

Committee of the Whole
May 22, 2023
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Brian Peight, Les Nielsen, Dean Rood, Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos.
Not present: Christin Keeffer. Also present: Brian Nott, Jerry Curran, Bonnie Curran, Lindsay Buss, Kory Polhill, Roger Schamberger, Ron Fluegel, Louise Workinger

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of May 22, 2023 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2023

2) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to approve the meeting minutes from April 24, 2023. ALL AYE.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023

3) On a motion by Stevens second by Peight to approve the special meeting minutes from April 24, 2023. ALL AYE.

Approval of Bills Payable

4) There were no bills payable at this time.

Public Participation

5) There was no one for public participation at this time.

Approve Motorcycle Safety Month Proclamation

6) Buss presented the Proclamation the Village President signs every year acknowledging Motorcycle Safety Month. ALL AYE.

Discuss Employee Health Insurance Contributions

7) Keeffer was not present to present the information. This will be addressed at the June Board Meeting.

Discuss Adding Ordinances on the Village of Lena Website

8) Stevens explained the advantages for going with Stevens Company (no relation to Cathy Stevens) to handle the Village Website's list of Ordinances. Stevens Company charges less for what the Village wants, including making ordinances easily searchable for residents. The Board agreed to go forward with Stevens Company to work on the Village Website as it was within budget.

Discuss Village Hall Tuck point Repair Bids

9) Buss explained not all companies had their bids in at this time and estimates will be approved at the June Board Meeting.

Discuss Chicken Ordinance

10) Peight formatted a template for a possible revised ordinance for allowing chickens within the Village. The draft included that residents neighbors would also have to approve/sign a form for the resident to have chickens, as well as require a permit from the Village. Stevens wanted a provision to inspect the chicken coops. Smith inquired how the Village would enforce this effectively. Peight will be revisiting those inquiries with towns that have passed similar ordinances such as Pearl City.

Discuss Permits for Work in the Right of Way

11) This was in reference to the new fiber work that will be taking place. Nott provided samples of agreements that have been used. It is in the Sand Prairie fiber agreement that they will need approval from the Village in order to commence work.. The Village will need an Ordinance to go forward.

Discuss Usage of Downtown for Taste of Lena June 3rd

12) Ron Fluegel explained that the barricades will be up and cars will begin to come in for the car show set up in the auxiliary parking lot and requested no through traffic on Main St from 7am to 4pm on Saturday June 3rd. 1) Roger Schamberger and Ron Fluegel gave insight for LASER and stated the following: \$10,000 was awarded to 3 different entities; \$5,000 to the Friendship Center, \$2500 to the Legion and \$2500 to Pink Heals of Stephenson County. The Taste of Lena is expanding and LASER has grown with its members. Any issues are of the past and the Board of LASER asked that the Village reconsider their grant application. Peight asked that grant applications in the future should also include more information as to where the money is going.

Discuss Unknown Zoning

13) The Board wants to have an updated map of Lena that has no unknown zones. The Attorney will need to do the official logging with the County, the Village will need to get this to him. Fehr Graham will be doing the drawing of the map once all information is in.

Discuss/Approve New ZBA Members

14) With the unfortunate passing of Flo Chapin, there is a spot to be filled on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Buss is checking with the attorney for the process for this.

Adjournment

15) On a motion by Peight second by Stevens to adjourn the May 22, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:50pm. ALL AYE

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk