

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Monday, November 9, 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 Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, Village President Brad Czebotar, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee Eric Kryzenske, Village Trustee Justin Rupert, Village Trustee Clair Utter

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Craig Sherven, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Jim Hessling, Outreach Director Lori Andersen, Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis, and Communications & Technology Director Stephanie Miller.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Public Announcements

1) Fall General Election Results - November 3, 2020.

b. Public Communications

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 Village Board meeting.

b. Motion to approve Check #78007-78086 in the amount of \$561,047.79.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, 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.

Carrie Nelson, 5211 North Autumn Lane, spoke in favor of the passage of the updated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion resolution, but spoke in opposition of the appointments to the DEI Committee not being included in the meeting for approval.

6. BUSINESS.

- a. Presentation from Safe Communities of Madison and Dane County.

Without objection, the Board moved to item b immediately at 7:07 p.m.

The Board returned to item a at 7:17 p.m.

Cheryl Wittke, Executive Director of Safe Communities, presented on 2020 operations within the program. She highlighted the greater partnership Safe Communities has had with the Village over the years and the success of the med drop program. She highlighted ways the pandemic has affected their organization and how they have responded to growing needs.

- b. Discussion and action regarding Resolution #2020-24: a resolution of commendation for Craig Sherven for his service to the Community as its Police Chief.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to approve Resolution #2020-24: a resolution of commendation for Craig Sherven for his service to the Community as its Police Chief. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

Village President Brad Czebotar presented Chief Sherven with Resolution 2020-24: a resolution of commendation for Craig Sherven and service to the Community as its Police Chief, thanked him and commended him for his service to the Village.

The Board took a recess at 7:09 p.m. and returned at 7:16 p.m.

- c. Police and Fire Commission (President Stransky)

- 1) Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the issuance of a Request for Proposal to contract for recruitment services for the position of Police Chief.

Village Administrator Schuenke provided an overview of the request and the recommendation for approval.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve issuance of a Request for Proposal to contract for recruitment services for the position of Police Chief with the revisions suggested by Trustee Clow. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Discussion and action regarding Resolution #2020-25: a resolution amending Resolution #2020-19 regarding membership definition for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee.

President Czebotar provided an overview of the amended Resolution #2020-25 amending Resolution 2020-19.

Motion by President Czebotar, discussion provided the second, to approve Resolution #2020-25: a resolution amending Resolution #2020-19 regarding membership definition for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee, with revision to the last sentence of the resolution to read "total membership of the subcommittee shall not exceed 9 individual resident members and one village trustee."

Motion by Trustee Brassington, second by Trustee Clow, to amend the motion to provide approval of #2020-25: a resolution amending Resolution #2020-19 regarding membership definition for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee, with revision to the last sentence of the resolution to read "the total membership of the committee shall not exceed 10 individuals including one member of the Village Board and staffed by the Village Administrator or designee."

President Czebotar accepted the amendment.

Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

- e. Authority, Board, Commission, and Committee agenda item requests, referrals, and updates.
None.

7. CLOSED SESSION.

- a. Discussion and action to convene in Closed Session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to consider a successor labor agreement with the McFarland Professional Police Association.

- b. Discussion and action to convene in Closed Session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to acquire a remnant portion of vacant land located at 5761-5771 Holscher Road.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to enter into Closed Session in accordance with Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to consider: a successor labor agreement with the McFarland Professional Police Association and to acquire a remnant portion of vacant land located at 5761-5771 Holscher Road at 7:50 p.m.. Motion carries 6 - 1 - 0 by acclamation with Trustee Utter voting nay.

- c. Discussion and action to reconvene into Open Session.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to enter back into Open Session at 8:21 p.m. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Discussion and action regarding a successor labor agreement with the McFarland Professional Police Association.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to approve a successor labor agreement with the McFarland Professional Police Association. Motion carries 6 - 1 - 0 by acclamation with Trustee Utter voting nay.

- e. Discussion and action regarding the acquisition of a remnant portion of vacant land located at 5761-5771 Holscher Road.

Motion by Village President Brad Czebotar, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve the acquisition of a remnant portion of vacant land located at 5761-5771 Holscher Road. Motion carries 6 - 1 - 0 by acclamation with Trustee Utter voting nay.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Justin Rupert, to adjourn at 8:19 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