

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND  
**Committee of the Whole Minutes**

*Wednesday, July 31, 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 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: Village Trustee Hilary Brandt

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](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.*

Joan Kranz, 5007 Terminal Drive, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Deb Pirk, 5001 Terminal Drive, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Nancy Johnson, 6105 Woods Xing, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Bruce Curtis, 6104 Saunders Court, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Therin Erdahl, 5214 Broadhead Street, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Rita Sears, 5002 Hickory Lane, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Larry Busser, Alben Drive, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Cynthia Siebert, 6403 Exchange Street, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Barb Vanderwerth, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.

Tim Rott, 6107 Woods Xing ,spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.  
Laurie Downs 6021 Exchange Street, spoke in opposition of the Community Center  
Shawn Miller, McFarland Youth Center, spoke to the community staying positive and  
engaging to create the best for McFarland.  
Dee Hughes, 5508 Bremer Road, spoke in opposition of the Community Center project.  
Matthew Wiswell, 6302 Pennock Lane, spoke in opposition of the Community Center  
project.  
Eric Johnson, 6105 Woods Crossing, spoke in opposition of the Community Center  
project.  
Laurie Morris, 6070 Shooting Star Court, spoke in opposition of the Community Center  
project.  
Meredeth Hughey, 5003 Wild Rye Court, spoke in opposition of the community center.  
Rachel Skivers 6031 Country Walk.did not wish to speak, but wished to register  
opposition of the Community Center project.  
Ken Boyd, 3457 Siggelkow Road, spoke in opposition of Community Center.  
On behalf Rick Bencke, 5807 Cedar Court, spoke in opposition of the Community  
Center.  
Tim Handell, 6701 Sleepy Hollow Road, spoke in opposition of the Community Center  
project.  
Janet Doll, 5700 Ambrosia Terrace, did not wish to speak, but wished to register  
opposition of the Community Center project.  
Lori Peterson, spoke in opposition of the Community Center.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

*a. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting.*

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

#### **5. BUSINESS.**

*a. Presentation of and discussion on public engagement plan for the conceptual schematic design of the McFarland Community and Municipal Center Project.*

Village Administrator Schuenke provided a background on the Community Center project and an update on the project. He also provided the Board the opportunity to discuss where the project would head. Trustee Brassington requested an agenda item be placed on the next Village Board agenda to advance the project or stop the project. She requested an accurate accounting of what has been spent on the project thus far be provided and contractual allowances for stopping the project. The Board discussed the request and agreed to placing an item on a future agenda to decide whether the project moves forward or stops.

*b. Discussion regarding the proposed McFarland 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.*

Village Administrator Schuenke provided an overview of the proposed McFarland 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

- a. Village Board - Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm (Special Meeting)
- b. Committee of the Whole - Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm
- c. Village Board - Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Regular Meeting, Special Date)
- d. Village Board - Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:00 pm (Regular Meeting)

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Village Trustee Luke Fessler, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to adjourn at 7:41 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