

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, July 19, 2022 - 4:00 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Village President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School District and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: School District - Bruce Fischer, Tom Mooney, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Carrie Nelson, and Matt Schuenke

Members Not Present: None.

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

*a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the School District/Village Board Joint Planning 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 [village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.*

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

*a. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting.*

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

**4. BUSINESS.**

*a. Discussion regarding the Village ratifying and approving a purchase agreement for property located at or around 3454 Siggelkow Road (Parcel 0710-654-8341-1).*

Schuenke provided an update on property the Village was pursuing for acquisition in order to partner with the School District and Alliant Energy to construct a solar farm. The energy created would offset both entities energy needs and help to reduce operating expenses while utilizing a renewable energy source. The Village Board recently approved purchase of the property and Staff is working on satisfying the conditions which includes proper due diligence on the program with Alliant Energy. The Committee discussed this and supported its advancement as we review its feasibility. No action was taken on this item.

*b. Discussion of topics of mutual interest to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.*

Discussion topics included a shared Equity Officer position, the McFarland Youth Center, Community Recreation, School Resource Officer, local journalism, more students on Committees, and solar opportunities. Members were provided an update on these items and discussed those areas of interest where applicable. No action was taken on this item.

*c. Updates from both organizations on their local projects/initiatives.*

The Village and School District provided updates on local projects and initiatives not otherwise previously discussed. No action was taken on this item.

*d. Discussion on transition of the Village's meeting format effective August 1, 2022.*

The Village has been transitioning its meetings back to in person. New format elements were discussed for future meetings. No action was taken on this item.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

*a. Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm.*

*b. Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm.*

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Motion carried 6 - 0 - 0.

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,  
Matthew G. Schuenke  
Village Administrator