

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2020 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Czebotar called the regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, Village President Brad Czebotar, Village Trustee Eric Kryzenske, Village Trustee Justin Rupert, Village Trustee Clair Utter, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Village Board members not present: None

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Deputy Clerk Tanya O'Malley, Police Chief Craig Sherven, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis, Communications & Technology Director Stephanie Miller, Streets Superintendent Lee Igl, Park Superintendent Sayer Larson, and Village Attorney Al Reuter .

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Public Announcements

Notice of Equalized Value from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

1) Fall Partisan Primary Election Results - August 11, 2020

Deputy Clerk O'Malley encouraged electors to request absentee ballots now for the November Election, as ballots will be mailed beginning September 17, 2020.

b. Public Communications

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Village Board meeting.

b. Motion to approve Check #'s 77513-77640 in the amount of \$978,351.84.

c. Motion to approve appointing Amy Reiter, Michelle Reynolds, Janet Doll, Kerry Hillebrand, and Holly Heuer to serve as Election Inspectors for the 2020-2021 term.

d. Motion to approve appointing Shannon Morrison to serve on the Public Safety Committee for a term ending April 30, 2021.

e. Motion to approve Resolution 2020-21: a resolution requesting exemption from County Library tax.

- f. Motion to appoint Staci Fritz to serve on the Library Board for a term ending April 30, 2022.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Village Board. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Terese Bovre, 5311 Dennis Dr, Laetitia Hollard, 6309 Mourning Dove Dr, Carrie Nelson, 5211 N Autumn Ln, Heather Corocran, 4713 Ivywood Trl, Meghan Fessler, 6409 Fox Run, Jackie Hammond, 6060 Perrot Pl, Hilary Brandt, 6057 Prairie Wood Dr, Mona Nelson, 6309 Mourning Dove Dr, Scott Marrese-Wheeler 5712 W Open Meadow, Brian Ward, co-advisor of McFarland High School Black Student Union/Social Studies teacher, and Shannon Morrison, 6129 Meadowsweet Trl each addressed the Board in support of Resolution #2020-19: a resolution to create a special committee to advance racial equity in the Village of McFarland.

Luke Fessler, 6409 Fox Run, JD Fessler, 6409 Fox Run, Kirsten Short, 4735 Catalina Pkwy, Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, 6410 Fox Run, Rachel Saladis, 2912 Camp Leonard Rd, Kelly Thompson, 5906 Badger St, Cassandra Dennis, 5903 Running Deer Trl, Fred/Michelle Bartman, 5116 N Autumn Ln, Lienneke Hafeman, 5411 Wellington Cir, Alison Eng, 6126 Arrowpoint Way, Jessie Shiveler, 5213 Cook St, Christine Pribbenow, 5103 Black Walnut Dr, and Tamie Klumpyan, 6020 Perrot Pl each registered in support of Resolution #2020-19: a resolution to create a special committee to advance racial equity in the Village of McFarland.

6. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion regarding Resolution #2020-19: a resolution to create a special committee to advance racial equity in the Village of McFarland.

The Board discussed the complexity of the draft Resolution and the challenges that could be created in trying to implement it. The Board discussed that some of the surrounding communities had created similar special committees by adopting Resolutions that were less complex.

The Village Board directed staff to review descriptions of similar committees in surrounding communities and to work with community members to develop a draft of a more simplified Resolution. The draft should be distributed to Village Board members to give them an opportunity to provide feedback directly to Administrator Schuenke. A draft Resolution should then be presented at the next Village Board meeting for consideration.

- b. Community Development Authority (Trustees Brassington & Flaherty)

- 1) Discussion and action regarding an application for Tax Increment Financing development incentives for improvements to property located at 5923 Exchange Street, Tax Increment District #4, by Shaun O'Hearn, O'Hearn Ventures LLC.

Community and Economic Development Director Bremer provided an overview regarding the application.

Motion by Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, second by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to approve a Tax Increment Financing Development Incentive in the amount of \$50,000.00 for improvements to property located at 5923 Exchange Street, Tax Increment District #4, by Shaun O'Hearn, O'Hearn Ventures LLC. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- c. Public Safety Committee (Trustees Kryzenske & Brassington)

- 1) Discussion and action on the issuance of an operator's license for Aaron Nash for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Trustee Kryzenske reported that the Public Safety Committee had recommended a conditional approval based on the evidence of rehabilitation provided by Mr. Nash and on the recommendation by his immediate supervisor.

Motion by Village Trustee Eric Kryzenske, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve the issuance of an operator's license for Aaron Nash for the period ending June 30, 2021 with the condition that Mr. Nash self report any offenses contained within the Operator's License Approval Policy, Section 4: Criteria for Denial, that staff run quarterly background checks on Mr. Nash, and that any offenses contained within the Operator's License Approval Policy, Section 4: Criteria for Denial that occur be grounds for staff to commence the revocation process. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Public Utilities Committee (Trustees Kryzenske & Clow)

1) Discussion and action regarding on Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2019

Motion by Village Trustee Eric Kryzenske, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to approve Resolution 2020-21: A Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2019 with an amendment to change the Resolution number to 2020-22. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

e. Public Works Committee (Trustees Clow & Rupert)

1) Discussion and action regarding street tree planting proposals for 2020.

Motion by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to accept the proposal of Srb's Trees for the 2020 Street Tree Planting project. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

f. Discussion and action to consider acceptance of the proposed action plan to address the 2020-2021 McFarland Strategic Plan Annex as Village Board goals and objectives for the coming year.

The Board directed staff to update the cost of item D.(4)ii. to \$25,000.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to accept the proposed action plan to address the 2020-2021 McFarland Strategic Plan Annex as Village Board goals and objectives for the coming year. Motion carries 6 - 1 - 0 by acclamation, with Trustee Clair Utter voting nay.

g. Discussion and presentation regarding financial impacts on Village operations during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Village Administrator Schuenke provided an overview of the financial impacts on Village operations during the pandemic.

h. Authority, Board, Commission, and Committee agenda item requests, referrals, and updates.

1) Update from the Library Board (Trustee Flaherty).

Trustee Flaherty reported that the Library Board had hired a consultant for the space needs study and that there was one vacancy on the Library Board.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to adjourn at 9:18 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,
Tanya O'Malley
Deputy Clerk