

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, January 9, 2023, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Josh Kasinskas, Larry McCarn, Lee Ruegg, and Kevin Murray.

The board received verification that the agenda was posted in accordance with the open meeting law.

Under citizens and delegations Paul Kinserdahl brought forward concerns to the board regarding a recent issue when both village snowplows were broken down. Paul suggested that a plan be in place when equipment is broken down and would like the board to hold better standards for the public works department. Concerns are for bus routes to be plowed before buses are out, start times be adjusted according to weather, roads to be sanded well, the older subdivisions be taken care of as well as the new subdivision, that the entire road gets plowed not just the middle of the road, and to have equipment maintained and ready to go. Paul had two other complaints forms to give to the board. The board discussed this and agreed that a plan should be in place if something like this would happen again. Also discussed how village issues could be communicated to the residents such as a Facebook posting, emails or by telephone. Josh Dudgeon had asked if there were any plans to widen out State Highway 131. The board was not sure if the project timeline had changed on the State Highway 131 project but did not think that widening out the road was part of the project. Charley Preusser will share contact information for a DOT representative that could possibly help with this issue.

Heisz gave the public works report that the snowplow truck is still at LaFarge Truck Center with more repairs to be made and that a county truck will be used for sanding the roads and streets.

No wastewater treatment project report was given.

No Development Committee report was given. The committee plans to schedule a meeting in January.

Heisz updated for the kitchen report that ADRC meals have started.

Ruegg made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of the December 5, 2022. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve payment of the bills as listed in the monthly expense report. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

No old business.

Under new business Kasinskas made a motion to approve an operator's license for Skky Lynn Marsden. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Board members have been receiving local feedback regarding the WCCU Mobile Branch visits. In discussion the board approved moving the WCCU Mobile Branch to the upper Mercantile parking lot until further review of the Transient Merchant Ordinance.

Ruegg made a motion to exempt room rentals fees for blood drives, Hunters Safety/Learn to Hunt, Second Harvest, village committee meetings, and elections and to approve a \$100 per year fee for rentals for local non-profits, groups, and government agencies. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. Approved \$100 per year users are: Crawford County Community Fund, Crawford County – Public Health/UW Ext/ Human Services/ Housing/WIC, Friends of Gays Mills, American Legion, Lions Club, Beekeepers, North Crawford School, Library programming events, Fire Department, Farmers Market, Crawford Stewardship Projects, and Kickapoo Exchange.

Murray made a motion to approve room rental rates with changes for Community Room Residential to \$20 per hour/\$100 all day, Community Room Other/Business Groups to \$30 per hour/\$150 all day, Weddings for non-Residents to change to \$750 for 3 days, and Weddings for Residents to stay at \$500 for the 3 days (Parents or Bride/Groom). The board room for Residents and Other/Business Groups will be \$25 per day. Anyone who currently signed up in 2022 before the changes will be allowed the old rate. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

No action was taken on Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Remaining funds in the village health insurance budget for 2022 was \$11,723.27. McCarn made a motion to give 2022 general employee health insurance incentive bonuses to three full-time employees of \$500, three part-time employees of \$250, and two quarter-time employees of \$100. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received a request from CDA on gathering information for the Crawford County Tourism website for Gays Mills promotions. The Village Development Committee will take a look at this at their next meeting.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

No closed session took place.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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