

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, May 1, 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, newly elected Aaron Fortney, re-elected Harry Heisz, re-elected Larry McCarn, Lee Ruegg, and newly elected Emily Swiggum.

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 Heisz informed the board that a Gravely 660 lawn mower has been ordered for \$12,500. A directional sign was shown that was made by the county highway department for \$60. Eitsert, McCarn and Fortney volunteered to work on designing the directional signs and locations for downtown.

Evan Chambers of Town & Country Engineering updated the board that no feedback was received from the DNR regarding the two different types of proposed wastewater treatment facilities for the village. Chambers reviewed that the required public hearing was held on April 5th and did not receive any comments back. After discussion Fortney made a motion to submit the Final Summary on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning Documents with both alternative treatment facilities of a AeroMOD system or a sequencing batch reactor. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. The hope is that the DNR would respond to the planning documents in 2023, the design would take place in 2024 and construction would start in 2025. Chambers also reported that the application to Senator Tammy Baldwin's office for congressionally directed spending has been moved to the appropriations committee with a \$3,000,000 request for the Gays Mills Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.

McCarn reported that the Development Committee is working on creating a policy for building construction deadline extension request for the North Mills subdivision. The board discussed moving this committee to a community committee due to other non-board members wanting to participate in the meeting. Ruegg made a motion to change

the Board Development Committee to a Community Development Committee. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

A request has been made by the library to re-appoint trustee members for a three-year term on the Library Board. Ruegg made a motion to re-appoint Emily Bialkowski and Marla Heisz as library trustees with a term of three years. Seconded by Eitsert. Heisz abstained. Motion carried.

Jill Riggs reported that the kitchen equipment had some repairs done this month. Riggs has been working with another possible client who would bring in their own freeze dryer. Items still need to be ordered - floor mats and sneeze guard for the heating table. Another item brought up to the board regarding being approached by Dave Leider of American Marketing & Publishing on taking pictures of the facilities for Google Street View.

Ruegg made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of April 3, 2023. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

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

Judy Powell a member of the pickle ball group requested the board to consider improvements to be done on the tennis court. A quote was received from Fahrner's for \$6,781.75 which includes cleaning out cracks and sealing with hot rubber sealant, vacuuming, and applying two coats of emulsion sealcoat. Other estimates were gathered for painting lines and installing materials. Total project is estimated at \$10,000. The group would start by completing two pickle ball courts and if enough funds are raised would complete up to six pickle ball courts. A grant request application has been submitted to Vernon Memorial Healthcare for Charitable Contributions. The group is also working with Carol Roth of Driftless Development for additional grants through AARP and T-Mobile. After discussion Fortney made a motion to approve the tennis court project contingent that the group covers all expenses with their fundraising. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

Eitsert updated the board on the ball field improvements, the new score board has been installed and the electrical panel is being evaluated. Improvements will be made to the fence along with installation of a backstop. Swiggum requested that the volleyball court be reinstalled back at the Log Cabin Park. Volunteers will complete the maintenance

work for the volleyball court. Swiggum made a motion to re-install the volleyball court at the Log Cabin Park. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

A request was received by email from Len Harris about replacing the benches on the west side of the Kickapoo River. After discussion Fortney made a motion to repair or replace the benches on the west side of the Kickapoo River and remove the re-rod. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool Manager Samuel Gallagher was present and recommended hiring two additional lifeguards which would bring the lifeguard hires up to twelve. McCarn made a motion to hire Annaleese Chamberlain and Allivheiya Chamberlain as lifeguards. Seconded by Swiggum. Motion carried. After discussion McCarn made a motion to approve Gallagher's recommendations to either repair or replace the diving board, paint the pool and bathrooms, and create a complaint form for patrons to use at the swimming pool when issues occur. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

Swiggum made a motion to fill Seamus Murray's vacant trustee seat and appoint Kevin Murray with a term that ends in April of 2024. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried. At this time Heisz thanked Josh Kasinskas for his service as trustee. Kevin Murray accepted the appointed trustee position and joined the board meeting.

A request was made to change the start times of the board meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. McCarn made a motion to change the start time of the board meetings to 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to approve a temporary "Class B" and Class "B" license for the Kickapoo Cultural Exchange on May 13, 2023 at Mercantile building located at 120 Sunset Ridge for the chili supper. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received information on a proposal received from American Marketing and Publishing for Google Street View services of the Community Commerce Center to include the office, library, community room, and kitchen. The board asked to have this added to the next agenda. Julia Dillon was present and offered to assist in this process because Google Street View is free, anyone would be able to take the pictures and upload the pictures to Google Street View. Julia Dillon also asked if she could work on the Lion's Park kiosk. Kiosks will also be added to the next agenda. The board discussed the new benches that Showen's donated and would like to thank Showen

for the nice addition to Main Street. The board received information that the hydrant flushing will take place on May 10th and May 11th, Spring Festival is May 12th through the 14th, and the Health & Wellness Resource Fair is May 6th at 212 Main Street. Swiggum also mentioned that the Kickball tournament will be taking place on July 4th at the ball diamond.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

At 6:58 p.m. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1) (e) for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing of property. Seconded by McCann. Motion carried.

At 7:20 p.m. Fortney made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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