 2-20-20/Planning Grant committee meeting; and 3-5-20/Special Library board meeting). (Carried).

*Correspondence: Received a letter from Vernon County Emergency Management, concerning the coronavirus. It's an update on efforts they're working on if it becomes more widespread. They'll keep us informed. We may also need to meet to see what we might need to do if it becomes more common.

**A bike riding festival from West Salem is doing a 100-mile ride and going thru La Farge as part of their route. It's May 31st. They've contacted Chief Brown to see about permits, signage, traffic control, etc.

*Public Comment: None.

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

**As part of our phosphorus discharge permit, we must make a payment to the county. For 2019, Monroe county received our payment of \$627.66 (31.3%), and Vernon County Land & Conservation got \$1,379.79 (68.7%). Total payment was \$2,007.45.

**We had hired MSA to do a chemical feed upgrade plan and submit it to the DNR. Part of the plan was to have a new pump put in. The pump we currently have is used and is being rented from MSA. Received a quote from Hawkins for a new pump and parts for a cost of \$3,022. They will install it the week of the 16th.

**Flow-Rite was in town today cleaning and televising the Main Street sewer lines. Their truck broke down before they finished, so they'll be back Friday. They found clay tile, to metal piping, to PVC.

**Wayne met with Delta 3 on the engineering report for the Main Street infrastructure. They went over the maps on the storm sewer. They will get a plan in place by April 15th.

**Generated 3 times in February and March. Dairyland Power had a CT at the substation that needed changed out. It was scheduled a week after the 2018 flood and finally got replaced on March 2nd. We generated for about 3 ½ hours and had no issues. The generator ran well. And on March 23rd, we have to do a one-hour verification test, done by Dairyland Power, to verify the kilowatts we can put out with it.

*Old business: None.

*Received a request from Kristina Ralph to have extra chickens (more than 2 stated in our ordinance), in the village limits. She's asking for five, to have as an educational tool for their kids. Cheryl read her letter. As done in the past, Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve her request, contingent upon no complaints, keeping it clean, no rooster, and permission from the neighbors. (Carried).

*After the 2018 flood, the village lost their street sweeper, and the 1972 roller we have, we can't find parts. Adam Schlicht has been searching the Wisconsin Surplus site for any possibilities. Wayne is asking to approve money for them, in case they find something. Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve up to \$15,000 for a street sweeper and roller. (Carried).

*Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to approve four operator licenses: Angee Williams (schooling completed 7-17-18), Denise Deckert-Grass (schooling completed 7-18-18), Allison Walent (holds a current license in the City of Westby), and Katee Heisel (current license in the Town of Whitestown). (Carried).

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to advertise for bids for the mowing and trimming of the Chapel Hill Cemetery. (Carried). They will be opened at the April board meeting.

*Chief Brown gave an update on ordinance violations. Back in January, getting ready for our (Frozen lights) parade, notices were sent out to 30+ properties identifying ordinance violations. Nineteen have complied, 3 are in progress, and 8 have done nothing as of February 6th. As weather permits, hopefully tomorrow, he'll check the 8 not done, and check on a new round of letters for Spring cleanup. They will be given a 30-day notice, with a follow up face-to-face, then a citation for anything left uncorrected. Since he can't be everywhere in town, he's created an ordinance complaint form. This will be at village hall and put on the website. He can track complaints this way. Cheryl would like Jon to follow up with the 11 from January with a face-to face by March 23rd if possible. We have a new resolution passed that is to allow us to take this to the next level, so will follow thru. Also mentioned the vehicles that are parking in the old clinic parking area. Jon said they are residents that can't park on the street because of our winter parking ordinance. When winter is over, they can park back on the street. And, a camera has been put up at the village shop to see people that dump off items without paying.

*Police report/update: Chief Brown had 86 calls for service in February. Had a lot of good training at the WI Police Leadership conference. The Driftless Veterinary Service will be at village hall on March 23, offering vaccinations between 10 a.m. and noon. All dogs 5 months and older need licenses by April 1st.

*Committee Reports:

**Library: Barb reported we had 13 people apply for the Library Director position. The board reviewed apps, and are interviewing three on Thursday, the ones that submitted all the paperwork asked for.

**Clinic: Aaron Appleman said the roof is leaking. Wayne recommended that since it's over 16 years old, to put a notice in the paper for bids for a whole new roof. And Frank said we do have a new renter in the middle part. It's Corie Hall, dba Hallistic, LLC. She has a device, called a Bemer, that's a treatment for circulating your blood, for faster healing.

**Cheryl reported the Main Street Planning grant is in full swing. The steering committee is meeting this Thursday, and another public workshop will be held next Thursday. We're starting to get plan designs put together and have a lot of good ideas to work with.

**The MRRPC is administering the EDA grant for the 4 river towns. We had a brief meeting for the RFP's.

Our primary goal is relocating our substation and some housing needs. This will help us identify land, costs, and getting a plan to move forward. Barb Melvin and Brad Steinmetz are the 2 reps for us. They'll be meeting with the other 3 towns to review the consultants.

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

*Appleman moved, Jensen seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer