

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Joint Village Board and Town of Dunn Town Board Minutes

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Town Chair Steve Greb called the special meeting of the Dunn Town Board to order at 7:00 pm at the Town of Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B, McFarland, WI 53558. Village President Brassington called the special meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL.

Town Board members present: Chari Greb, Supervisor Hodgson, Supervisor Gausman.
Town Staff Present: Cathy Hasslinger, Kelsey Shepperd, Erik Greenfield.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Kathy Annen, Village Trustee Boyd, Village President Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Luke Fessler, Village Trustee Alisa Leamy, Village Trustee Miguel Peña, Village Trustee Lowell J. Prill.

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Minutes of the January 29, 2005 Joint Town of Dunn and Village Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion by Gausman/Hodgson to approve the minutes for the Town Board, motion passed 3-0. Motion by Brassington to approve the minutes for the Village Board, second by Fessler, motion passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

a. Public Hearing regarding a proposed Cooperative Boundary Plan between the Town of Dunn and Village of McFarland.

Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer for the Village and Clerk Treasurer/Business Manager Cathy Hasslinger for the Town provided an overview of the proposed Cooperative Boundary Agreement between the two municipalities. The agreement is an update and extension of the current agreement in place since 2005 that is set to expire at the end of the year. The new agreement accounts for future land use matters, annexations, shared public improvements, and other issues between the two entities.

Town Chair Greb and Village President Brassington opened the public hearing at 7:03.

Andrew clarified that town properties would not be assessed for sidewalk or path improvements covered in the agreement if the improvements are made while the properties are still in the Town.

- Patrick Miles (5410 North Pass, McFarland) asked for clarification about the Highway

51 growth area and commented on the high cost of water and sewer service for annexations on the other side of the Yahara River as compared to the lower cost of development for annexations to the east of the Village where the river is not an obstacle.

- Gale Stone (3510 Rutland-Dunn Town Line Road) asked for clarification if there are two growth areas identified for McFarland, the Hwy 51 growth area and the east side growth area.
- Jim Hickey (2401 Evans Road, McFarland) asked whether the area along Camp Leonard would remain in the Town and suggested additional public notice for upcoming meetings relating to the agreement. Jim asked for the opinions and thoughts of those on the Town and Village Boards and Steve confirmed support for the agreement and commented that this public hearing was time for the boards to hear opinions and input from the public about the agreement before making a decision at a future meeting.
- Jackie Hammond (6060 Perrot Place, McFarland) expressed concern over potential traffic impacts of growth to the east of the Village that may increase use of Dyreson Rd and Hwy AB to access Hwy 51. Andrew provided information about the road plans. She also expressed interest in more opportunities for public input throughout this process. She commented that she thought that the decision had already been made. Steve explained that the agreement has not yet been approved, and that public input is part of the process.
- Stuart Herro (2020 Vilas Avenue, Madison) stated his opposition to the proposed agreement on the basis that he owns land in the US Hwy 51 growth area and he would like to annex the land into the Village without waiting 12 years. Andrew provided information about the Village comprehensive plan updates and explained that the timeline provides time for development plans to be made and incorporated into the comprehensive plan. Ken Boyd was concerned that the property owner didn't have any options for developing his land.
- Richard Gschwend (2913 Camp Leonard Road, McFarland) said he had attended 3 public meetings so far and believed there had been ample opportunity for public involvement in the process, complimented the Town on its conservation efforts, and said he was in favor of changing the earliest date for annexation petitions in the Hwy 51 growth area to 2055.
- Patti Callaway (1635 Lake Kegonsa Road, Stoughton) expressed concern about continued annexations by Stoughton and McFarland of Town land.
- Steve Annen (5011 Falling Leaves Lane, McFarland) talked about recent population growth in the Village and expressed concerns about projected population growth. He hoped the agreement would work well for the next 30 years.

The Public Hearing was closed by Chair Greb and Village President Brassington at 8:13pm when no further comments were offered by those in attendance.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at the McFarland Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee Street.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Town Supervisor Gausman, seconded by Town Supervisor Hodgson to adjourn the Town Board at 8:15 pm. Motion carried 3-0-0 by acclamation. Motion by Village Trustee Pena, second by Village Trustee Fessler, to adjourn the Village Board at 8:15 pm. Motion carried 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Bremer
Village Community & Economic Development Director