

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Presidnet Clow called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 PM in Community Room.

2. ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee Carrie Nelson, Village Trustee Edward Wreh, Village Trustee TJ Jerke, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Deputy Administrator/Clerk Cassandra Suettinger, and Communications & Technology Director Stephanie Miller.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee of the Whole for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. 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. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting.*
Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.
- b. *Motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting.*
Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion of roles of Village Government and how/where DEI initiatives are desired.*

Public Comment: Monica Bruce, 5020 Farwell St., spoke with gratitude of a DEI position being considered. Additionally, Monica spoke to getting someone who has the experience and heart to represent the community and ensuring they are qualified and able to represent the community.

Angela Krey, 4531 Red Barn Run, spoke with gratitude about the Village creating this position within the Village and listening to community to get input.

Luke Fessler, 6409 Fox Run, spoke in support of the creation of a DEI position in the Village.

Shannon Morrison, 6129 Meadowsweet Trail, spoke on how the proposed creation of a DEI position in the Village would help further DEI initiatives in the Village.

Mona Nelson, 6309 Mourning Dove Drive, spoke on how the proposed creation of a DEI position in the Village would help further DEI initiatives in the Village.

The Board discussed the role of Village Government and identified the following areas as areas they would like to target regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives:

1. Economic Development
2. Human Resources
3. Parks & Recreation
4. Communication
5. Utility Billing
6. Zoning Codes and regulations
7. Transportation
8. Sustainability
9. Grant writing
10. Building Community Relationships.
11. Civil rights and policies compliance

The Board requested Department Heads provide an update on what is being done in each department and what departments would like to gain from their efforts.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Committee of the Whole - January 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
- b. Committee of the Whole - February 14, 2023 - 5:30 p.m._
- c. Committee of the Whole - February 28, 2023 - 5:30 p.m._

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, 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
Deputy Administrator/Clerk