

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Joint McFarland Village Board/McFarland School District Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL - McFarland School District Board.

Village President Clow called the special meeting of the McFarland Village Board and School District Board to order at 6:03 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

School Board Members Present: Craig Howery, Tom Mooney, Bruce Fischer, Kate Green, and Meghan Fessler.

2. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL - McFarland Village Board.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Board Luke Fessler, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee TJ Jerke, 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, 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 School District/Village Board Joint Planning 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 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. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion and action by the McFarland School District Board on a resolution acknowledging and celebrating the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the 11 additional Indigenous Nations within what is now referred to as the State of Wisconsin.*

Motion by Bruce Fischer second by Katie Green, to approve a resolution acknowledging and celebrating the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and

the 11 additional Indigenous Nations within what is now referred to as the State of Wisconsin. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- b. Discussion and action by the McFarland Village Board on Resolution #2023-07: a resolution acknowledging and celebrating the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the 11 additional Indigenous Nations within what is now referred to as the State of Wisconsin.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to approve Resolution #2023-07: a resolution acknowledging and celebrating the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the 11 additional Indigenous Nations within what is now referred to as the State of Wisconsin. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- c. Recognition provided by the McFarland School District.

Superintendent Tarnutzer provided recognition of the tremendous work of all involved to date to bring forward the land acknowledgment resolution.

- d. Recognition provided by the Village of McFarland.

Village President Carolyn Clow recognized the work of all members involved in bringing the land acknowledgment resolution forward. She highlighted looking forward to the additional work both boards would do moving forward in regards to the land acknowledgement.

- e. Recognition provided by the Indigenous Solidarity Collective of McFarland.

Brian Ward provided an overview of the work of the Indigenous Solidarity Collective of McFarland and process of bringing the land acknowledgment forward. He emphasized the importance of the work and the purpose and intention put into all aspects.

- f. Recognition provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ryan Greendeer spoke on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation to recognize the work of bringing the land acknowledgment forward.

- g. Ceremonial raising of the Ho-Chunk Flag at the McFarland Municipal Center to recognize land acknowledgement.

President Clow noted, following adjournment of the joint meeting, everyone was invited to the parking lot to participate in a ceremony to raise the Ho-Chunk Flag outside of the McFarland Municipal Center to recognize the land acknowledgement.

5. ADJOURNMENT TO CEREMONIAL FLAG RAISING.

- a. McFarland School District Board Adjournment.

Motion by Craig Howery, second by Tom Mooney, to adjourn the School District Board meeting at 6:39 p.m.

- b. McFarland Village Board Adjournment

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to adjourn at 6:39 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