

Tuesday, November 12, 2024**5:00 PM****McFarland Municipal Center**
5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland
Community Room

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**2. 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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Update from the School Resource Officer and discussion on work in the upcoming school year.
- b. Discussion regarding results of the School District operating referendum.
- c. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

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VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:01 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: School - Craig Howery, Bruce Fischer, and Aaron Tarnutzer. Village - Carolyn Clow, Hilary Brandt (arrived at 4:15 pm), and Matt Schuenke.

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney.

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None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made by Clow, seconded by Fischer, and unanimously carried by the Committee to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting.

4. BUSINESS.

Discussion regarding a proposal for land division at the School District Baseball fields to aid Village Well #5 Improvement.

Schuenke reviewed the background regarding a proposal to subdivide land where the Village and District shared a common border. Well #5 is planned within the Prairie Place Subdivision within two single family lots owned by the Village. Adjacent these single family lots is an outlot that could be suitable for the well if it were enlarged with property owned by the District for the adjoining baseball fields. If the outlot is enlarged, the single family lots could be constructed for new homes and return them to

the tax levy as improved space. The land needed for the expansion is not needed for future school use, and it was discussed as another partnership between the entities to create win for all involved. The Committee members commented in support of the proposal, and it is scheduled to go in from of the respective boards later this Summer.

b. Discussion regarding the joint development of an Inclusive Playground at Waubesa Intermediate School.

Mahoney and Schuenke commented that construction of the new Inclusive Park at Waubesa Intermediate School is on track for completion this Fall as planned. Weather has been favorable and construction partners responsive. Staff's at both entities are working on a ribbon cutting event to celebrate its completion.

c. Discussion regarding McFarland Municipal Center Campus Project including Community Center.

Schuenke commented that the Village is in the middle of the design process for improvements to the Municipal Center to construct a Community Center within the vacated spaces from public safety uses. We have been studying former plans and continuing to develop new plans set that we hope to bring forward in the near future for the Committee to provide feedback on but also the Community as a whole. Further engagement is desired to begin in August as a means to continue to fulfill our current obligation with the Architect. Recognizing there has been discussions regarding cost of the project, the Village Board will continue to discuss how and when the project moves forward since we are only committed presently to the architectural work.

d. Discussion regarding referendum held by the School District.

Tarnutzer reviewed work the School District has been doing to continue engagement with the public on a possible referendum question this Fall. They created an engagement committee that has met a couple times and a survey was recently released. This information will help inform their future decisions with results starting to come in for review. They are working to schedule feedback sessions later this month to share results with the Community and inform of fiscal challenges. A decision on the referendum is needed by the end of August.

e. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

Nothing further was added.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Fischer, second by Fischer, to adjourn at 4:55 pm.

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,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School District and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members Present: School - Aaron Tarnutzer, Meghan Fessler, and Bruce Richards. Village - Carolyn Clow, Hilary Brandt, and Matt Schuenke

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney, and Village Trustee Lowell Prill.

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None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding upcoming November referendum approved by the School District.

Tarnutzer shared information regarding the referendum for the School District in November. The School Board recently enacted a resolution to set the question for the ballot on the November 5, 2024 election. The amount was set following engagement with the Community through feedback sessions, survey data, and other forums to understand the fiscal challenges faced by the District. More future engagement opportunities will be forthcoming now that the question has been approved by the School Board and we can focus on its possible impacts.

b. Update regarding the joint development of an Inclusive Playground at Waubesa Intermediate School and scheduling of ribbon cutting.

Schuenke and Mahoney commented that the project is substantially complete with some elements available for use in time for school opening. Staff for both entities are continuing to work towards building a ribbon cutting event that will be held to early October to celebrate this accomplishment.

c. Discussion regarding the School District and Village working towards constructing a solar farm at or around 3454 Siggelkow Road (Parcel 0710-654-8341-1).

Schuenke stated that Alliant Energy has selected a contractor for the project and working towards design. They intend to break ground on the project in the Spring of 2025 for completion by the end of next year. The project remains on schedule and we respond to inquires as needed.

d. Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

Public Comment:

1. Kathy Annen residing at 5011 Falling Leaves Lane requested to yield her time to speaker Kelsey Annen.
2. Kelsey Annen residing at 4509 Red Barn Run in the City of Madison commented on the referendum, inclusive park, experience growing up in Village/School District, and proposed Tax Increment District #7.

Other Matters of Mutual Interest:

1. Fischer commented about work with the School District Eco Club to plan trees around the high school track. The Club supported planting more trees in general and looking at unique ways to do so.
2. Clow commented about wanting to share the District's survey results with State officials and elected representatives so they could see what is happening locally.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

The Committee requested this meeting be held at 5:00 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Brant, second by Fischer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm.

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,
Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Attorney


VILLAGE OF
McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CONTACT: Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Update from the School Resource Officer and discussion on work in the upcoming school year.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

McFarland Police Officer Joel Zietsma serves as the School Resource Officer within the District. Officer Zietsma will be present at the next meeting to talk about his work and various programs that he's been involved within the District to date.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

The Village and District share equally in the cost of the School Resource Officer as a partnership to provide direct service within the schools.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

No action needed on this item. Presented for discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

None


McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CONTACT: Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding results of the School District operating referendum.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

The School District conducted an operating referendum on November 5, 2025 that was passed by voters (final results pending certification). District Staff will discuss next steps in the process and what it means moving forward.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

No action on this item. For discussion only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None


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SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CONTACT: Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of topics of mutual interest and updates of local initiatives to the School District of McFarland and Village of McFarland.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

This item has been a standing topic held at each of the last meetings.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

The main intent of these meetings is for the School District and Village to meet in a small group setting to talk about areas of overlap in which we can work together. Past meetings have outlined a number of topics where that might be possible.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

No action required on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

None