

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, April 1, 2024, which began at 6:17 p.m. in the Community Commerce Community Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Emily Kinserdahl. Aaron Fortney and Lee Ruegg were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Martha Querin-Schultz of Connect Communities announced that the group is coordinating an All-Village Rummage Sale on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Charley Preusser of the Crawford County Independent is checking out how Boscobel runs their citywide rummage sales. Ethan Eitsert wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Fire Department's card party. Ethan Eitsert also asked that residents who have started to mow their lawn not to blow grass clippings out into the street which will run into the storm drains. Kevin Murray asked about travel trailers that are parked in the alley which look like they are being lived in.

Under the public works report Jim Chellevoid updated that there are two water hydrants to be repaired and asked the board if this should wait until after the highway projects. The board confirmed to wait until after the highway projects are finished. The ball diamond lights are in and will be waiting for installation. The pool operator class has been completed and also attended the WRWA conference in March.

Eitsert and Kinserdahl reported for the Swimming Pool Committee: the members have been working on a swimming pool policy and procedure manual and will be planning a meeting with the swimming pool manager when he is available. Once details have been developed the committee will also be meeting with the swimming pool staff. After discussion Murray made a motion to approve the purchase of swimming pool staff t-shirts, approximately twenty at various sizes up to \$15 each. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Nothing to report for the Wastewater Treatment Project.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of March 4, 2024. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to approve payments of the bills as listed in the monthly expense report. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Under old business Heisz updated the board that he discussed the rent increase with the 212 Main Street upstairs office renters with one moving out and the other one wishing to move to the larger office once available. The board discussed having an electrical meter installed for the upstairs offices. The board

discussed and agreed to keep everything as is for now. Once an office is vacated an inspection will be completed.

Robin Babb was back with the report that the beaver dam issues have not been resolved and that the water is rising. Babb asked that the board continue fixing these issues. Jim Chellevoid has contacted a contractor to quote the use of a mini-excavator and brush hog to remove the trees and break the beaver dam. Heisz will also ask the trapper on status and if the beaver dam can be hand pulled out again. Heisz asked the location of dam; Babb described the location of the beaver dam and gave the village permission to access the beaver dam from his side of the property if needed.

A written report was given regarding the board's action on enforcing the water disconnection procedures. Seventeen accounts have been paid in full, six deferred payment agreements have been made, fifteen customers signed up for email billing, ten new customers signed up for autopay and there are eight possible disconnections if no contact is made with the village.

Craig Anderson, a Crawford County member of the ADRC Committee and Roby Fuller Director of the Aging & Disability Resource Center had asked the board to consider reducing the rent for the community room ADRC nutrition program. After discussion Murray made a motion to add ADRC to the non-profit room rate of \$100 per year. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

After discussion Murray made a motion to approve the economic development budget line with a donation of \$500 to the farmers market, \$500 to CDA, \$500 to Driftless Development, \$1,000 to Kickapoo Stump Dodger Campground, and an additional \$500 toward the fireworks on the tourism budget line. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

The board discussed the speed bumps that will be placed back on Railroad Street.

Under correspondences the board received information that the yard waste pickup has begun, cemetery cleanup is between April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, hydrants will be flushed on April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>, spring cleanup is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>, Open Book will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Board of Review will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:11 p.m. Kinserdahl made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of reviewing swimming pool applications and 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved related to an eviction/guidance on collection. Seconded by Murray. A roll call vote was taken with Murray, Eitsert, Heisz, Kinserdahl, and McCarn voting Yes. Motion carried.

At 8:03 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Heisz made a motion to hire the lifeguard applicants that were received which are all returning employees - Sarah Bransky, Raleigh Bromeland, Agnes Carstens, James Carstens, Irene Gallagher, Rosemary Gallagher, William Gallagher, and Allivheiya Chamberlain. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. No action was taken on bathhouse positions.

Murray made a motion to authorize Village President Harry Heisz to seek legal advice from Boardman & Clark and to continue the collection guidance against a tenant. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk  
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