

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**School District/Village Board Joint Planning Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 4:30 PM*

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

Village President Clow called the regular meeting of the McFarland School District and Village Board Joint Planning Committee to order at 4:36 pm in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

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

Members Not Present: None.

Staff Present: School District Director of Business Jeff Mahoney.

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

- 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](mailto: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.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting.*  
Motion by Clow, second by Brandt, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

**4. BUSINESS.**

- 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 provided an update on our progress with this project. Alliant Energy has completed contractor selection and are working to get them started on their work. They expect the design process to begin this Summer for completion before the end of the year. Construction then will begin in the Spring of 2025 for completion before the end of next year.
- Discussion regarding referendum held by the School District.*

Tarnutzer provided an updated following the referendum that was held during the April election. The question posed was not accepted by voters and the District is reviewing options with residents on how to address their financial challenges. They will be conducting some additional engagement this Summer through surveys and meetings to continue to gather input from individuals on possible next steps. Trying to learn from the first question about how better to present the next.

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

Mahoney and Schuenke discussed our progress with this project. The final step is the development of an agreement to bring together all of the prior approvals for Phases 1 and 2. It is scheduled for approval by the Village in May and School District in June. The project will begin once school is done and on track for completion this Fall near the start of the next school year.

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

Schuenke provided an update that the Village had hired an Owners Representative for the Project as well as an Architect. Staff is working with the team to develop the first conceptual floor layout for the project which is an advancement of the Master Plan that was completed in May of 2023. The Village will create some engagement opportunities this Summer to solicit feedback on the project to help aide the design process as we continue to advance towards possible construction in the Spring of 2025.

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

The Committee discussed opportunities for more Student engagement in local government. The Village has hosted apprenticeships and internships within multiple Departments, and would look to continue to do so where it could. Additionally it was desired to have more representation on Village standing committees.

The group also wishes to continue to meet every other month to increase engagement between the two entities.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

a. Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Brandt, second by Fessler, to adjourn at 5:16 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