

Village Board Meeting Agenda and Briefs - April 2019

VILLAGE MEETING Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, April 8, 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. Discussion/action on Solar project agreement;
8. Opening/Possible award of Chapel Hill cemetery mowing/trimming bids;
9. Action on an Ordinance amendment and new sections to Chapter 4 on the "All-Terrain and Off-Road Utility Vehicles, and Off-Road Motor Vehicle Operation";

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Discussion/Possible action on an agricultural lease with Billy Johnson;
11. Request from Mike Donovan to purchase 2 lots on the East side of town by the skatepark;
12. Discussion/Action to approve a Compensatory Time and Overtime Policy;
13. Discussion on a TIPR Bond with Organic Valley;
14. Discussion/Possible action on School dumpster fees;
15. Discussion/Action on a possible purchase of a brush chipper;
16. Set a date for Open Book and Board of Review;
17. Set a date for the re-organization meeting of the Village Board;
18. Set a date for the 23rd annual Village-wide rummage sales;
19. Action on an operator license application;
20. Police report/update;
21. Committee reports and updates;
22. Approval to Pay the Bills;
23. Adjourn.

Village of La Farge Board Meeting Briefs

*April 8, 2019, President Greg Lawton called the meeting of the Village Board to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with board members Lawton, Reggie Nelson, Terry Jensen, Cheryl Purvis, Aaron Appleman, and Frank Quinn present. Absent was Delores Sandmire.

*Verification of meeting publishing and posting was given.

*Purvis moved, Jensen seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes. (Carried).

*Correspondence: The board had a plaque to present to Trustee Sandmire, but due to a hospital stay, she was unable to attend her last meeting. This is for her 18 years of service to the village. Trustee Purvis then presented Greg with a plaque for his 11 years of serving the Village as Trustee and President.

*Public Comment: Brad Steinmetz was present to mention The Driftless Writing Center is doing a project on people's stories from the flood, on their experiences on what they went through.

*Utility business: Tomorrow, the power will be out to the whole village to work on getting the generator back on to pre-flood status.

**Working with FEMA on a grant for possible relocation of the electrical.

**On 3/31/2019, MSA submitted our phosphorus report to the DNR.

*Old Business: Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to approve the Renewable Energy Services Agency Agreement between La Farge Community Solar and the Village of La Farge. (Carried).

*Opened 2 bids for mowing/trimming of Chapel Hill Cemetery. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to accept Justin's Lawn Care bid for \$1,125. (Carried 5-1, with Purvis abstaining-relation).

*Discussed ordinance amendments to Chapter 4, sections 10-4-1 through 10-4-2, and new sections 10-4-3 through 10-4-10 dealing with All-Terrain and Off-Road Utility Vehicles, and Off-Road Motor Vehicle Operations Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the amendments and new sections. (Carried).

*Discussed an ag lease for land on the South side of the EMS building. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to approve a 3-year lease with Billy Johnson, with no lease payment, same as Organic Valley. (Carried).

*Mike Donovan has inquired about purchasing 2 lots on the East side of town by the skatepark. Not sure what his interest is. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to table the request to get more info from Mike before we move ahead. (Carried).

*Purvis moved, Appleman seconded to approve a Compensatory Time and Overtime Policy (for the Village and Utility employees) as reviewed by the board. (Carried).

*Couple months back, we discussed how to fund a Main Street infrastructure project. TIF funds were thought to be used, but as we dug into it, we came across a Tipper bond from 2011, for \$800,000, due back to Organic Valley. More to come when we see where things stand.

*The school contacted us on the dumpster fees. We raised the price last Fall of each dump by \$5 (to \$30). Southwest gave them a good price, but they're asking if we would go back to the \$25, they may stay with us. The board would like to be supportive but needs to be fair to all businesses. We raised the fee as we were losing money. Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to not approve a lower rate fee for the school. (Carried).

- *Discussed a new brush chipper, as the one we had went thru the flood. Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the purchase of the Vermeer chipper, for \$29,969, and split the cost with the utilities. (Carried).
 - *Open Book with the Assessor was set for May 22nd, from 4-6 p.m. and Board of Review was set for May 29th, from 5-7 p.m., both at the village office. (Carried).
 - *Re-organization meeting for Village board committees was set for April 17th, at 6 p.m.
 - *Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the 23rd annual village-wide rummage sales for June 7th & 8th. (Carried).
 - *Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to approve an operator license for Jessica Newlun. (Carried).
 - *Chief Jonathon Brown gave his police report/update.
 - *Reviewed committee reports.
 - *Quinn moved, Purvis seconded to approve payment of the bills. (Carried).
 - *Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
- Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer