

## VILLAGE MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services building, located at 201 S. Cherry Street.**

**In an effort to reduce transmission of COVID-19, THIS IS NOT AN IN-PERSON MEETING**

All participants, including the public, can join by calling 634-6666 or 888-366-4316 and entering ID 14048. Any questions can be directed to Clerk Kim Walker at 608-625-4422.

### AGENDA:

1. Call to order/Roll Call
2. Verification of Meeting Posting/Publishing
3. Approval of previous meetings minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Public Comment
6. Regular Utility Business
7. Discussion on Main Street Reconstruction project
8. Any old business
9. Action on a Resolution Approving Tax Increment District No. 1 Project Plan Amendment No. 3
10. Action on a Resolution Authorizing a Three Year Extension of the Village of La Farge Tax Increment District No. 1
11. Action on new operator license applications
12. Action to hire a listing official for the annual dog count
13. Police report/update
14. Committee reports and updates
15. Approval to pay the Bills
16. Adjournment

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
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VILLAGE OF LA FARGE

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, July 13, 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. Due to reducing transmission of COVID-19, participants were offered an On-Demand conference calling option.

Roll Call - Present at the meeting:

Members: Cheryl Purvis, Reggie Nelson, Aaron Appleman, Barbara Melvin, and Frank Quinn. Absent was Terry Jensen and Aaron Nemeec.

Also present: News reporter Lonnie Muller, Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, Vierbicher representative Kurt Muchow, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

Joining by conference calling: News reporter Bonnie Sherman.

\*Verification of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcoper and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on July 9, 2020 was given.

\*Quinn moved, Appleman seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (6-8-20/Regular Village board meeting; 6-11-20/Joint Review Board meeting; 6-11-20/Planning Commission meeting; 6-16-20/Regular Library Board meeting; 6-18-20/Public Hearing-Village Board; and 6-22-20/Special Village Board meeting). (Carried).

\*Correspondence: None.

\*Public Comment: None.

\*Utility business: Wayne reported the Silver Street lift station pumps came in. On June 23, Marell was hired to clean and vacuum out the bottom of the wet well, and June 25th, L.W. Allen installed the new chopper pumps. So far things are working well.

\*Discussion on Main Street reconstruction project: Cheryl reported this will now be a monthly agenda item, along with "Discussion on the EDA grant". This will keep everyone informed on what is happening with each one. We previously discussed doing some USDA funding, depending on which option we took, but it's not really viable for us. It is very labor intensive, and we would need to go with option 1. There are other grant avenues to pursue. Cheryl, Wayne, and Kim are meeting with Dale Klemme and Gary Koch with CDA on Thursday to review more grant options.

\*Old business: None.

\*New business:

\*Kurt Muchow, with Vierbichers, was present to review a couple of resolutions for board approval on the TID amendment. He gave an overview of the process so far. The Joint Review Board met and is supportive of it. The Planning Commission has also recommended it, and the Village Attorney has reviewed it. The amendment includes adding projects within ½ mile range of the original TID boundary, which is at Organic Valley. The village is planning eligible projects for Main Street infrastructure, substation relocation, and implementation of a Main Street plan. So far, it has gone well. Quinn moved, Melvin seconded to approve the resolution "Approving Tax Increment District No.1 Project Plan Amendment No. 3". (Carried).

\*The second resolution is to extend the life of the TID three additional years. We are eligible for this as the State, in 2014, changed how they fund Tech colleges, which decreases revenue, and qualifies us for the extension. This will provide the village a projected surplus

of \$700,000, which will help fund the additional projects approved above. The committees were also positive on this and approved it.

\*Melvin moved, Quinn seconded to approve the Resolution Authoring a Three-Year Extension of the Village of La Farge Tax Increment District No. 1. (Carried).

\*Quinn moved, Appleman seconded to approve an operator license for Tammera Ferneau (Learn2serve course completed 5-28-2019). (Carried).

\*Appleman moved, Melvin seconded to approve hiring Virginia Bilek and Kim Walker as the listing officials to do the annual dog count for the village. (Carried).

\*Police report/update: Chief Brown had 111 calls for service in June. He's working on two cases, involving a missing bicycle and a damaged moped, and asking the public's help for any info they may have. No new violations on lawns/weeds, but three were abated in June. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign is underway, going from June 22 – July 5th. Municipal Court was back on July 2, and nothing negative on the few 4th of July activities that were held.

\*Committee Reports:

\*\*EDA: Several meetings are coming up with the EDA grant. Vierbichers recommended we re-name the EDA committee to the "Flood Recovery" committee. This will be brought up for approval at the August board meeting. Currently the EDA group is Cheryl, Wayne, Kim, Brad Steinmetz, and Barb Melvin. Like to get more citizens involved to participate, so think about people who may be interested. Cheryl is also going to check into going with Zoom or Go to Meetings for our meetings and workshops.

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

\*Appleman moved, Melvin seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer