

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Village Board Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the special meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 6:00 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, Village Trustee Edward Wreh

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Interim Administrator Cassandra Suettinger, Clerk/Treasurer Tanya O'Malley, Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Community and Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Fire/EMS Director Chris Dennis, and Associate Planner Kong Thao.

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS.

None.

4. 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.

None.

5. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion on Public Safety Center battery storage and microgrid design project.*
Alexander Harris, HGA, provided an update on the Village's project to add a battery/micro-grid system to the Public Safety Center.

By unanimous consent, the Village Board suspended the rules to take up item 5.c.

- c. *Discussion regarding submittal of an OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program Activity 1 Application for the future Community Center.*

Community and Economic Development Director Bremer outlined a grant opportunity from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's Office of Energy Innovation for the future Community Center. At its regular February 13, 2024 meeting, the Village Board will be considering authorizing staff to submit an application.

By unanimous consent, the Village Board suspended the rules to return to item 5.b.

b. Discussion regarding 2023 sustainability and natural resources initiatives and 2024-2025 Sustainability Action Plan.

Community and Economic Development Director Bremer discussed the highlights of the 2023 sustainability and natural resources initiatives and provided an outline of the 2024-2025 Sustainability Action Plan.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00PM

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, to adjourn at 6:55 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,
Tanya O'Malley
Interim Clerk/Treasurer