

VILLAGE OF LANNON
MINUTES FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FROM 6/14/21

Citizens Comments:

(This is meant for Public Comments on any subject, without any discussion by Board of Trustee members or action, except for possible referral to a governmental body or Village agent).

Chris Barber- 20467 W. Main St. after the meeting last week, our government is broken. It is truly disturbing. Residents have been disregarded. No emergency here, no contaminated wells. Turning the village into something it is not. Need to maintain sustainability, there is a human factor. 20 houses for sale in mobile home park, people leaving because of the board. Municipal water does not make a village, it hurts the people. It should have been solved 2 years ago. Nobody wants to move here when water and taxes are highest. Mistakes cant be erased.

Town of Lisbon Resident – **Ron Esser** – Townline Rd. Issues with CS Motorsports, he is way out of line. Plan of Operation is out of line, has a dyno and is operating out of hours.

I agree that the noise issue coming from CS Motorsports is unreasonable at times and needs to be looked into. I'm in Lannon Village Hills and we can hear it up here many times, as well. Please continue to make the village aware of further incidents. Amy Martin

CS Motorsports Plan of operation is being reviewed. Ron Nellis

following up – Don Sommers

The appropriate committee is reviewing the plan of operation for CS Motorsports. If they are in violation, appropriate action will be taken to solve the noise problem. Steve Reek

I am unfamiliar with this company and it's Plan of operation, however I will make a point of familiarizing myself with this so that I am better able to answer should it continue to be an issue. Kelly Jensen

Mary Madel – 7373 N Vine St. Add to Chris Barbers statements – a lot of residents would like to keep their wells for outdoor use or have wells tested independently. I would rather pay to fix my well to alleviate the problem. Need to get that money out when we sell our home.

We have requested information from surrounding Municipalities about what are their requirements for keeping a private well? Ron Nellis

ordinance has been reopened – Don Sommers

The board is looking at allowing citizens wells to be kept for outdoor watering, etc. we are looking at surrounding communities and their ordinances in regards to keeping a private well. Steve Reek

I am only truly familiar with what Germantown has done as far as mandatory hook ups and abandonments. In the mid 90s, they attempted to put municipal water through, and came up against strenuous objections by the residents. This was eventually won by the residents, and although the water was ran through, the residents were allowed to keep their private wells for outdoor use. In addition, they were given 15 years, or until the sale of their homes to hook up to the municipal water supply. The cost is the only thing that I am not able to comment on. I will state that I don't believe that Lannon can be justifiably compared with the surrounding municipalities in most ways. We are not by any means comparable in size and/or funding. Kelly Jensen

Jan Schmidt – last meeting, Ron Nellis feels I misspoke. Most municipalities pay for their water mains which is technically the village money which is our tax money. Roberts Rules of Order the rules that the Board lives by. Presented a summary. You need to have understanding of parlimentary law. Many problems that cause difficulties, inflated egos, personality conflicts and ignorance of rules. Keep in mind, members make mistakes from ignorance, lack of training and miscommunications. Keep in mind, it is from mis-information. Some social, President is most important person. He is considered a trustee but the chief administrative officer. Speaks for organization and conducts meetings. Trustees need to be courteous and come forward with respect when you come with an answer instead of yelling at them as we have seen in the past.

You speak to showing courtesy and respect, but that is a two way street. You are a former Village of Lannon Trustee and a current Plan Commission alternative member. I would think that you would be held

to that same standard that you would like to see from the current Village Board, since you do represent the village on some level. Amy Martin

Roberts Rules of Order are just procedural guidelines, and have no punitive consequences. State Statutes are the law. They have punitive consequences which may include fines, & or incarceration. Ron Nellis

Thank you I am working on this – Don Sommers

I believe that Roberts Rules, although being mainly procedural, are important for the board to always keep in mind. They are an important guide for the members to follow. Kelly Jensen

Jessie Schmidt – Lake St. Respect with the trustees and social media. You are the face/voice of the board instead of talking bad about residents. Stick to the fact instead of spewing lies about Ms. Schmidt. Asked Amy Martin about Jans position. Act like an adult, not a high schooler.

