

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Village President Clow called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the McFarland Village Board to order at 5:30 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 Alisa Leamy, Village Trustee Miguel Peña, Village Trustee Lowell J. Prill

Village Board members not present: None.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, and Deputy Administrator/Clerk Cassandra Suettinger.

3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee of the Whole 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.

Residents who registered, but did not wish to speak:

Lynn Hetrick, 5711 Main Street, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Lori Whitman, 5112 Leanne Lane, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Laurie Morris, 6070 Shooting Star Court, registered to yield her time to Ken Boyd.

Ann Brink, 5706 Ambrosia Terrace, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Janet Doll, 5700 Ambrosia Terrace, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Laurie Downs, 6021 Exchange Street, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Ken Boyd, 3457 Siggelkow Road, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of

the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Kathy Annen, 5011 Falling Leaves Lane, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Meredith Hughey, 5003 wild rye Court, spoke in support of requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

Lori Whitman, spoke in support of making the decision on a spending referendum based on best practice.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2024 meeting.

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

5. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion regarding the creation of an ordinance requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced.

The Board discussed the creation of an ordinance requiring a referendum vote of the electors before certain public construction projects can be commenced. The Board discussed the pros and cons of such an ordinance. Trustee Pena suggested the Board consider creating an ordinance providing a limit on Debt. The Board was agreeable to exploring the concept further at a future meeting. the Board directed staff to bring the issue back after the budget season had concluded. The Board requested staff provided a response to the presentation provided by Trustee Pena.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Village Board - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:30 pm (Special Joint Meeting with Library Board)

b. Village Board - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Regular Meeting)

c. Village Board - Monday, September 30, 2024 at 6:00 pm (Special Meeting, Budget Review #1)

d. Village Board - Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Regular Meeting, Budget Review #2)

e. Village Board - Monday, October 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm (Special Meeting, Budget Review #3)

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, to adjourn at 6:51 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