

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, April 3, 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: Edward Wreh, Sandy Bakk, Shannon Morrison, Hilary Brandt, Dottie Olson (arrived at 6:32 pm.)

Members not present: Rich Staley

Staff Present: Village Cler Cassandra Suettinger, Police Chief Chapin, Fire Chief Dennis

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 during this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting.*
Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023 and the February 6, 2023 , Public Safety Committee meetings. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.
- b. *Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting.*

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and recommendation on an expansion of premise for Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquors license for Byrnes McFarland Tavern LLC, D/B/A Byrnes McFarland Tavern, to add the approximately 768 square foot garage area.*
Chairperson Edward Wreh introduced the agenda item.

Public comment was made by Shaun O'Hearn, 5205 Linden Parkway, who opposed the

expansion and gave reasons for his objection to include noise and parking concerns.

Ashley Byrne, owner of Byrne's McFarland Tavern, responded to concerns and answered the committee's questions.

Sue Smith, 5434 Bremer Road, gave comments on the noise at the tavern.

Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger provided a staff overview, including the 7 percent variance on the capacity that staff recommends. The committee discussed the item and cameras. Chief Chapin answered questions about cameras and parking.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend approval to the Village Board on an expansion of license premise for Byrnes McFarland Tavern, 5915 Exchange St., to include the 768 square foot garage area, which shall be utilized for indoor and outdoor consumption with the following variances and conditions:

1. the variance from the requirement that an outdoor consumption area be no greater than 50 percent of the licensed premises' indoor capacity
2. a variance be granted for the requirement that no bar counter service occur in the outside consumption area
3. the requirement that a security camera be included.

The group spoke about liquor licenses and revocation. Attorney Evans answered questions, and Shaun O'Hearn, and Ashley Byrne commented.

Village Trustee Edward Wreh called for the vote. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

b. Discussion and public input session regarding the Village's Tourist Rooming House Ordinance.

Village Trustee Edward Wreh introduced the item. Village Clerk Suettinger gave a brief overview of the issue.

Joan Garrett, of 5911 Lake Edge Road was there to give her input regarding 5913 Lake Edge Road and construction issues.

Shaun O'Hearn, of 5205 Linden Parkway spoke in favor of tourist rooming houses.

Sue Smith, 5434 Bremer Road, spoke in opposition to tourist rooming houses.

Alisa Leamy, 6606 Sleepy Hollow Road, spoke in opposition of tourist rooming houses.

Nora Bird, 4514 Wisconsin Avenue, spoke in favor of tourist rooming houses.

Stewart Allbaugh, 5622 Lake Edge Road, spoke in opposition to tourist rooming houses.

Mike Norskey, 5305 Leanne Lane, spoke in favor of tourist rooming houses.

Shannon Morrison, 6129 Meadowwood Trail, was present to speak about tourist rooming houses and the potential for ordinances that will prevent issues.

c. Discussion and review of Chapter 11, Article XI. of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding Tourist Rooming Houses.

Village Trustee Edward Wreh introduced the item. Village Clerk Suettinger gave a brief overview. The group discussed potential ordinance changes.

Alisa Leamy, 6606 Sleepy Hollow Rd, spoke in opposition of tourist rooming houses.

Sue Smith, 5434 Bremer Rd., spoke in favor of longer stay requirements.

Stuart Allbaugh, 5622 Lake Edge Rd., spoke regarding people buying up property for TRH.

Shaun O'Hearn, 5205 Linden Parkway, spoke in opposition of ordinances requiring longer stays for TRH.

The committee asked Village Attorney Daniel Evans questions regarding the legality of potential ordinance changes.

Village Attorney Daniel Evans answered questions. Village Trustee Edward Wreh instructed the committee to send recommendations to staff in the next two weeks.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. May 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to adjourn at 9:01 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
Office Manager