

VILLAGE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building, located at 201 S. Cherry Street.

All participants, including the public, can join using one or both of the options below:

1. Online at <https://zoom.us/j/99641653539> Meeting ID: 996 4165 3539
OR

2. Call 634-6666 or 888-366-4316 and entering ID 14048. Any questions, please call 608-625-4422.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order/Roll Call
2. Verification of Meeting Posting/Publishing
3. Motion to convene into closed session, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes section 19.85
(1)(c), to discuss personnel matters on compensation.
4. Motion to return to open session and continue the meeting
5. Approval of previous meetings minutes
6. Correspondence
7. Public Comment
8. Regular Utility Business
9. Discussion on Main Street Reconstruction project
10. Discussion on the EDA grant:
**Results of Public Input Workshop
**Present Recommended Flood Mitigation Scenario & Sites
11. Action on a "Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Economic Development Administration for Economic Development Assistance Program Grant Funds"
12. Any old business
13. Approval of a sick time policy
14. Action on compensation for the employees for 2021
15. Review the 2021 proposed budget, approve it for publication, and set a Public Budget Hearing date
16. Police report and ordinance update
17. Committee reports and updates

18. Approval to pay the Bills

19. Adjournment
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Kimberly Walker,

Posted 11/5/2020

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE
Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 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. Participants were offered a Zoom option and a conference calling option.

Roll Call - Present at the meeting:

All Board Members: Cheryl Purvis, Frank Quinn, Terry Jensen, Aaron Nemec, Barbara Melvin, Aaron Appleman, and Reggie Nelson (Zoom).

Also Joining by Zoom was News reporter Bonnie Sherman and Nick Burnard.

Others present: News reporter Lonnie Muller, Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, new Utility Clerk/ Bookkeeper Greg Lawton, Dean Steinmetz, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

*Verification of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcopo and of posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on November 5, 2020 was given.

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to convene into closed session, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes section 19.85 (1)(c), to discuss personnel matters on compensation. (Carried). Public in attendance left the room at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

*Quinn moved, Appleman seconded to return to open session and continue with the meeting. (Carried).

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (10-12-20/Finance and Personnel committee; 10-12-20/Regular Village board meeting; 10-12-20/Joint Finance/Personnel and Streets/Utilities committee meeting; 10-21-20/Zoning Board of Appeals; 10-26-20/Economic Flood Recovery committee; 10-27-20/Finance & Personnel committee; 10-28-20/Medical committee; 10-28-20/ Police committee; 10-28-20/Parks, Grounds, Buildings, & Cemetery committee; 10-28-20/Streets & Utilities committee; and 11-2-20/Finance & Personnel committee meeting). (Carried).

*Correspondence: The La Farge Lions Club gave the village a \$500 donation to the 2020 fireworks.

*Public Comment: None.

*Utility business: None.

*Main Street reconstruction project: Wayne's working with the DOT on finalizing the ADA curb ramps. We're responsible for 21'. We will pay for the work, and they will reimburse us with a credit. A contract is being worked on stating that. They have also added paving Mill to Maple with their Hwy 56 to the bridge by Nuzums project in 2023, to coincide with our work. And working with Delta 3 and Forester on a street lighting proposal. Plans are to not dig up the whole street, so this savings will help with streetlight costs.

*Discussion on the EDA grant: Dean Steinmetz gave a review of the Public Workshop. Vierbichers went over the studies that have been done so far and explained 3 possible levee options for flood control on the west side of the village. Options have also been looked at for residential and business area developments. All this is tentative and into the future. Greg Lawton added the board is not forcing people out of their properties, and Barb said the document handed out at the workshop is on the website.

*The (MRRPC) has been working on a 1.8-million-dollar grant application for re-locating the substation. These funds are for municipalities in flood disaster zones relating from the 2018 event. Our match is 20% (\$360,000), which may come from TIF funds or a loan. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to approve "A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Economic Development Administration for Economic Development Assistance Program Grant Funds". (Carried).

*Old business: None.

*Quinn moved, Appleman seconded to update the Sick time policy as discussed in closed session. (Carried).

*Jensen moved, Melvin seconded to approve the compensation for employees for 2021 as discussed in closed session. (Carried).

*The finance committee met November 2 and put together the proposed budget for 2021. Purvis and Walker gave a review of the budget numbers. No one had any questions, so Melvin moved, Quinn seconded to approve the 2021 proposed budget for publication. (Carried). Set Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Budget Hearing, with a special meeting to follow for adoption of the budget. (Carried).

*Police report/update: Chief Brown had 78 calls for service in October. He has started the online with Lexipol, met with the Police committee to approve the 2021 police budget, worked all election day, which went smooth, and reviewed an arrest he had on October 12th.

*Committee Reports:

**Finance: Terry thanked the board members and Clerk Walker for all the work on the 2021 budget.

**Utilities: Frank welcomed Greg Lawton as he started his first day today as the Utility Clerk/Bookkeeper. **Library: Barb reported the library opened a little more today. They've just been doing curbside service, but patrons can now use the computer on a limited basis and a little more inside. Rachel confers with the county on how things are going with the numbers going up and down for COVID-19.

**Clinic: Cheryl mentioned the La Farge Medical Clinic has lost a few doctors. A notice was going around town to contact the hospital board to express how much we value the clinic and the importance of them to the community. She encouraged the board to contact them on the importance of more doctors.

**A Streets & Utilities committee meeting was set for November 18th, at 6 p.m. at the ESB to go over a sewer rate case.

*Quinn moved, Melvin seconded to approve payment of the bills. (Carried, 6-1, with Nelson abstaining as he participated on Zoom and didn't have access to the bills or the bills listing sheet).

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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