

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

2. ROLL CALL.

Village Board members present: Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village President Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Luke Fessler, Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, Village Trustee TJ Jerke, and Village Trustee Edward Wreh.

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Administrator Matt Schuenke, Deputy Administrator/Clerk Cassandra Suettinger, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Outreach Director Lori Andersen, and Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS.

- a. Recognition to the McFarland Lions Club for their fundraising contributions to the Skate Park Project at William McFarland Park.

Village President Clow recognized and thanked the McFarland Lions Club for their fundraising contributions to the Skate Park Project at William McFarland Park.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be approved in one motion unless a Board member requests that the item be removed for individual discussion and action. Any item(s) removed for individual consideration shall be considered in the same order in which they were originally listed on the agenda under Business.

- 1) Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2023 meeting.
- 2) Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$384,050.47.
- 3) Motion to approve a limited license agreement between the Village and Stephen and Tiffany Bennethum for the property located at 5702 Main Street.
- 4) Motion to approve Change Order #18 and #19 for the Public Safety Center project regarding final authorization for grouting, credit to remove micro-piles, and final credits to release allowances.
- 5) Motion to approve a tower lease agreement between the Village and Cellco Partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, for the water tower located at 4901 Burma Road.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Village Board 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board 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.

Mike Moderski, 5305 Leanne Lane, spoke in favor of the Village constructing the 2-floor option for the future community center.

6. BUSINESS.

- a. Public Works & Utilities Committee (Trustees Wreh & Brandt)

- 1) Discussion and action regarding the conventional rate case for test year 2024 for submission to the Public Service Commission.

Trustee Wreh provided an overview of the discussion and recommendation to approve the conventional rate case for the test year 2024 for submission to the Public Service Commission.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to approve submitting the conventional rate case for test year 2024 for submission to the Public Service Commission. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- 2) Discussion and action regarding Resolution 2023-16: A resolution approving the change of Public Fire Protection to a direct charge to utility customers.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village President Carolyn Clow, to approve Resolution 2023-16: A resolution approving the change of Public Fire Protection to a direct charge to utility customers. Motion carries 4 - 3 - 0 by acclamation with Brandt, Brassington, and Flaherty voting nay.

- b. Plan Commission (President Clow & Trustee Brassington)
Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee (Trustee Flaherty & President Clow)

- 1) Discussion and action regarding Ordinance 2023-09: an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 62 - Zoning, related to solar energy collection systems.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, to approve Ordinance 2023-09: an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 62 - Zoning, related to solar energy collection systems. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- c. Discussion and action regarding the selection of the one floor option or the two floor option for the Municipal Center renovation as presented within the McFarland Municipal Center Campus Master Plan project.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to the village selecting the two floor option for the Municipal Center renovation as presented within the McFarland Municipal Center Campus Master Plan project. Motion carries 4 - 3 - 0 by acclamation, with Trustees Hilary Brandt, Stephanie Brassington, Michael Flaherty voting nay.

7. REQUESTS FOR REFERRAL OF NEW ITEMS.

- a. Discussion and action on request to adjust policy to have each village meeting begin with a land acknowledgment. (Referral from Trustee Wreh, Fessler, and Brandt)

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Trustee Ed Wreh, to refer creating a land acknowledgement at the beginning of each meeting and the wording of such to be recommended by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. October 12, 2023 - 6:00 pm - Special Village Board (Budget Review)
- b. October 24, 2023 - 7:00 pm - Village Board
- c. October 26, 2023 - 6:00 pm - Special Village Board (Budget Review)
- d. November 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. Special Village Board (Budget Review)
- e. November 14, 2023 - 7:00 p.m. - Village Board

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, second by None, to adjourn at 8:30 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