

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023 - 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: Rich Staley, Edward Wreh, Shannon Morrison, Hilary Brandt

Members not present: Sandy Bakk, Dottie Olson

Staff Present: Chief Chris Dennis, Sergeant Nate Jacobsen

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee 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 public.safety@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.

There were no public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the 1/5/2023 meeting.*
Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to approve the minutes of the 1/5/2023 meeting. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *License Hearing*
- 1) *Conduct hearing on the recommendation from Chief Chapin to deny the issuance of an operator's license for Mariah Crossman for the period ending June 30, 2023.*
The hearing started at 6:34 p.m. Sergeant Nate Jacobsen was sworn in. He then explained the two alcohol related offenses that were the reason for the recommendation by Chief Chapin to deny the operator's license application for Mariah Crossman. Committee members asked questions of Sergeant Jacobsen. Mariah Crossman was then sworn in and gave comments regarding the changes she has made since the offenses happened and answered committee members' questions.

Sergeant Jacobsen gave comments from Chief Chapin regarding the practice of doing quarterly background checks in cases where there have been alcohol-related offenses, should the committee recommend approving the operator's license.

Trustee Edward Wreh concluded the hearing at 6:45 p.m.

2) Discussion and recommendation on the operator's license for Mariah Crossman for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend denial on the operator's license for Mariah Crossman for the period ending June 30, 2023. Trustee Edward Wreh then rescinded the motion, seconded by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt.

Village Trustee Edward Wreh read information regarding the denial process and explained to Mariah Crossman that she would still be able to serve alcohol under the supervision of a licensed operator. He explained the Village Board would take action on this item at the next meeting on February 14, 2023. He explained Ms. Crossman would be able to address the Village Board at this meeting, and if denied, she could appeal.

The following motion was stated by Village Trustee Edward Wreh: In alignment with Village ordinance 11-74(c)(3) guideline 3 which states, in part: Provided the circumstances substantially relate to the circumstances of the job, any person who has been convicted of or has a current charge pending, for two or more offenses, arising out of separate incidents, within the last five years immediately preceding the license application in the following subcategories does not qualify for an operator's license. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, solicitation of prostitution or other prostitution related offenses, wherein the offenses involve an incident at a place that is, or should have been licensed under Wisconsin Statute Ch. 125, Village Trustee Edward Wreh motioned to deny the issuance of an operator license for Mariah Crossman for the period ending June 30, 2023. Second by none.

The committee discussed how close Ms. Crossman is to the the five-year period ending. The committee discussed approving the license with quarterly checks through the five-year anniversary of the second conviction date. Tanya O'Malley explained the license is only valid through June 30, 2023, and that with the next licensing process, the committee would likely be going through this procedure again.

Mariah Crossman answered the committee questions.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend conditional approval on the operator's license for Mariah Crossman for the period ending June 30, 2023, with the stipulation that one quarterly check is conducted by the police dept. at their discretion prior to the ending of the termination of the license. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

b. Discussion and overview of referral from the Village Board to review Chapter II, Article XI of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding Tourist Rooming Houses.

Chair Edward Wreh introduced the item and explained that the Village Attorney was asked to draft a memo with potential changes to the TRH policy that the Village Board could consider. Village staff will work with the village attorney to develop the recommendations. The draft will be submitted at the March 6, 2023, PSC meeting.

The committee discussed the item.

Dick Rathert, 6609 Sleepy Hollow Rd, neighbors to 6611, asked about the application submitted by 6611 Sleepy Hollow Rd. He shared his concerns regarding TRH rental minimum stays. He was instructed to send concerns to staff for public comment at the March 6 PSC Meeting.

The committee discussed hypothetical situations that could occur at a TRO and ways to have future policy address those.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

The next PSC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to adjourn at 7:24 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,
Tricia Reimer
Officer Manager