

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, April 3, 2023, 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: 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 Craig Anderson asked the board if the Pickle Ball group could raise funds for tennis court improvements and send donations to the village. The board had no issues with this request. Ethan Eitsert thanked everyone for the successful Fire Department card party.

Under the public works report Heisz informed the board that a hot water heater needs to be replaced at the Community Commerce Center. Tires are being purchased for equipment, road maintenance is being done with a brush arm mower on West Point Road and Old Gays Road. Bob Robinson has been training and will be testing for wastewater licenses. An engineering firm hired by DOT has been marking for the State Highway 171 project.

No Wastewater Treatment project update was given. A Wastewater Treatment Facilities public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

No Development Committee update was given.

Jill Riggs gave the kitchen report with one new possible client making organic dog food. Asked to get approval for purchasing floor mats. Asked to sell the heating table if kitchen users do not have a use for it. Current clients have been notified that storage shelving will be billed monthly. Murray made a motion to approve the purchase of kitchen floor mats. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried. Kasinskas asked if the Development Committee could be of some assistants to the kitchen clients for business development. This item will be added to the committees next agenda.

Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of March 6, 2023. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

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

John Gibbs was present to discuss with the board his light pollution complaint of the Dollar General Store at 106 N Royal. There are lights on the side of the building with one that does not shut off at all and the other three lights shut off later in the night. Gibbs did tell the board he had previously discussed his concerns with the store employees but unsure if the message reached the proper person. Heisz stated that this building had state approved plans and the only thing possible would be to ask for light shields to be installed or for someone to measure the light lumens to see if this would be a violation.

Ruegg made a motion to approve an operator's license application for Dawn Swanson. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

After discussion Ruegg made a motion to approve an extension on the building construction deadline for Lot 27 of the First Addition to North Mills (131-0049-0160) from 07/20/2023 to 01/20/2024. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. The Development Committee would like to schedule a meeting to discuss creating a policy for allowing building construction deadline extensions and for the owner to show good faith efforts on construction progress.

Murray made a motion to approve hiring bathhouse employees Alivia Mellem, Kate Swenson, and Lena Schmidt. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried. This brings the swimming pool hiring total to ten lifeguards, six bathhouse employees and a manager.

Under correspondences village events were announced:

Wastewater Treatment Facilities Public Hearing Wednesday April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Yard Waste Pickup begins Monday April 3rd

Cemetery Cleanup April 15th – April 30th

Open Book Tuesday April 18th 2 – 4pm

Board of Review Thursday April 27th 2pm

Spring Cleanup Saturday April 22nd 8am – 2pm

Heisz also thanked everyone that helped with the successful Friends Rummage Sale. JoAnn Gonos asked that more advertisement be in place for those who do not have Facebook.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Closed session did not take place.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk

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