The water group on Facebook has many derogatory comments about the Village of Lannon Board, along with plenty of name calling of Trustees. Some, not all, of these comments have come from people who hold positions in the village. Again, as stated in my last reply to Jan Manor Schmidt above, I would like to believe that the respect you talk about would go for everyone and not just a select few who seem to be the only ones held to these standards. As far as my social media post goes, please be as transparent as possible when sharing this information, instead of twisting what was said. My post, dated May 11, is public on my Facebook page and can be still seen today. It is a screenshot of a post made by Jan Manor Schmidt which was dated May 10 and appears to now have been deleted. Along with the screenshot, I made a statement advising those who saw my post, that there was a Special Village Board meeting on May 12. There were no personal opinions given in the original post. It was strictly factual information and the screenshot. A comment in the post's thread made by myself, does not name any names but states that some of the wording used in the screenshot is not acceptable to use period and not by someone in the position they are in. If you look at my comment, it also discusses elected/appointed residents. Being that the term "lynch mob" was being used by an appointed member of a village entity against another entity in the village, I found this to not be in line with that "standard" or "face and voice" of the village that you and so many others want the Village Board to be inline with. The post that was in the screenshot was a public post and anyone could have seen it. Amy Martin

No one Board member has single authority to make decisions for the Board. Social media is mostly personal opinions. Getting information by attending meetings is a sure way of getting it right. Ron Nellis

Thank you I am working on this – Don Sommers

Social media pages have many heated exchanges, opinions, and rants. Although no one can limit one's freedom of speech, in a perfect world respect to one another would be ideal for all. Steve Reek

Jake Jensen – Green space between the bugline and the street. Neighbors have cut the grass. Menomonee Park is going to cut the grass. There are four dead ash trees, they look like crap. Overgrown in general. Who is in charge of that area.

We were informed that the Waukesha county parks system owns the green space along the bug line trail. It is the Parks system's responsibility to maintain that area. Steve Reek

Mary Madel – she made a call to Menomonee park, they are short staffed after the beer garden, etc. It was finally picked up last week. Did they forget and didn't know if they would come back but they did. She spoke with Josh at the Park.

The green space you referenced is owned by the Waukesha County Parks System and not the Village of Lannon. This information can be found on the Waukesha County website, as well. I was actually the one who initially contacted the county to advise them that the green space area would no longer be maintained by nearby residents. I did this in order to give them a heads up so that it wouldn't become overgrown, unkempt and so that they could make arrangements to maintain it now themselves. This was on May 19. They are aware that it is their responsibility and will take care of it as they can. The Village of Lannon is not responsible to cover the county regarding staffing

issues or scheduling issues. This is not to say that the county can't approach the village to enter into a contact to maintain this land, but as of now, this land is solely the responsibility of Waukesha County. Amy Martin

Bug line right of way belongs to Waukesha County.
They are responsible for maintaining it not Lannon. Ron Nellis

I know that the residents have been maintaining this right of way for a number of years. However, if it is Waukesha Counties responsibility, it should by all means be getting done by them. Kelly Jensen

Steve Semo – W. Main St. hate coming to these things, boards are rude and smug and disrespectful. Garbage being put forth, non-communication from the board. I found out there is a road going next to my property and I found out when they dug test holes. Why do they need a second access road, what happen to the Lannon Rd. access in Menomonee Falls. Nobody has talked to any residents about it. We can speak all we want but nobody can be heard. Running people out of their homes and forcing it down their throats without listening to them. We wont test or do a referendum and they will have to like it. Now we are going to take over a second well in a private system that is not up to code. Bail out the first well so we should take on another one. Why do you think you know more than everyone else. It is being irresponsible. One person in charge to make these decisions. Embarrassed for all of you. Put everyone else's interest out there and not your own. I don't come because you don't listen. Cant even have a civil discussion. He has a main going past his house and that just needs to be connected. Who are you representing?

