

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, March 1, 2021, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Community Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Aaron Fortney, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Seamus Murray and Kim Pettit. Lee Ruegg was absent.

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

No citizens or delegations.

Under the Public Works report a sewer meeting has been held with Town and Country Engineering and they did take a look at the current wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and potential properties. They would like to attend an upcoming board meeting. Chellevold reported that the well had some issues this past weekend and has a call in for repairs.

Dale Klemme of Community Development Alternatives had met with Kevin Murray to discuss and review items that need to be updated in order for the village to continue applying for grants. Items reviewed are the Citizen Participation Plan to address the needs of citizens of the village and to keep the population informed and that the decision-making process is open and consistent with State and Federal regulations, policy to prohibit the use of excessive force and to enforce applicable state and local laws prohibiting physically barring entrances/exits for non-violent civil rights demonstrations, and an update to the Fair Housing Code Ordinance to be consistent with current state laws. K. Murray made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 adopting the Citizen Participation Plan. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried. K. Murray made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 adopting the Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and to Enforce Applicable State and Local Laws Prohibiting Physically Barring Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried. K. Murray made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 to Repeal and Recreate Title 15, Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Gays Mills, Crawford County, Wisconsin Regarding Fair Housing. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to table agenda item Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan until revised plans can be reviewed. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

A written update was received from Kitchen Manager Jill Riggs. After discussion McCarn made a motion to approve the revised contract with changes to the Role of Contractor and Liability sections. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of February 1, 2021, February 3, 2021, February 10, 2021 and February 17, 2021. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

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

Tara Heisz a member of the Friends of Gays Mills Committee was present and asked the board members more questions on the Old Mill Museum Roof bids and if there was a preference. Tara explained that the committee has multiple goals for the dam house, park improvements, and 212 Main Street Community Building roof repairs. The board discussed the 212 Main Street roof repairs and that the committee has collected bids for replacing with a steel roof. The board discussed making this repair a priority because the roof is leaking and the possibility of getting a loan to pay for completing this project. K. Murray agreed on writing bid specs for the 212 Main Street roof repair and once specs are ready to place an ad in the newspaper.

Discussion started on agenda item Amendments to North Mills Subdivision and First Addition to North Mills Subdivision Deed Restrictions and Protective Covenants. ARC member Craig Anderson had some questions and additional suggestions on the draft. K. Murray made a motion to approve with changes. Seconded by McCarn. Motion Failed. Fortney made a motion to table agenda item until questions can get answer on the draft. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

TID No. 1 and TID No. 4 summaries were provided to the board which explained that TID No. 1 will not be able to fund the last \$114,338 of the trail project and that TID No. 4 would be able to generate enough revenue to pay for the remaining trail project and the 3-phase electrical from the Dollar General project. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Aaron Fortney reported on agenda item 2021 Swimming Pool Manager that Kayla Fortney is interested in the manager's position but to also post the position. Board discussed and agreed to advertise all positions (manager, lifeguards, and bathhouse) with applications due before the next board meeting.

Bob Lomas was present to discuss his concern about the ice and snow not being removed from the fire hydrants. K. Murray made a motion to table agenda item and have Village Attorney review and determine who is responsible for the snow removal around fire hydrants and if this can be place in an ordinance. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried. Also brought up by Bob Lomas are the junk vehicles or unlicensed vehicles located throughout the village. The board did

not take any action since item was not on the agenda. Fortney asked for item to be on next agenda.

Fortney made a motion to approve an Operator's License to Marco Esparza. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

A written correspondence was received from William Shaw stating his anticipation about the Dollar General being built in Gays Mills and would be more drawn to shop in Gays Mills due to more shopping options available and does not feel that it would take business away from other Gays Mills stores.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Fortney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Village Clerk  
Approved 04-05-2021