

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, July 3, 2023, which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Emily Swiggum. 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 Andy Miller a resident of School Street requested to the board that something be done regarding people speeding and not stopping at the stop signs on Railroad Street, Rebecca Street, and School Street. The board asked for the speed bumps to be installed along these streets.

7:04 pm Lee Ruegg present.

Charley Preusser stated that Albert Zegiel's van along Railroad Street is causing a visual hazard for safe traffic flow. Don Bell was present and introduced himself as the new Richland Grant representative.

Under the public works report Jim Chellevoid informed the board that with the grass dying off public works is continuing with other projects; road patching, tree trimming and park repairs. A Fahrner quote was received for sealcoating West River Road, Old Gays Road, West Point Road, and Opals Lane for \$79,9555. In discussion the board would like to budget at least \$5,000 for crack filling. Murray made a motion to approve the \$85,000 project of sealcoating and crack filling with the loan paperwork to get started and loan payment to be levied in 2024. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. Swiggum brought up concerns on the playground equipment that needs to be fixed at the Log Cabin Park; steering wheel, pipes, and slide. The board discussed the internet costs for the public works shop, no decisions will be made until a camera system is chosen. Murray made a motion to approve the electrical upgrade for the ballfield of \$1,186.90 of village expense for supplies and accept the donation from Cory Murphy of \$5,162.80 for supplies along with donated labor. Seconded by Eitsert. Swiggum abstained. Motion carried. The board will discuss further the option of upgrading to LED lights for \$5,519.88 after reviewing the park budget. Chellevoid reported that the directional signs have been ordered.

There was not a Wastewater Treatment Project update.

Sam Gallagher reported that the swimming pool has been busy with the weather and campground events. The swimming pool committee is taking care of some issues and the first two weeks of swimming lessons have been finished.

No kitchen report was given.

Ruegg made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of June 5, 2023. Seconded by Swiggum. Motion carried.

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

Pickleball funds of \$14,800 has been collected in the office and Fahrner has completed the majority of the sealcoating project on the tennis courts and will be coming back to finish. The posts and nets have been ordered. The group is still continuing to apply for grants.

Brockway & Sons has donated the sand and lime for the Log Cabin Park ballfield and volleyball court.

No action on Lion's Park Kiosks.

No action on agenda item Dam House buildings west of the Kickapoo River. Heisz will contact the Highway Department regarding the proximity to State Highway 171.

Swiggum made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 stating no person may swim in the Kickapoo River within five hundred feet above the dam or below the dam from the State Highway Bridge 171 to the Dam located in Robb Park. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. Signs will be installed.

Craig Anderson on behalf of the library requested the board to budget funds to upgrade the community room projector with an estimate between \$650 and \$3,000. The library has been showing movies for the last four and half years with issues with the projector. The board asked for a projector to be chosen along with a final cost.

Murray made a motion to approve a Temporary Class "B" license for Societies Sons at 401 Main Street on July 15, 2023. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Under correspondences Heisz thanked everyone for the nice turnout at the Stump Dodger Bash and Friends of Gays Mills food tent.

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

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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