

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

2. ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee TJ Jerke, Village Trustee Carrie Nelson (joined at 5:38 p.m.) Village Trustee Edward Wreh

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Deputy Administrator/Clerk Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Outreach Director Lori Andersen, 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 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.

Trustee Wreh left the table at 5:32 p.m.

Ed Wreh, Address, spoke on racism in McFarland.

Following public comment, Trustee Wreh rejoined the Board at 5:37 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.*

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to

approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- b. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion on reports from Departments on current and prospective diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

Village Administrator Schuenke provided an overview of the DEI tasks provided by the Board and staff's response.

Village President Clow provided background on the process to date.

The Board requested staff look at other communities and how these roles influence their work and bring it back for future discussion.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. March 28, 2023 - Committee of the Whole - 5:30 p.m.

- b. April 11, 2023 - Committee of the Whole - 5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Suettinger
Deputy Administrator/Clerk