

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, May 3, 2021, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Community Room.

Re-Elected Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Harry Heisz, re-elected trustee Larry McCarn, re-elected trustee Kevin Murray, Seamus Murray and newly elected trustee Josh Kasinskas. 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 Ritch Stevenson of the Gays Mills Economic Development Association was present and reminded the board of the Long-Term Recovery Plan, the associations interest in recruiting and retaining businesses to the area, and the group's interest to stay active in the community. The group's goals are to explore options for an assisted living facility, Federal Qualifying Health Center, housing, trail and connectivity of the community. The group plans on working with Carol Roth of Driftless Development if there is a need for funding to go through a 501(c)(3) organization.

Harry Heisz gave the Public Works report. The sewer mains have been cleaned and televised with findings of infiltrations which are scheduled for repairs. Town and Country Engineering sent the approved letter to the DNR last month and have not received a response back yet regarding the village's request to modify the Individual Phosphorus Variance.

The board discussed the committee assignments and ask for volunteers for a member on the Library Board and a member to work with Kayla Fortney for the swimming pool needs. Next month committee assignments will be reviewed and appointed.

The Friends of Gays Mills Committee is suggesting a \$100,000 budget for their focus projects which are the dam house repairs, park improvements, and 212 Main Street roof repairs. There is nothing new to report on the Old Mill Museum Repairs. Heisz reported that any project the Friends would like to complete must have the funds available because of the village's debt capacity is limited.

Kitchen Manager Jill Riggs reported to the board that the cleaning and organizing of the kitchen is continuing. The two new clients are still working on getting set up. Jill is researching opportunities with Driftless Development. Jill asked the board if extra charges can be issued due to clients not cleaning up after themselves - board agreed with recommendation. Darlene Waldsmith-Tagliapietra

reported that the website has been edited and needs to be updated. Jill would like to create a Facebook page - board verbally approved as long as posts and maintenance are done by Jill.

McCarn made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of April 5, 2021. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve payment of the bills as listed in the monthly expense report and an additional bill submitted - Sustainable Wildlife Habitats of \$110 for the Urban Forestry project. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

The Kickapoo Craftsman estimate was received for work on the 212 Main Street roof and sent to Kevin Murray to review and create job specifications.

Ritch Stevenson reported that the Trail Committee previously purchased an additional liability insurance policy for landowners where the Stump Dodger Trail ran through their property. In discussion the board would like Village Attorney Eileen Brownlee to review and see if this additional insured policy is necessary. K. Murray made a motion to approve the purchase of the additional liability insurance policy if advised by the Village Attorney and payment to be taken out of the trail account. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried.

The village assessor made a recommendation to have the village revaluated. The last time the village was revaluated was in 2011 with a ratio of 0.790490474. The current assessment ratio is at 0.8778497870. McCarn made a motion to approve the 2022 Revaluation Assessment Contract with Equity Appraisal at \$15,500 which also includes regular services for the year. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve operator's license for Caleb Lyons. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve the village to issue checks from the village's economic development budget: \$500 to GMEDA, \$500 to Gays Mills Farmers Market, \$500 to CDA, \$1,000 to Kickapoo Stump Dodger Bash, and \$500 to Driftless Development. Seconded by S. Murray. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received notice of the Village Clean Up to be held on May 22nd, and a Town and Country Sanitation flyer regarding garbage totes.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:49 p.m. McCarn made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of reviewing the swimming pool applications and reviewing the part-time public works applications. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

At 7:39 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve the swimming pool wages: Manager salary of \$5,000 for the season, Bathhouse per hour wage at \$7.25, Lifeguard 1st year per hour wage at \$7.40, Lifeguard 2nd & 3rd year per hour wage at \$7.65 and an end of season bonus of \$.50 per hour for pool employees who complete the season in good standing with attendance, performance, and fulfilling duties. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to ask the Bathhouse applications who are age eligible to complete the lifeguard training and be hired as lifeguard unless there are any special conditions that must be considered. Seconded by Kasinkas. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve lifeguard applicants Emma Schmidt and Stephen Munson and approve bathhouse applicants Sophie Ambrose, Abby Williams, Sarah Bransky, Anthony Fradette, Andrew Munson, and Audrey Mellem with the new terms of those who are age eligible to try to certify for lifeguarding. Seconded by S. Murray. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve training by Brandon Lee and to also have the village pay in full the lifeguard training expenses. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve two applicants for the part-time public works position - Richard Robinson and Bill McCann at \$12 per hour. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Kasinkas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by S. Murray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Village Clerk
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