

VILLAGE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the La Farge Village Board will be held on Monday, July 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. Any old Business;

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Tom Strait to address cat issues;
9. Discussion/Possible action on CDBG Housing revolving loan fund;
10. Resolution to Submit Application for Planning Grant (CDBG-PLNG);
11. Adoption of Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
12. Resolution to Adopt the Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and Barring of Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations;
13. Resolution to Commit Match Fund;
14. Action on a picnic license application for a Legion baseball tournament at school;
15. Action on a renewal operator license application;
16. Discussion/Possible action on a semi parking issue;
17. Discussion/Action on the lease agreement with River's EDJJ regarding the canoe parking area and mowing issue;
19. Approval to pay the school a share of the 2018 summer rec program;
20. Police report/update;
21. Committee reports and updates;
22. Approval to Pay the Bills;
23. Adjourn.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer
Posted 7/3/2019

VILLAGE OF LA FARGE Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 8, 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, Frank Quinn, and Aaron Nemec. Also present was news reporter Lonnie Muller, Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, Police Chief Jonathon Brown, Tom Strait, Marcy West, Dale Klemme, and Clerk Kimberly Walker.

*Verification of meeting publishing in the La Farge Episcoper and posting at the Bank, Post Office, and Village Office on July 3, 2019 was given.

*Appleman moved, Melvin seconded to approve the previous meetings minutes: (6-10-19/Regular board meeting; 6-13-19/Planning Commission meeting; 6-24-19/TID Joint Review Board meeting; 6-24-19/ Zoning Board of Appeals meeting; and 6-28-19/Special Library Board meeting). (Carried).

*Correspondence: Received a \$300 donation from Dorothy Pederson for the new Police repeater system.

**As a community project, the 2018 La Farge 4th of July Royalty donated a picnic table to the Village Park.

**Cheryl thanked Wayne and the village workers on how nice the park, school grounds, and village in general looked for the 4th of July celebration.

*No Public Comments.

*Utility Business:

**PWM Wayne Haugrud commented they've been busy the last 2 weeks getting ready for the 4th.

**Soon will be working on changing the overhead electrical line that goes across the Kickapoo River, to underground. An iceberg from the flood this Spring took it out. The DOT has approved a permit for this.

**\$150 million has been appropriated to the declared disaster counties in Wisconsin, so today Wayne sent the necessary info onto the USDA to get on their list of possible people to help move our substation.

*No Old Business.

*New Business:

*Tom Strait was present to address cat issues. Ferrell cats have been a big issue for years. He recently spent \$100+ to fence them out of his garden, as they dug up his flower beds. He asked why can't something be done? Chief Brown said it's a resource and staffing issue, folks feed them, and this attracts other animals. It's not just a local issue, it's all over. There's no perfect solution. Trapping, spaying, and neutering can be done, but someone has to pay. Dogs are required to be licensed, but cats don't have the same standards. Cheryl said we can give it more attention to see what we can do. He was thanked for coming in.

*Received a letter from the State Department of Administration regarding our CDBG Housing RLF program. They're offering the village to turn it over to the State if we want or keep it. The board agreed to keep it, so we have the control. Administrator Lonnie Muller also felt we should keep it. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded that as discussed, we keep the Revolving loan fund in the village's hands. (Carried).

*Dale Klemme was present on 4 items needed to pursue the Main Street Improvement planning grant project.

1). Resolution to Submit the application for the Planning Grant (CDBG-PLNG). We held the public hearing, so now we need authorization for the Village President to sign the necessary documents to submit the application. Melvin moved, Nemec seconded to accept the resolution. (Carried).

2). Adoption of Residential Anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan. This is saying when we do a rehab, we are allowing the tenants to remain in the complex or arrange a place for them to relocate. Jensen moved, Appleman seconded to adopt the anti-displacement plan. (Carried).

3). Resolution to adopt the policy to prohibit the use of excessive force and barring of entrances/exits for non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Appleman moved, Jensen seconded to approve this. (Carried). Chief Brown had no issues with this.

4). Resolution to commit match funds. Our share could be up to \$21,500. If funded, we have our match money from the TIF, other grants, general fund, and utilities. Jensen moved, Nemec seconded to commit match funds. (Carried).

*Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve a picnic license for the American Legion Post 308/220 Grizzlies, for a Legion baseball tournament held at the school, from July 11th thru July 14th. (Carried).

*Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to approve a renewal operator license for Christina Sheldon and a new operator license for Michael Cauffman (schooling completed 6-28-2019). (Carried).

*The agenda item of the semi parking issue resolved itself. Chief brown explained the semi parked along Bird Street by the Library was causing visual obstructions. He talked to the owner and arrangements were made to park in another area.

*Discussed the lease we have with Rivers EDJJ, which is up the end of July. We lease their land for canoers to park. This year, the village has been mowing their property to keep the weeds down. In exchange for this, they have agreed to forgive the annual \$600 lease payment if all agree. Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to have our attorney draw up a new lease agreement, taking out the rent in exchange for mowing. (Carried).

*Last year the school took over the summer rec ball program from the village. It was to be beneficial for them for more state funding. The village agreed to assist them with any kind of deficit they had after their expenses. We budgeted up to \$5,000 for this in 2018. Nothing was ever heard from the school last year on this. Meaghan Gustafson contacted Cheryl this year and asked how to get these funds, as they were short \$2,000 from 2018. It fell thru the cracks with transitions going on at school. They're not sure how the program is running this year yet. The board felt this is a great program and we should support it. Quinn moved, Jensen seconded to approve the \$2,000 from the Parks and Rec budget of 2019 for the 2018 shortfall. (Carried).

*Police Chief Report:

**It's been a busy couple of weeks. The end of June, 6 juveniles caused damage to the Bean Park playground equipment. Some good samaritans in town cleaned up the graffiti.

**The 4th of July went smooth.

**Have court coming up on Thursday.

*Committee Reports:

**Library: Start interviews this week. Had 7 applicants for the Library Director job and interviewing 5.

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

*Jensen moved, Quinn seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Kimberly Walker, Village Clerk/Treasurer