

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2021 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the special meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 5:0 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee Justin Rupert, Village Trustee Chris St. Clair, Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, Village Trustee Edward Wreh

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Clerk/Treasurer Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis, and Communications & Technology Director Stephanie Miller.

3. 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.*

None.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and action regarding the award of contract for the construction of the Public Safety Center located at 6001 Broadhead Street.*

Huffman reported bids were opened for the Public Safety Center on August 12, 2021. They reported 7 bids were received, with the lowest bidder being approximately \$2.4 million over the budget for the project. He reported, with the volatile economy we find, this has not been uncommon with projects of this size. Due to shortages and supply chain issues, project costs have been coming in higher than budgeted amounts.

Andrew Iverson, representative of Bray Architects, provided an overview of the alternates identified by staff as potential cost-saving opportunities.

Motion by President Clow, seconded by Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to award a contract to JP Cullen of Janesville in an amount of \$18,507,699 including the base bid plus alternates A-1, A-2, A-4, A-8, and A-9, project contingency, other listed costs, and

approving the total costs for the project in an amount of \$21,698,000 with all borrowed funds.

The Board discussed the bids and while concern was expressed about the over-budget amount the low bid came at, that the proposed alternates did not create significant enough savings to consider the alternates.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Trustee Chris St. Clair, to amend the motion to award the contract to JP Cullen of Janesville in an amount of \$18,782,943 project contingency, other listed costs, and approving the total costs for the project in an amount of \$21,973,244 with all borrowed funds. The motion to accept the amended motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation. Amended motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Chris St. Clair, to adjourn at 6:24 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