There is no additional power being granted to one Trustee that allows him to make any unilateral decisions. Anything that Trustee Yates would be involved in doing, such as signing paperwork, will have stemmed from a formal vote taken by the Village Board. He has not and will not be granted sole decision making authority. This was approved by a vote of the Board previous to this meeting. Amy Martin

thank you for your comments I value input from a former trustee my goal is to get more feedback from residents and work to do what is best for the community as a whole – Don Sommers

Communication for all board and plan commission meetings are posted at Village hall, post office, Quarry coffee and village website. The road next to your property was reviewed by Wisconsin DOT and accepted by the plan commission and village board for a second access to the Overstone property. The temporary road on Lannon road can not be used because it leads to an empty property which has not been developed yet. Steve Reek

The second well at Lannon estates is being upgraded and improved to meet current codes. Steve Reek

There is no one person in charge of making decisions on the water system, there is a representative from the board to sign documents, contracts, etc, but all decisions are run through the board first. Steve Reek

As I stated at the special meeting called by trustee Yates and trustee Reek regarding the supervision of the water project details and paperwork being placed into the hands of one trustee (Yates), I am of the firm belief that this is something that is normally handled by the Village president or Village administrator. If they are not available, it is placed into the Village clerks responsibility. I believe that what was done with the holding of the special meeting was nothing short of a power play by the above mentioned trustees, in order to strip President Sommers of his power in order to avoid him making any decisions regarding the water project. It may still be a group decision on the larger scope, however not everything being done is something discussed or followed through with as a board. i.e. the decisions on how quickly the detailed paperwork is signed and pushed through. I will continue to stand behind my vote against this is being done the way that it was done. Kelly Jensen

Mike Gildemeister – people are talking about the water issue. The people who want the water are on the water and were told that the more people on the water the cheaper it will be. Can you confirm that so I can verify the facts.

You are correct. The PSC does set the rates. Amy Martin

water rates are set by the state not by the village. Don Sommers

Jan Schmidt – Garbage pick up, this company is awful. They won't pick up and they wont take the bulk pick up. Johns took everything, these people pick through the garbage and take what they want. The \$10.00 savings is not worth it.

Brenda has been working on this since the change was this change good for the village? I don't think so.
Don Sommers

Garbage pick up, along with recycling pick up has been a ongoing issue since being taken over by GFL. Our home has filed numerous complaints with them ourselves. Although they have missed one or both of these on multiple occasions, I was not able to get a positive outcome in any instance. On one instance, I was finally put in touch with a supervisor, after being passed around from one person to another. When I finally was able to speak to this person I was told that they would not be coming back, making a special trip to pick up ours, as well as Belezza Salons recycling. I was also informed that he didn't believe that it had been out by the road at the time of pickup, and that is why it was missed. So I am all for spending the additional \$10 cost for having the better service always provided to the Village by Johns. Kelly Jensen

Steve Semo – items not being picked up.

Chris Barber – if not picked up, cans are left in the street.

Jan Schmidt – missed three recycling bins and did the bulk pick up and had to figure out how to get rid of it.

The garbage issues are being looked into and will be addressed. Amy Martin

Garbage pickup on 2 streets was missed due to driver error. According to Donny Rowan Operations Manager for GFL a vacation replacement driver missed some pickups but they sent truck back the next day. Some bulk items have been left behind because they don't meet the requirements for pickup. These items should have been marked with a Green, or Orange tag. Mr. Rowan said drivers took pictures, and would forward them to me. Each household received a copy of what can, & cannot be placed for pickup when the new containers were delivered. If anyone needs a replacement call 262-679-0860. Ron Nellis

Steve Semo – why are meetings not on sign?

I will work with staff on posting. Don Sommers

Dave Dronen – guaranteed we wouldn't have to hook up to water, we want to keep our wells and don't want water bills and don't need it.

I don't know of any guarantee for not having to hookup to water. Where is this in records? Ron Nellis

will have to wait on lawsuit to work out. Don Sommers

There has not been any discussion that there was a guarantee citizens would not have to hook up to the water system. Steve Reek

Tony Povletich – hats off for Steve Semo for telling his side of the story. He couldn't have said it better.

Christine Swearingen – Thank you as well, he said it well and spoke for us and the people who need to be heard.

I agree that the village board has to improve in communication with the residents first change I made was to get the meeting agenda out a week before meetings so the citizen can find out what's going on this may not seem to be a lot but has changed the clerks work load to do this but we are improving

We need citizens to attend these meetings and I will listen to and do my best to follow up Attendance has improved the last few months that is a positive. Thanks to all Don Sommers