

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, May 1, 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, Hilary Brandt, Dottie Olson, Shannon Morrison, Rich Staley (was present until 7:29 p.m.)

Members not present:

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

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 April 3, 2023 meeting.*

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion and recommendation on an event permit for the McFarland Pride Association to hold a picnic in Arnold Larson Park on June 25, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Village Trustee Edward Wreh introduced the item. Kristin Ellis gave a summary of the event. Village Clerk Suettinger went over the staff review of the event. Chief Chapin spoke about the police department recommendations regarding the alcohol provided at the event. Kristin Ellis answered questions from the committee.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend approval of an event permit for the McFarland Pride Association to hold a picnic at Arnold Larson Park on June 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the request for a variance to allow minors to be present where alcohol is served, with the conditions provided from staff included in the packet. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- b. Discussion and recommendation on a Temporary Class B license for fermented malt beverages and wine for the Edwards-Foye American Legion Post 534 for the Take a Vet Fishing event to be held on June 17, 2023 with the conditions provide by Police Chief Chapin.

Village Trustee Edward Wreh introduced the item. Rob Blanchar of 5005 Card Avenue gave an overview of the Take a Vet Fishing event and the organization. Mike Brennan talked about the 2nd part of the event, which includes a DJ, food, a beer tent, and live music. Chief Chapin spoke about the requirements for alcohol sales.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend approval of a Temporary Class B license for fermented malt beverages and wine for the Edwards-Foye American Legion Post 534 for the Take a Vet Fishing event to be held on June 17, 2023, with the conditions provided by staff in the packet. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- c. License Hearing

- 1) Conduct hearing on the recommendation from Chief Chapin to deny the issuance of an operator's license for Kendrick Watkins for the period ending June 30, 2023

Village Trustee Edward Wreh began the hearing at 6:58 p.m. Tricia Reimer swore in Chief Chapin, who then gave testimony regarding the denial of Mr. Watkins's operator's license application. The committee's questions were then addressed by Chief Chapin. Tricia then swore in Kendrick Watkins, who gave his testimony regarding his past actions which triggered the denial, and his plan to get his job back if his application is approved. He answered the committee's questions. The hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.

- 2) Discussion and recommendation on the operator's license for Kendrick Watkins for the period ending June 30, 2023.

The committee then discussed the operator's license for Mr. Watkins and checks that could be put in place to ensure Watkins does not have any additional violations that would violate the ordinance. Chief Chapin answered the committee's questions.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, seconded by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend approval of an operator's license for Kendrick Watkins for the period ending June 30, 2023, with the condition that staff run quarterly background checks on Kendrick Watkins and that any future offenses contained within the Operator's License Approval Policy, Section 4: Criteria for Denial that occurs be grounds for staff to commence the revocation process with the additional recommendation that conditions noted continue for all future licensing periods until the offenses noted drop off and that a public hearing not be required for the upcoming licensing periods.

Motion carries 5- 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- d. Discussion and recommendation on updates to the Tourist Rooming House Ordinance.
Village Trustee Edward Wreh introduced the item. Village Clerk Suettinger reviewed the changes proposed by committee members, which were provided by committee members after the public information session. Committee members gave background on the changes they provided to the committee for consideration.

Alisa Leamy, 6606 Sleepy Hollow Road, was present to speak in support of Option 2A and about her neighborhood.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, seconded by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to recommend approval of updates to the TRH Ordinance to the Village Board based on staff's draft and feedback provided by the Public Safety Committee on 5/1/2023 . Motion carries 4 - 0 - 0 by acclamation. based

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. June 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, seconded by Member Shannon Morrison, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion carries 4-0-0.

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