

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, June 6, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Chairperson Edward Wreh called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the community room.

Members present: Edward Wreh, Stephanie Brassington, Rich Staley (arrived at 6:41 p.m.), Shannon Morrison, Dottie Olson

Members not present: Sandy Bakk

Staff Present: Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Fire Chief Chris Dennis

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Citizens were present to comment regarding specific agenda items, and Chairperson Edward Wreh held the comments each respective agenda item.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee 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 Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee 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 public.safety@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the May 6 and May 17, 2022, meetings.*

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh to approve the minutes of the May 6 and May 17, 2022, meetings. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Chief Chapin to announce the police department K-9.*

Chief Chapin announced K9 Rudy and answered the committees questions.

- b. *Discussion and recommendation on an event permit application from the McFarland Community Band for the McFarland Community Band Concert to be held on Thursday July 7th and August 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and the request to waive the event permit fee for a Community Organization per Village Ordinance 36-16.*

Chairperson Edward Wreh introduced the agenda item. Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger gave an overview of the event permit application for the band event. Ben Peterson was present to give additional information, including a brief history of the event.

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend approval on an event permit application from the McFarland Community Band for the McFarland Community Band Concert to be held on Thursday July 7th and August 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and the request to waive the event permit fee for a Community Organization per Village Ordinance 36-16. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- c. Discussion and recommendation on an application from Bolha Short-Term Rentals for a tourist rooming house permit for the property located at 6011 South Court for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Chairperson Edward Wreh introduced the item and opened comments on the item. Matt Bolha (applicant) spoke regarding the property and offered to answer any questions from the community. Chairperson Edward Wreh read a comment submitted to the village by Dawn Graham, 6014 South Court. Matt Bolha addressed the concerns. Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger did a run down on the staff review of the application, and staff recommended approval. The committee discussed changing the length of time for short-term rentals.

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh, seconded by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend approval on an application from Bolha Short-Term Rentals for a tourist rooming house permit for the property located at 6011 South Court for the period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Discussion and recommendation on an application from Lake Edge Ventures LLC to have a tourist rooming house at 5720 Lake Edge Road for the period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Chairperson Edward Wreh introduced the item. Village Clerk Suettinger did not receive any written comments regarding this item.

Sharyn Gussick 5708 Lake Edge Road was present to voice her concerns over the property becoming a tourist rooming house, due to it being used by teenage children for unsupervised all night parties, and it has not been maintained.

Stuart Alba, 5622 Lake Edge Road was present to voice his concerns regarding the property becoming a tourist rooming house, with his main concern being parking on Lake Edge Road. He presented photographs of the property and the parking to the committee.

David Silverberg, 5816 Lake Edge Road, was present to voice his concern regarding the property becoming a tourist rooming house, including nuisance concerns.

Kelvin Veldre, a representative of the property, was present to address concerns of the community. He is the property manager, and will respond to problems. Kelvin answered questions from the committee.

Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger reviewed the application. Staff found the application to be complete and recommended conditional approval as outlined in the packet. Committee members discussed the item and asked questions about the condition of the property, which Kelvin responded to. Chief Chapin answered the question about police calls. There have been no calls to the property since 2013.

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh, seconded by Member Dottie Olson, to recommend approval of an application from Lake Edge Ventures LLC to have a tourist rooming house at 5720 Lake Edge Road for the period commencing July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with the condition that the tourist rooming house permit not be issued until proof has been submitted of all corrections of the electrical switch plate violation identified by the building inspector and the fire inspection. Motion carries 4 - 1 - 0 by acclamation.

- e. Discussion and recommendation on Resolution 2022-14: A Resolution approving the renewal of applications for liquor and fermented malt beverage licenses for 2022-2023. Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger gave an overview of the agenda item. Police, Fire, and Building inspections have passed. Chief Chapin gave an overview of the few police calls to establishments.

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh, seconded by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to recommend approval Discussion and recommendation on Resolution 2022-14: A Resolution approving the renewal of applications for liquor and fermented malt beverage licenses for 2022-2023. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- f. Discussion and recommendation on a "Class A"/Class "A" Alcohol License for Liberty Square Gas Station Inc. d/b/a Refuel Pantry - McFarland, 4004 Terminal Drive, Lakhbir Singh, Agent, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Village Clerk Suettinger gave an overview of the agenda item. This is a new application. A new entity will be purchasing the location, and the sale is scheduled to happen June 30, 2022; however, Mangat would surrender the license when the sale occurs.

Motion by Chairperson Edward Wreh, seconded by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend approval to the Village Board on a "Class A"/Class "A" Alcohol License for Liberty Square Gas Station Inc. d/b/a Refuel Pantry - McFarland, 4004 Terminal Drive, Lakhbir Singh, Agent, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Motion

carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next meeting is August 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, seconded by Member Rich Staley, to adjourn at 7:58 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,
Tricia Reimer
Office Manager