

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2018 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Czebotar called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order to order at 5:00pm in Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village President Brad Czebotar, Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Dan Kolk (joined at 6:15 p.m.), Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle, Village Trustee Shaun O'Hearn

Village Board members not present: none

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, and Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Suettinger.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 2018.

b. Discussion and action regarding minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 2018.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve item a with the suggested revisions and item b as presented.
Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding Village Committee format, structure, and utilization.

President Czebotar reported the Village has discussed the Committee structure over the years. He explained the discussion and decision is often driven by the interest and participation from Village residents in both service on the Village Board as well as committees. In recent years the Village has seen an increased participation in both. The Board additionally discussed the pros and cons of having two Village Board Trustees on every committee. Overall, the Board felt it was best to keep the requirement in place.

The Board discussed the role Committee of the whole should fulfill going forward. They agreed the Committee of the Whole could serve a very useful role with regard to topics that do not fit well into the topics of the already established committees. The Board agreed going forward they would need to balance the use of the Committee of the Whole and Ad-hoc committees in an appropriate way to ensure community involvement.

Additionally the Board recommended analyzing moving forward with:

1. Establishing a sustainability Committee . Additionally, the Board would need to discuss how the "natural resources" charge provided to the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee would fit if a sustainability committee were established. The Committee directed Trustee Clow and Trustee O'Hearn to put together materials for discussion on establishing a sustainability committee.

2. Establishing a Transportation Committee. The Committee could focus on what is important in regards to bike paths, roads, and concentrating development around transportation options. The Committee directed an item be placed on the next Public works Committee meeting to discuss whether this topic fits best as a task of the Public Works Committee or whether it should be established as its own committee.

3. Potentially absorb the Volunteer Committee into another committee.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. To be determined.

September 24, 2018 at 5 p.m. - Discussion on affordable housing

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Suettinger
Village Clerk/Treasurer