

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, May 2, 2022, 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: newly elected trustee Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Josh Kasinskas (6:02 p.m.), Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and re-elected Seamus Murray. Re-elected Lee Ruegg was absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Eitsert informed the board about the projects happening at the baseball field. A group of village residents have been working on ball field improvements, currently repairing the dugouts with lumber purchased and waiting on steel to complete dugouts. Requesting the village consider replacing the lights, look at electrical box, remove pile of old screenings, and asked if the village had the net stored somewhere. Additional items the group is working towards would be to make improvements to the fence, concession stand, placing a refrigerator inside stand, pitchers block, and a new scoreboard. The group is continuing to fundraise for these improvements and donations of screenings has also been done. Encouraged the board to look at repairing shelter and pavilions roofs and have some maintenance in park bathrooms done. Charley Preusser is concerned over an incident of a person causing issues at the library, Kickapoo Exchange and leaving voicemails for the Independent. This person was later arrested, and Preusser asked if the village would consider writing a letter to the Vernon County Sheriff's department letting them know there was issue here in Gays Mills as well. Village employees have been notified if any issues continue to call the Crawford County Sheriff's department.

For the Public Works report Heisz informed the board that Spring Clean-up was done last Saturday with two large dumpsters filled.

Evan Chambers of Town & Country Engineering was present and reported that the DNR responded to the revised Phosphorus Pollutant Minimization Plan and is requesting the village to work on strengthening the language, identifying influent phosphorus sources, meeting annually with County Land Conservation to find new projects, meet with additional stakeholders, project commitment, adjust village ordinances and user rates. After review McCarn made a motion to approve responses to the revised PMP to be submitted to the DNR. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried. Evan Chambers also explain the Facility Plan process and will continue with new information in the next couple of months.

S. Murray reported for the Development Committee with their next items to work on is to mark the lots, place sold signs on the sold lots, and follow up with the people who have called the office.

Jill Riggs submitted a written kitchen update – continuing to show the kitchen to interested clients and renting out refrigerated space.

McCarn made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of April 4, 2022. Seconded by K. Murray. 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.

No old business.

Under new business the board received an Offer to Purchase Lot 27 of 1st Addition to North Mills. The Offer to Purchase was reviewed by Eric Hagen of Boardman Clark with recommendations of adding parcel number, legal description, and property condition disclosure requirements. McCarn made a motion to accept Offer to Purchase Lot 27. Seconded by S. Murray. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the sewer connection waiver made back in 2017 which waived any village sewer fees for existing residents on their own sewer system wishing to change to village sewer. The waiver expires July 1, 2022, and since 2017 four residents have connected to village sewer. There are other residents who have made arrangement with contractors but are unable to complete due to scheduling issues. After discussion K. Murray made a motion to allow any interested residents who plans to connect to the sewer to complete the sewer connection permit within 90 days (end of July) which will waiver all connection fees as long as sewer connection is complete within three years (August 1, 2025). Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Board committees were assigned: Finance Committee – *Harry Heisz, Ethan Eitsert, Josh Kasinskas, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Seamus Murray, and Lee Ruegg; Personnel Committee – *Harry Heisz, Ethan Eitsert, Josh Kasinskas, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Seamus Murray and Lee Ruegg; Road and Streets Committee – Ethan Eitsert, Lee Ruegg, and Seamus Murray; Utilities Committee – Lee Ruegg, Seamus Murray, and Kevin Murray; Public Safety – *Harry Heisz, Josh Kasinskas, and Larry McCarn; Public Property and Cemetery – Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, and Kevin Murray; Library Board – Lee Ruegg; Board of Review – Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, and Dawn McCann. President Pro Tem – Larry McCarn; Development Committee - *Josh Kasinskas, Larry McCarn, and Seamus Murray; Swimming Pool Committee - *Josh Kasinskas, Ethan Eitsert, and Lee Ruegg.

K. Murray made a motion to approve an Operator’s License for Kelly Olson and to approve a temporary Class “B” and “Class B” license for Kickapoo Cultural Exchange on May 7, 2022, at the Mercantile Building. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

No action on Folk Festival temporary license.

The board discussed having the dam buildings removed from the west side of the Kickapoo River. Recommended before anything is done is to have a plan of what could be placed back in that location such as handicap fishing. Heisz will follow up with DNR.

Heisz will get prices for new board room chairs and bring back to board.

Under correspondences the board received information on the revaluation notice, Arbor Day, and a new program - Help for the Homeowners.

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

At 7:01 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stat. 19.85(1) (c) for employment positions. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

At 7:28 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried.

The board will accept additional applications for the cleaning position and swimming pool positions until May 16th. A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday May 16th 5:00 p.m.

K. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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