

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, April 4, 2022, 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: Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Seamus Murray. Aaron Fortney, Josh Kasinskas, 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 Aaron Fortney was recognized and thanked for his 14 years of service as a village trustee. Craig Anderson wondered if any of the items salvaged from the old high school have been received by the village from Guy Nelson? Charley Preusser stated that he has been doing research and that the village should be talking with the adjacent landowners over the railroad bed issues that the village is looking to acquire due to delinquent taxes.

For the Public Works report Heisz informed the board that two trucks have been repaired and a water main break on Orin Street last week has been repaired. K. Murray asked if the public works crew had any extra time to continue working on the parks along the river in filling in the low spots to prevent standing water.

There was nothing new to report on the sewer project with Town & Country Engineering.

S. Murray reported for the Development Committee which did a \$30 Facebook advertisement campaign on the residential lots which reached 15,800 people with 375 who engaged resulting in nine inquires. Next the committee would like to create a question-and-answer packet for those who call with inquiries regarding the lots for sale. The committee also would like to keep the Village Facebook active and updated with village information.

Jill Riggs reported for the kitchen update - currently working with a returning client and another new client for setup. Also discussing with ADRC regarding senior meals and will be reviewing kitchen charges on cooler and storage space rents. An ad has been placed in the school yearbook for the Kickapoo Incubator Culinary Kitchen.

K. Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of March 7, 2022 and March 22, 2022. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

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

Under old business the recycling fees and public fire protection charges were discussed and how each affect the general levy limit. After discussion, the board still agreed that the new recycling fees should be collected through property taxes but unsure of the public fire protection charges. The board is concerned regarding the extra expense of completing an additional audit and public service commission review of the public fire protection charges and

water charges. K. Murray made a motion to rescind February 7th motion to change the funds which pay for the public fire protection and have auditors/PSC review water department. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Jimmy Richter of Little Boxes Vintage submitted a written request to the board to allow a once-a-month community flea market in the upper parking lot behind the Mercantile from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. one Sunday a month during May through October. The proposal suggested a \$10 per space fee to cover the advertising costs and the remaining funds could go towards a local fundraiser. McCarn made a motion to approve the community flea market as requested. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Amending the North Mills and First Addition to North Mills Subdivision Deed Restrictions and Protective Covenants to include each parcel is intended for residential structures where additional lots cannot be used for extended yards or garages and vacant lots cannot be resold, a minimum build of 1,000 square feet per dwelling and the owner has one year to begin construction from the date of the lot sale. Seconded by S. Murray. Motion carried.

No action on Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate.

Under correspondences the board received information on the cemetery clean up from April 15th – April 30th, spring cleanup to be held on April 30th and yard waste pickup that has started today and will continue every Monday until fall.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:27 p.m. McCarn made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stat. 19.85(1) (c) for employment positions. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

At 6:49 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to hire Samuel Gallagher as swimming pool manager and to hire lifeguards Caleb Harrell and Sophie Ambrose. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. Advertisement will be placed back into the newspaper during April for additional swimming pool employees and a cleaning position.

S. Murray reminded the board that some of the baseball field light bulbs needs to be replaced. McCormick Electric will need to be called on this repair.

K. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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